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Welcome to April'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, pet hamsters or anyone who may be interested in staying up to date with Holme, Winthorpe and Langford.

QUICK UPDATES BEFORE YOU GET READING...

Please note some amendments have been made to the **'Secrets of All Saints' Church'** double page spread as well as the **'Tips For Eating To Save The Planet'**.

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- Lizzie Wakefield - Editor

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Hiya!

Wow! Honestly, wow. First of all, I would love to thank all of you who contributed to this month's edition whether you're an advertiser, article writer or a suggestion giver - thank you, thank you, thank you. As a result of the great amount of support, this edition is a whopper (with 28 pages)!! This month is, without a doubt, jam-packed with many activities throughout April. Absolutely amazing.

April is definitely going to be a month I will at least remember: I will be turning 16, hopefully the pubs and shops open and of course it's EASTER!!

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).

How was your March?

An update on my seedlings that I planted at the end of February... Well, I thought all of them didn't sprout at all and was devastated since I'm doing it as part of my DoF Silver Skill section. However, it turns out they have (underneath the top bit of soil). Hopefully, so far, so good? My avocado tree is also flourishing at the moment, since before it only had one sad leaf on the entire tree. :(We think it may have had some sort of disease, but we aren't too sure of exactly what. Some areas of the leaves would turn brown or blackish and then drop off after a few days. Any suggestions?

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Apologies for yet again another early deadline. Unfortunately until June's edition the deadline will be relatively early as my mocks and mini exams run through these months. But on the flip side, I get a super long summer holiday – whoop whoop!

March mocks went relatively okay, but I can't say that for sure as I haven't received all of my results. Actually, at the time of writing this, I still am doing March mocks, but so far, they're no too bad.

Have a lovely Easter, but if you don't celebrate Easter, have a wonderful April hopefully filled with lots of sunshine instead of the 'April showers'.



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DEADLINE

FOR MAY'S EDITION
APRIL 18TH 2021

GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Time to launch the 2021 Giant Sunflower Competition!



For anyone not familiar with this Winthorpe institution, it is the annual children's competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. All children at Winthorpe Primary School can enter, as well as non-pupils (of primary school age) living in Winthorpe, Langford and Holme.

Like almost everything last year, the sunflower competition had to be run slightly differently and we are continuing with some changes this year. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to visit school for our usual assembly to launch the competition. Instead, Mr Cook has designated **Wednesday 31st March** as "sunflower planting day" and this year all children will plant their seeds at school. They will bring their pots home with them at the end of term, and hopefully we will see lots more children taking part.

If your children don't attend Winthorpe Primary you can buy "Giant Sunflower" seeds from a garden centre or shop. Please plant them on 31st March to ensure equal growing time, and make a note of the competition closing date – **Sunday 5th September**. Please e-mail your name and the height of your tallest sunflower to winthorpesunflower@hotmail.co.uk no later than the closing date.

We are keeping our fingers crossed that things will be more normal by September, and that we might be able to go into school to present trophies and certificates to our winners – always a lovely event.

We would really encourage everyone to have a go -- every child who enters is presented with a certificate for taking part, recording their name and the height of their sunflower.

Like last year, each child will be given a "Sunflower Growing Guide" with all the information they (or their adults!) need. This means we won't be writing a monthly Focal Point article, but we will definitely report back in September to announce our competition winners.




Good Luck to everyone!



DIGITAL / E-COPY OF THE MAGAZINE

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!



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WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL



On Thursday 18th March 2021, the Parish Council held its monthly Parish Council meeting using the power of "Zoom" to comply with the Covid 19 social distancing regulations.

The Parish Council discussed the Highways England (HE) A46 by-pass proposals at length. HE have responded to the Parish Council's concerns over the options presented with particular reference to the proximity of the A46 at the Spinney end of the village and the A46/A1133 junction. They have agreed to consider these concerns as part of their ongoing selection process. I will keep you advised of developments on this matter.

The matter of speeding cars and vans along Gainsborough Road was raised again. This has been an ongoing problem in the village for many years. It was agreed to resurrect the use of a "Speed Gun" to identify speeding drivers. In order to do this, the Parish Council is looking for volunteers to train to use the gun. We need about six volunteers so if anyone in the village is interested, please email me.

The traveller's site located at the "Friendly Farmer" was discussed. The Parish Council have raised this with NSDC. The Local Authority are limited in what they can do, as it is private land and it falls on the landowner to take action. However, they have contacted the landowner to ask what they propose to do. I will keep you updated.

If you need any up to date information relating to the village or surrounding area, please visit the village website. Any information that is passed to me is put on the site under the "News" section.

As always, please contact me on the email below should you need any further information or assistance.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

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NEWARK FOODBANK



From the Foodbank Newsletter for March:

"Between December 2020 and February 2021 we received donations amounting to 13,000kg. During the same period we provided over 7,400 meals to those in need. The Foodbank has been in operation for over 8 years, working on a referral system which requires clients to seek help from a support agency and, if appropriate, for them to forward a referral to the Foodbank. No-one wishes food poverty on anyone and the Foodbank is always there to help without judgement or criticism, and to provide a listening ear."

Winthorpe played its part in ensuring that the Foodbank warehouse was well stocked over the Christmas period and into January. Inevitably though stocks are now going down, so please carry on, or maybe start, giving.

To make a direct donation the necessary bank details for Newark Foodbank are:

CAF Bank Ltd.

Sort code 40-52-40

Account no: 0002700



The items most needed by the Foodbank this month are: Tinned cold meat, long life milk, jam, small bags of sugar (500g), chocolate biscuits and toothpaste.

