

