Also, always needed, are:

Tinned items: all vegetables, fish, meat, curries, custard, rice pudding, fruit, sponge puddings, spaghetti, meat pies.

Other items: tea bags, microwavable sponge puddings, long life fruit juice, sugar, breakfast cereal, biscuits, pasta sauces, instant mashed potato, instant pasta packet meals, jam, vegetarian alternatives, laundry liquid/tablets, washing up liquid, hand wash, shower gel, shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toilet rolls.

Please note that the Foodbank cannot accept out of date items, fresh food, or anything containing alcohol.

The collection points in Winthorpe remain:

The shop at the Lord Nelson, during shop hours.

The black swing bin at the side of my front door, 11 Gainsborough Road, Winthorpe, at any time at all. The bin is checked every day.

The church porch. At the moment, the church is open 10-12noon on Sundays, and 1.30-3.30pm on a Thursday. Items can be left at these times.



Thank you for your continued support.

Jane White



NEWARK AIR MUSEUM'S RE-OPENING

Since the Government's announcements on Monday 22nd February the museum trustees have been checking the details of the announcement and deciding how they might go about re-opening the museum, whilst complying with the regulations. Initially, there was some doubt whether or not we might be allowed to open outside from 12th April 2021, followed by the whole site including Hangars from 17th May, 2021.

On Wednesday 24th February, 2021 we managed to secure clarification from DCMS (Department for Culture Media & Sports) via AIM (the Association of Independent Museums) that suggests we should be allowed to open the outside display areas from 12th April, 2021 albeit the detailed regulations will not be known until mid-March; so things could still change. Even with that in mind the museum is now looking at the following arrangements being made.

Opening outside displays

Opening the external displays at the museum on three days per week, typically Friday, Saturday and Sunday; commencing Friday 16th April (with the option to switch from Friday to Monday on the May 3rd for the early May Day Bank Holiday Weekend). This will be at a reduced admission rate to reflect the reduced number of exhibits that can be seen.

As part of this re-opening the Museum Shop will also reopen under the changes to non-essential retail and offer take-out service will be offered from the Café.

After an assessment of aircraft conditions, the museum will instigate a cleaning programme for external exhibits, with the work being undertaken by the museum's working members. It is anticipated that this will take place in early April, whilst working to the anticipated Rule of Six Regulations. Arrangements for working members attending the museum to undertake this work will be co-ordinated through the museum's Restoration Manager.

Opening Hangars & inside displays

The initial aim is towards opening the internal displays at the museum on a normal basis, from Monday 17th May; this will be in line with the relevant Covid-Secure Regulations, which may be subject to change.

Current thoughts regarding 2021 Museum Events

Sadly, the museum has already cancelled the Cold War Call-Up event that was planned for May, 2021. An Outdoor Aeroboot / Aerojumble will be organised for Saturday 3rd July, 2021. The Cockpit-Fest 21 & Aeroboot event has been rescheduled to take place on the August Bank Holiday Weekend of 28th, 29th & 30th August, 2021. The museum still plans to run an Autumn 1940s Weekend event on 2nd & 3rd October, 2021.



Please be aware ALL of these proposals are subject to change by government legislation at any time. We will post regular updates on our website and also on our Social Media feeds.

As a volunteer managed registered charity the museum relies on public admission fees, shop sales etc. to fund its operation and it has become ever reliant on the generosity of our visitors, volunteers and staff in these unprecedented and challenging times. Online donations can still be made via our Just Giving Page <https://www.justgiving.com/newarkairmuseum/Donate>

ENDGAME POEM

Rolling along at 83
More slowly than before
But still the eye is open
Sense of humour to the fore

Backed up by his family
And friends who he can trust
He slides through life quite gently
Without a lot of fuss

The future's looking pretty good
The plague has had its day
With all the golf clubs open soon
And the boys come out to play



Wow! We haven't had a poem in some time, so to mark the roadmap of coming out of lockdown here's ENDGAME. Thank you Ron for your futuristic poem, that I'm sure many of us are looking forward to becoming a reality. - Lizzie W (Ed)



And then the pubs will open too
We all race to the bar
To taste the nectar there within
And hope it's up to par

So he'll swing along a gentle road
It's simple but so fine
And all that he could hope for
Is laid there on the line

But how to be remembered
When that big gate falls shut
"Argues - tall and skinny"
"Nice swing but couldn't putt"



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A46 NEWARK BYPASS PROPOSALS – UPDATE FROM ‘THINK AGAIN’-

Following the end of the Highways England A46 Newark Bypass consultation in early February the Think Again group have been working incredibly hard. We have now had two meetings with Robert Jenrick to explain our concerns about the bypass scheme and he along with both the District and County Councils have been supportive in pressing the case with Highways England to move the scheme as far away from Winthorpe as possible whilst maintaining engineering integrity.

A dedicated Think Again engineering team has been considering all the options to come up with a workable option 3. We have received a clear steer that anything outside of the existing road corridor is a no-go for Highways England (due to cost), so we have scrutinised the potential options. The plans have been considered by an independent highways consulting firm, and individuals at NSDC. Our next step is to arrange for highways officers at the County Council to also consider our idea, again to ensure it is viable. Once these checks and discussions have taken place, we will be in a position to share it with the rest of the village and obtain feedback and village support before anything is taken to Highways England. So please watch this space!

We are also looking at fundraising in the near future. Up to now the committee has absorbed most of the costs (e.g., drone, leafletting, more detailed OS maps for design work, setting up a website), but going forward this will not be sustainable. Future costs will depend on what happens with Highways England, but could potentially include impact assessment, campaign banners, maps, photography, further leafletting, consultancy. We have set up a constitution for the group and will open a bank account, though the latter is being hampered due to the current lockdown.

We have also set up an environment group, considering the environmental and ecological impact of the A46 scheme. We have already approached several charities (CPRE, Notts wildlife, RSPB, Historic England, and Woodland Trust), some of whom have provided valuable input into the first consultation. We await feedback from others and have been offered support from Councillor Dales who has experience in this field and can tap into environmental resources from NSDC. We expect to examine all environmental aspects including flora, fauna, air quality and noise and light pollution. If you want to get involved, please get in touch.

Finally, we are also undertaking a piece of research to understand how villagers felt about the Highways England consultation. This will be a short questionnaire delivered to all Winthorpe houses which will help inform a report on the Highways England non-statutory consultation process. So please look out for this in the coming weeks.

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APRIL'S RECIPE -SPRING IS OFFICIALLY HERE-



Thank you Jane for sending in this month's recipe!

"Well, with Spring officially upon us this Saturday and the clocks going forward next weekend, it has prompted me to think of how all the natural world around is starting to wake up again; trees budding and beginning to blossom, birds nesting and bees starting to buzz. So I thought I would share the attached recipe for Honey Cake. It's a lovely light fruit cake; a great accompaniment for a cup of tea in the Spring sunshine."

- Jane C

HONEY CAKE:

227g (8oz) self-raising flour
170g (6oz) honey
113g (4oz) butter
170g (6oz) sultanas
2 medium-sized eggs
pinch of salt

Method:

Prepare (grease and line) a 180mm (7") round tin.
Pre-heat the oven to 180°C/160°C/Gas Mark 4.
Cream the butter and honey together well. Beat the eggs well and add them alternately with sifted flour and salt (save a little flour to add with the sultanas). Beat well but lightly. A little milk may be added if necessary. Fold in the sultanas and stir well.

To cook:

Pour the cake mixture into the prepared tin and bake for approximately 1¼ to 1½ hours (until a skewer inserted into the middle comes out clean), depending on your oven. Cool in the tin and turn out onto a wire cooling tray once cooled.

Slight variations:

Add some ground cinnamon (to taste) to the flour
Sprinkle demerara sugar and/or flaked almonds



across the top of the cake mixture before you put it in the oven

Glaze the cake, once cooled – mix some icing sugar with honey, ground cinnamon and a little warm water



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SECRETS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



- 1 This building is the third church built on this site.
- 2 The site of the church was occupied by Parliamentary troops during their attacks on Newark at the time of the English Civil War of the mid-17th century.
- 3 The church was built in 1886-88 for the Rector, Rev. Edward Handley (1842-1904) at a personal cost to him of £7,000.
- 4 The church's architect was Sidney Gambier-Parry, half brother of Sir Hubert Parry, the well known composer of church music.
- 5 The church's foundation stone was laid on the 1st of November 1886, the Feast Day of All Saints and it is where the church got its name. It was also the name of the previous church.
- 6 The 105 foot needle spire has eight lucarnes.
- 7 The cockerel weather-vane measures 6 feet from beak to tail.
- 8 The ordnance survey datum line on the RH side of the church porch, carved in 1836, was transferred from the old church to the present one. It is 63 ft 5 ins (18.78 metres) above sea level.
- 9 The tower has a ring of six bells. The tenor bell, the oldest (1630) is the heaviest and weighs just over 6 cwt's bearing the inscription 'God Save the Church.'
- 10 Lying in the churchyard are two remnants from the previous church, an oval stone tablet and a pinnacle.
- 11 Inside the porch are three more remnants. A beautiful stone boss, which is from the centre arch of the interior of the old church, a steel box with the words Slingsby Pierce Duncombe and a lock dated 1777 from the main door of the old church. The lock, with its key, is kept in the box.
- 12 High up on the north wall of the Baptistry, cut into the brickwork, is the inscription 'CB 1888.' The last figure is not very clear, so I assumed it to be an 8. The mystery is who did the engraving, bricklayer or brick maker? (Cafferata Brickworks)
- 13 On the Philip Handley memorial plaque, at the rear of the Nave, it states that the church was consecrated on June 7th 1888. This was not so, as the ceremony was unable to take place due to the illness of the Bishop of Southwell. The consecration took place on the 19th June 1888 by the Bishop of Lincoln who deputized.
- 14 Dr. Taylor, who was the physician to King George 111, is remembered by the tablet on the south wall of the Nave. In 1761 he started to build Winthorpe Hall but died the following year, leaving an unfinished building. Roger Pocklington, who later became the owner, completed the building work.
- 15 There are 15 stained-glass windows, each telling a biblical story.
- 16 On the east stained-glass window, which is behind the altar, is God seated on His throne with two angels and 25 figures. 12 of these figures are well known saints.



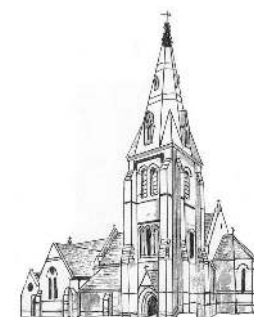
SECRETS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CONTINUED...



- 17 On the top LH corner of the stained-glass St. Christopher window, in the north Aisle, is a small sketch of Newark Parish Church with a laddered steeple, the ruin castle and the River Trent.
- 18 The St. Hugh (1140-1200) stained-glass window in the north Aisle is of local interest. In 1186 Hugh, he wasn't a saint then, was made Bishop of Lincoln by King Henry 11. Bishop Hugh immediately started to rebuild the Cathedral after he had been destroyed by a giant earthquake the previous year. He was made Bishop of Lincoln in King Henry's effort to make reparation for the murder of St. Thomas Becket in 1170.
- 19 The War Memorial, in the north Aisle, is in memory of two Methodist men who lost their lives in WW1. It was found in the old Methodist Chapel on Chapel Lane and hung on the north wall about 1950.
- 20 About the 1950's the altar was removed from the east wall and moved forward two feet.
- 21 The four niches in the altar-piece contain Ancaster stone figures of the four Evangelists - Mathew, Mark, Luke and John.
- 22 The front of the altar is divided into three panels. The centre panel is the Agnus Dei, meaning 'Lamb of God,' and on either side are groups of figures forming a choir of angels.
- 23 The organ was installed in 1897 to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria.
- 24 The Royal Coat of Arms painting of King George 111 is a remnant from the previous church. On the scroll, beneath the shield, are the words 'Dieu et mon droit' meaning 'God and my right.'

If the church could speak what other secrets would be revealed.

Pat Finn.



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Our schedule will look like this:

Mornings	9.30am - 11.30am	serving breakfast, coffee and pastries
Lunch	12-2pm	enjoy a beer or two as you choose from our specials board
Afternoons	2.30pm - 4.30pm	serving tea and cake
Evenings	5pm until close	you can eat and drink to your heart's content!

To keep our Customers and staff COVID free and safe we are asking all of our Customers to **book a table 24 hours** in advance, please call us, email us or message us through social media.

In recent weeks we have been busy in the garden, we have added some new features including our new marquee to keep you dry during the inclement weather.

By popular demand our opening night menu will be steak night, if you'd like to join us for dinner on Monday April 12th please call to reserve your table.

Our quiz night resumes on Monday April 19th, so come along and join us and get that grey matter working!

We will continue operating the Shop from 9am, 7 days per week along with the Post Office between 9am - Noon each Thursday.

Do look out for our Easter weekend menus which include our popular afternoon tea, along with our Duck Day on the first Bank Holiday weekend - May 3rd.

Thank you for your continued support!

Susie & Emma x



UPDATE ON THE PPG & VACCINATION ROLLOUT

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) in conjunction with Collingham Medical Centre (CMC) have had a virtual meeting where the main topic was, of course, the Covid 19 vaccination programme across Nottinghamshire. Currently there are now 9 sites delivering across the county and city; Queen's Medical Centre, City Hospital, King's Mill Hospital, Ashfield Health Village, Carlton Richard Herrod Centre, Nottingham Kings Meadow Campus, Newark Showground, Cripps Health Centre and Gamston Community Hall.

My own experience was very straightforward. I received my invitation letter, logged onto the website given in the letter and was able to choose Newark Showground for an appointment within the week. I was most impressed to receive the second appointment at the same time. I was processed with professional friendliness. Seeing all those people, many of them volunteers made me grateful to belong to such a community. Thanks to all concerned.

Keep up to date with which cohorts the Nottinghamshire Covid Vaccination Programme are supporting @ COVID-19 Vaccination in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG (nottscg.nhs.uk). Lots of further information is available on the link.

Cohort	Collingham	Nottinghamshire	Region
Healthcare Team	97%	65%	69%
Over 80	97%	94%	88%
75-79	91%	99%	99%
CEV	87%	85%	86%
70-74	96%	95%	96%
65-69	89%	89%	89%
At risk	65%	59%	51%
60-64	52%	67%	65%
55-59	24%	48%	41%
50-54	20%	40%	33%

There is a significant increase in Covid vaccine expected and the Nottinghamshire Programme has asked GP practices to support this delivery. CMC will be hosting, as an extended hours service, a Saturday clinic on March 27th followed by the 2nd dose on June 12th. Some of the PPG members will be supporting on the mornings of these clinics.

CMC are a research practice and as such they have shared the link on *How are Covid -19 vaccines being developed so quickly?* - YouTube

UPDATE ON THE PPG & VACCINATION ROLLOUT


Practice news Dr Karen Fearn will be taking a short sabbatical from clinical work to spend time with family. She will continue to support the practice as a Partner and Clinical Supervisor.

CMC are pleased to welcome Dr Francis Dasilva for 6 months April - September 2021.

Pharmacy News Dispensaries have been working to a 3 working day turnaround and it is hoped to revert to 2 working days after Easter as the full team are integrated back into the original dispensing areas.





CMC practices in accordance to the Nottinghamshire CCG 28 Day Prescribing Policy and the PPG have suggested that we start a campaign focusing on the value of wasted medicines and to ask that we all only request the medicines we actually need.

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THANK YOU!

Thank you from Joan Bryan and family, to the Revd Mandy for the comforting service, Tish the church warden, to everyone who stood along the road side, friends and neighbours for the beautiful flowers, cards, messages and donations in memory of Keith. Special Thank You to Carol and Harold Sandra and Glen for your help when I needed your support and kindness. Joan x



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WINTHORPE SUMMER FESTIVAL



The Festival Committee are still planning to hold the Summer Festival at the Community Centre on **Saturday 26th June 2021**. The date for the lifting of all restrictions is June 21st, so why not celebrate with a village get together, however large or small! Susie and Emma at The Lord Nelson are also on board to continue the celebrations into the evening. They are planning to hold a ticketed event at the pub with live music and food.

If anyone would like a stall to display and sell their wares, please get in touch. Judging by all the people who have shared their creative skills in crafts and cookery in the pub over the last few months, this is another opportunity to do it again!

With that in mind we have our fingers crossed that the Government's road map to freedom will stay in place, enabling us to raise money and enjoying a well-earned celebration of village life and community in Winthorpe.

More information will follow in the next edition of Focal Point.

Sue Masheder

Festival Committee

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WINTHORPE EASTER EGG HUNT



I have been busy painting some Easter pebbles for you to find around the village. Some look like creme eggs and some look like little yellow chicks. There are 40 pebbles in total. I will be hiding them from Thursday 1st April (and no, this is not an April Fools joke!) If you are lucky enough to find a pebble, please take it to the Lord Nelson Winthorpe and claim your free chocolate creme egg. Everyone is welcome to join the hunt whether you are young or not so young. All that I ask is that if you find several pebbles please leave some for others to find. Please keep your pebble egg and enjoy your chocolate creme egg as a treat from me. Happy Easter to you all.

Remember to ensure that social distancing is maintained at all times.

- Denise



what to look out for...



LUNCH CLUB 2021

APRIL 12TH 2021



The April Lunch Club will be at **12.30p.m.** on **Monday, April 12th *******
under the Marquee****

at the Lord Nelson Pub, all sat socially distanced.

The menu will be:



Sweet & Sour chicken OR Baked Salmon with
with Egg Fried Rice Hollandaise on
crushed New Potatoes



Followed by:



Chocolate Fudge Cake OR Ice cream
with fresh Berries & Cream



Please contact **Tish Applewhite** (643763) to give your
choices and the **Lord Nelson** (707705) to pay the **£12.50**.

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Thankyou . Tish Applewhite



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- March's Winners -



1st	£46.20	Mr P Finn
2nd	£23.10	D & V Green
3rd	£7.70	Duncan Richardson

Congratulations to our winners in March! You could also be a winner whilst supporting your local community centre by contributing £2 per month. Information available from Nina Adams at ninjab71@gmail.com

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR APRIL

At last , some positive news concerning Organised Ramblers Association Walks. Following the Government's "Way Forward Road Map", it looks likely that we may be able to have organised walks towards the end of April. However , we are still awaiting further details from the Association about the possible lengths and locations of walks. Once we have these details , we can start to plan our programme of fortnightly Sunday walks and monthly Wednesday walks. In the meantime, please continue to get out in the fresh air for exercise to explore our locality. The countryside is changing on a daily basis and springtime has certainly arrived. We hope that we shall all be able to meet up again in the not-too-distant future. **PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER DETAILS .**



NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME .

When we can walk again as a group , please come along and join this friendly group. Dates and locations will be advertised in this magazine.



If you would like to join us on any of our walks, please contact
NINA WARD



COACHING AND PLAY FROM APRIL 2021 AT NEWARK TENNIS CLUB

Great news !! Tennis coaching and play at Newark Tennis Club on London Road can restart from April 2021 .

Mondays	5:30pm - 6:30pm	Juniors
	6:30pm - 7:30pm	Cardio Tennis
Saturdays	9am - 10am	Juniors (Secondary)
	10am - 11am	Juniors (Primary)
	11am - 12:30pm	Adults

All coaching is charged by the hour at very competitive rates. Contact coach Jon Penney for further information on **07941 449351** or via jontennis@hotmail.co.uk

Club Social Nights will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Get your racquet out and come along . New members are always very welcome.

General club information and membership details can be found on www.newarktennisclub.co.uk



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BRANCH & BLOOM

A Monthly Newsletter by Branch & Bloom Gardening

As we welcome the full glory of spring, we also move a tentative step closer to normality. It seems a good time to reflect a little, has lockdown encouraged you to learn a new skill or achieve something that time didn't allow before, something just for you?

Maybe you have taken up gardening for the first time?. It's true gardening can be a chore for some, the key is to only take on what you can manage. If you feel overwhelmed by the garden, keep it simple, perhaps fill a large planter with your favourite flowers or vegetables. Your gardening journey could start with a single houseplant. Buy yourself a book on that plant, watch on-line videos or read the RHS website to learn all there is to know about that particular species. Voila' you are now a gardener and to add to that doing something for you!

Talking of doing something just for you, I have learned to sit down occasionally and appreciate the wonders of nature while toiling in the garden. Last spring partly due to the lack of traffic on our roads and because I had some 'me time' I heard a cuckoo for the first time since moving to Winthorpe. I also spent more time watching things grow like the bluebells under the emerging canopy of my garden trees. When we become still we see and hear so much more.

For those who would like to stretch a little further than a single houseplant here are some jobs that you could be getting on with during April:

- If you start mowing consider leaving your grass a little longer to provide beneficial food for pollinators
- Continue sowing half-hardy annuals inside, like cosmos, nicotiana and marigolds
- Tie in wayward rambling and climbing roses
- Up the watering of houseplants
- Divide and move perennials
- Pot up dahlia tubers but keep protected
- Deadhead daffodils and tulips but leave the leaves to feed the bulb



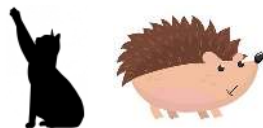
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CEDRIC'S COLUMN: THE HEDGEHOG APPEAL



Hello again. It's me – Cedric, the black and white cat who lives at the school end of Gainsborough Road. I've written before about my friends, the hedgehogs of Winthorpe.

On summer nights, I often see my hedgehog friend Bertie, rootling away in the moonlit shrubbery looking for delectable slugs and snails to eat, but in the winter I see nothing of him, as he is tucked up, snoring the winter away in his human provided purpose built home.

So, imagine my surprise one February evening recently when Bertie called to me as I was dozing on my bench. He was very distressed, and once he had calmed down, told me his sad news. His little brother Arthur, (the self same Arthur I wrote about last time when his winter abode of a pile of dry leaves was reduced to ashes by a human having a bonfire). Well, Arthur had a new home and had snuggled down to hibernate. Poor Arthur, he's very young, and he didn't know any better. So, when we had that mild weather in February (do you remember it?), he thought winter was over and set off out. He knocked at Bertie's door and told him "Spring is here, Bertie, yippee, let's go snail hunting". Bertie said "Don't be silly, a couple of mild days does not mean winter is over. Go back to bed, and shut that door on!"

Arthur, undeterred, thinking he knew better, and with the confidence of youth, ignored Bertie's advice, and set off looking for a meal. He found very little, and by morning was cold, hungry and unwell. He knew he should get back to his winter home, but didn't have the energy. Instead he spent the day hiding in the border of a house at the top of Woodlands, hoping things would get better. They did not. Night came again, a cold wind blew up and the temperature dropped. Arthur was hungry, weak and disorientated. He staggered about, eventually coming to rest on a front doormat. He shut his eyes. He could not go on.

Meanwhile, Bertie could not get back to sleep again. He fretted about his little brother out in the cold when he should be hibernating. In the end, Bertie took a risk, and went to see if Arthur was back in his bed. He peeped into Arthur's winter home and was horrified to find he was not there. So he set off to look for him. Eventually he found him on the doormat. Bertie feared the worst. Arthur did not move or respond to Bertie's prodding his prickles and shouting his name. It was daylight by then and Bertie was beside himself as to what to do.

Suddenly, Bertie heard the front door being unlocked, and he scuttled off into the border out of sight. The door opened and he heard a human voice saying "Goodness, there's a hedgehog on the doormat!!!" "Oh, the poor little thing, out in this weather". "I think he's alive, but only just". After a while Bertie saw the human come back with a cardboard box. Arthur was gently lifted up, put in the box, loaded in a car, and driven away.

Hedgehogs!

That is where Bertie's story ended. He was so upset at what he saw, thinking that he would never see his little brother again. He came to tell me, and ask me to do something. "What can I do?" I said. That was not the answer Bertie wanted. As Bertie pointed out, I hang around with humans, ingratiate myself with them, eavesdrop their conversations. Surely I could try to find out what has happened to Arthur. So I promised to do my best.

Sure enough, after a couple of days sneaking around humans and lurking when they met up in the street and talked human things, I heard a human telling someone about the hedgehog she had found on the doormat and took off to a hedgehog rescue place at Collingham. By getting very close and leaning in to hear better, I learned that Arthur was now living at the rescue house, had been given medicine, food and a warm bed. He was doing well, putting on weight, and would stay there for a while, then brought home to the hedgerows of Winthorpe. The humans have re-named him "Lucky" as that is just what he has been. I sprinted off across Gainsborough Road, tapped on the door of Bertie's winter home, and told a sleepy Bertie the good news. He was overjoyed and in his ecstasy gave me a big prickly hug – something I do not want to experience again!!

There was one thing I didn't tell Bertie. When Arthur comes back, he will have a dollop of paint on his back, so that the humans can identify him in the future. (Fancy not being able to tell one hedgehog from another – I thought humans were supposed to be so clever!!!).

So, human readers, when the weather is warmer and hedgehogs are up and about, if you should see one with paint on his back, that will be "Lucky", aka Arthur. If the very kind lady on Woodlands who took Lucky off to be looked after reads this, THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Please, everyone, be kind to our Winthorpe hedgehog community. When they come out of hibernation, they will need fresh water and perhaps you could put out a little dog or meaty cat food at dusk until there is a plentiful supply of slugs and snails for them.



Well, after an evening spent on the bus stop bench, my own warm bed calls, so nighty-night. Take care. - Cedric

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this one was made of reinforced concrete! Not the best floating substance but then, neither is iron or steel?

Unlike today, in those early 60's years the bank and barge were fairly clear of all the present-day shrubbery, trees and vegetation, so we could move freely around it, clambering up high onto the tilted deck and feeling like Kings of the castle. We would plant our gang flag which flew proudly attached to a long garden cane borrowed from one of our dad's sheds. We were the Black Hand Gang, if anyone can remember the Beano comic strip "The Bash St Kids", they were the inspiration. The hold of the barge held a lot of rainwater and it had become quite an aquarium, full of insect life, and aquatic weeds growing in abundance. I remember seeing a Great Silver Diving Beetle about the size of a large plum and Water Boatmen, Dragon, and Damsel Flies, and many other aquatic creatures.

The barge apparently came to its resting place during a flood and storm sometime in the mid 1950's when it broke its anchorage and was carried by the wind and flow, until it grounded. When the flood subsided, it was literally left High and Dry. This particular barge came from Hull where it had been used as floating warehouse storage during the war, substituting for the heavily bombed dockside buildings. I seem to recall there was a line of machine gun fire indents somewhere on the foredeck. Can anyone confirm?

On another visit, again early 1960's, a couple of the lads were up on the barge's foredeck wrestling with the large steel box hatch which was fastened with some very old, weakened rusty bolts. Eventually they pulled it loose, (mindless vandalism I know) and proceeded to lift it to the highest part of the side deck ready to toss it into the waterfilled hold, the idea being to make a big splash!



The Concrete Barge in Jan 2021

On our many visits to the lake, there was always one vessel that stood out proud, sitting high on the bank, tilted, with its lower hull just lapping the water's edge. This barge was unlike all the others, because instead of the traditional construction materials of timber or steel,

And sure enough, through the air it went but without the expected large splash, because it had hit the inner wall of the hull just above the waterline. On impact it just bounced gently back into the water and settled half submerged without hardly a ripple. Not to be beaten the lads decided to have another go at the exercise and as we had a coil of strong rope with us, they managed to fasten one end to the hatch and hoist it back up to the top. I'm not sure how many attempts were made but the last I remember was a loud thud and metallic ringing sound followed by a jubilant cheer from up top. The next sound was that of splashing, as a spout of water came bursting through the hull and into the lake below. The corner of the steel hatch box had again hit its target just below the waterline, this time knocking out a chunk of concrete creating the hole in side!

In the Winthorpe Village website records, the historian reasonably suggests that the hole had been a deliberate scuttling act to prevent the barge from re-floating, but, as an eyewitness I can swear that it was made by a bunch of young lads messing about, as lads do!

The following shows a photocopy of the original agreement to extract gravel, and a little article about concrete barges of which many others still exist today.

Copy of the Gravel Extraction Agreement:

An Agreement, made this 23rd day of February 1937 between The Lincoln & Hull Water Transport Co. Ltd., of Hull and Joseph Mallam Esq. of Winthorpe, Farmer, whereby it is agreed as follows:-
The Owner (Joseph Mallam) agrees that provided that Lincoln & Hull Water Transport Co. Ltd. will pay to Joseph Mallam the sum of Two Pence per ton on all Gravel and Sand they may take, dig, dredge, and take away from all his lands in the Parish of North Muskham, Holme, South Muskham, etc. the Lincoln & Hull Water Transport Co. Ltd., may have the sole and exclusive right to take such Gravel and Sand for a minimum period of Three Years from this date. Provided that the Lincoln and Hull Water Transport Co. Ltd., will indemnify the Owner against all claims of The Trent Navigation Company, The Trent Navigation Board, The Newcastle Pottery Office or Any Third Parties.
The Lincoln & Hull Water Transport Co. Ltd., also agrees to indemnify Owner against any damage to Banks caused by the Dredging Operations.
The actual Boundaries of the land referred to will be agreed during February 1937 between the Land Owner and The Lincoln & Hull Water Transport Co. Ltd.,

Signed by the said
Joseph Mallam Esq.

In the Presence of
J.B.

Signed Joseph Mallam

Signed Joseph Mallam

J.B. Lincoln & Hull Water Transport Co.

History of the Concrete Barge. NB. Info is from a Google search

Some were built in Barrow in Furness by Wates Ltd, and were 84ft long, 22ft 6in in beam, with an empty draught of 3ft 8in and loaded draught of 8ft 1in. They had a cargo capacity of 185 tons.

472 were built by Wates Ltd during the Second World War. Used for water transport on the rivers and canals of England. These barges were made of concrete during the Second World War, in order to conserve the steel which was needed for guns, tanks and ships, and were constructed by building companies, rather than shipbuilders. They were made from steel mesh reinforced concrete panels, bolted and cemented together to form the hull, with heavy wooden blocks

bolted to the outside of the hull to protect it from damage by dock walls and other vessels. Wates Ltd also built houses using the same system of pre-cast panels

Bob Warriner. With thanks to Pat Finn & Les Reid



TIPS FOR EATING TO SAVE THE PLANET (PART ONE)



In the time it takes to say 'deforestation', another chunk of forest the size of a football pitch is destroyed. That's every two seconds, every single day. And the leading cause of this deforestation is food production: that includes food we eat right here in the UK.

Deforestation causes a triple-whammy of global warming - we lose a crucial ally in keeping excess carbon out of the atmosphere (and in slowing global warming), even more emissions are created when felled trees release the carbon they've been storing, and rot or burn on the forest floor, and what most often replaces the now-vanished forest, livestock and crops, generate massive amounts of even more greenhouse gases. Taken together, these emissions account for a quarter of all emissions worldwide.

So it's time to act! Here are some of the **principles of eating sustainably**. Don't be put off, it doesn't have to be expensive or complicated... and can be healthier too!

Get Educated! The more you know, the easier it is to make difference.



Eat more Plants!

Farming animals for meat and dairy requires space and huge amounts of water and feed. Imagine what is involved in creating a steak – rearing a cow from birth, culling the animal, processing the meat, packaging, refrigeration... The livestock industry alone generates nearly 15% of all man made greenhouse gas emissions.

However swapping to vegan products is not always the answer. For example there is much debate about soy – as a highly nutritious protein source that we might eat directly as tofu, edamame beans, soy sauce or soymilk. **Soy** and almond production uses substantial environmental resources including land and water and their products involve manufacture packaging and refrigeration. However, that doesn't tell the full story. Over 80% of soy is used as animal feed. Chicken, farmed salmon and pork are the animal products containing the most 'hidden soy' currently found on our shelves. Unfortunately the continued expansion of soy has led to vast amounts of deforestation in some of the world's most precious areas, such as the Cerrado - home to iconic species such as the jaguar.

Whilst cutting out meat and dairy is the single biggest thing you can do to eat more sustainably if you can't bring yourself to give it up or eat less you could keep in mind where it's sourced and how it has been reared – you could then opt to buy meat that's from ethical producers. Buying locally direct from a farm or butcher whose meat is reared locally is also a step in the right direction.

to be continued in May's edition...



APRIL REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

In 1980, the then Southern African correspondent for the BBC, John Humphries, accused Archbishop Desmond Tutu of being hopelessly optimistic. In response, the Archbishop said, *Brother, the Christian faith is hopelessly optimistic, because it's based on the faith of a guy who died on a Friday and everybody said it was utterly and completely hopeless – ignominious defeat. And Sunday he rose!!*

So, we are about to celebrate a second Easter in a pandemic which has cost too many lives, damaged too much health, changed our lifestyles and threatened our livelihoods. Are we going to be hopelessly optimistic, even beyond the promise of all restrictions being lifted by the end of June and greater immunity from infection brought about by the vaccines? Well, when we take the Easter story of Jesus' death and resurrection seriously, what else can we be but optimistic?

Now this is no pie in the sky when you die platitude, this is the down to earth stuff of love, friendship, healing, inclusion, transformation, envy, rivalry, opposition, threat, betrayal and killing, followed by resurrection. That's why we'll be whispering hallelujah! on Easter day – we still aren't allowed to sing and shout!

This is why Easter is good news for everyone who's died, because Jesus has opened the way to life with God and nothing, not even Covid -19 can close it again.

This is why Easter is good news for everyone who is still living through the restrictions and wondering what life will be like for the rest of this year, because Jesus brought to earth his life of healing, feasting, generosity, laughter and transformed lives. These are the things which will last.

This is why Easter is good news for those of us who are grieving the loss of someone we love, because Jesus drew close to those who mourned and he himself cried when his friend died. God is close to those who are bereaved and our sadness will be transformed into never ending joy.

So, I for one am hopelessly optimistic, I cannot be anything else because of Easter, and I look forward to joining in new life for our villages and nation as we emerge from this pandemic cocoon.

Unlike last year, our churches will be open this Easter, so look out for details. Don't forget your Easter Gardens for Good Friday; I'm looking forward to seeing them!

Have a very happy and blessed Easter.

Revd Mandy.





ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE CHURCH NOTICES



As we go through the months of 2021 I hope my Notes sound a little more positive each time I write. Certainly, I feel April is opening up life for us more than in March. It is so good to have news about events happening at church (albeit outside).

We sadly had to say goodbye to another church villager last month when Keith Bryan, husband of Joan, passed away. Our thoughts are with Joan and her family at this sad time.

As we approach Easter we can look forward to our Easter Garden productions which are to be brought to church for 2p.m. on Good Friday and laid on the path up to church. After this there will be a short service taken by Mandy covering the Final Hour at the Cross. Easter Sunday sees a Holy Communion Service at Holme at 9.30 a.m.

Moving through Easter week we find services virtually returning to normal (albeit socially distanced). Winthorpe will host Holy Communion on April 11th at 10.30a.m. with Morning Worship the following week at 10.15a.m. I do think that we will have to sit socially distanced for quite some time but just hope we can begin to sing hymns again soon!

Something to really look forward to is the possibility of holding the Village Festival which hopefully will be held at the end of June(26th). Only a few days after the June 21st Road Map date when all legal regulations are finished (fingers crossed). Church will definitely have a stall at this event- hope to see you all there.

Finally, can I wish everyone a very happy Easter with so much to look forward to in the month ahead, still remembering in our prayers any villager hospitalized or facing a bereavement at this time.

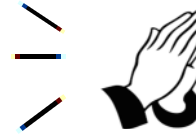
Tish Applewhite
Churchwarden (643763)



HAPPY
Easter



Church Services and Private Prayer for APRIL 2021



Thursday 1st

1.30-3.30

Private Prayer

Good Friday 2nd

2-3p.m.

**Easter Gardens Showing
and Final Hour Prayers
around the Cross**

Winthorpe

Easter Day 4th

9.30a.m.

Holy Communion

Holme

Thursday 8th

1.30-3.30

Private Prayer

Winthorpe

Sunday 11th

10.30a.m.

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Thursday 15th

1.30-3.30

Private Prayer

Winthorpe

Sunday 18th

10.15a.m.

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

Thursday 22nd

1.30-3.30

Private Prayer

Winthorpe

***Flower Ladies ***

Please bring your arrangements after the Good Friday (April 2nd) Service (approx. from 3.20p.m.) with removal from 2p.m. on April 19th. Thank you

Cleaning

Mrs J.White

Brasses

Mrs S. Cobb





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

Friday	2nd	Good Friday!	
Friday	2nd	International Children's Book Day!	
Sunday	4th	Easter Sunday!	
Sun.	4th - 18th	Discover National Parks Fortnight	
Monday	5th	Green & Brown Bin	
Mon.	5th - 11th	Community Garden Week	
Wednesday	7th	World Health Day!	
Saturday	10th	National Siblings Day!	
Monday	12th	Silver Bin	
Thursday	15th	International Micro-volunteering Day!	
Monday	19th	Green & Brown Bin	
Thursday	22nd	International Mother Earth Day!	
Friday	23rd	St. George's Day!	+
Monday	26th	Silver Bin	
Tues.	27th - 3rd	National Gardening Week	
Wednesday	28th	Stop Food Waste Day!	
Friday	30th	International Jazz Day!	



SUPPORT BUSINESSES



We need YOUR support! Many businesses (especially local businesses in the community) rely on your vital support to continue their services. Share the community spirit and help local businesses!

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

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.

- Lizzie Wakefield (Ed)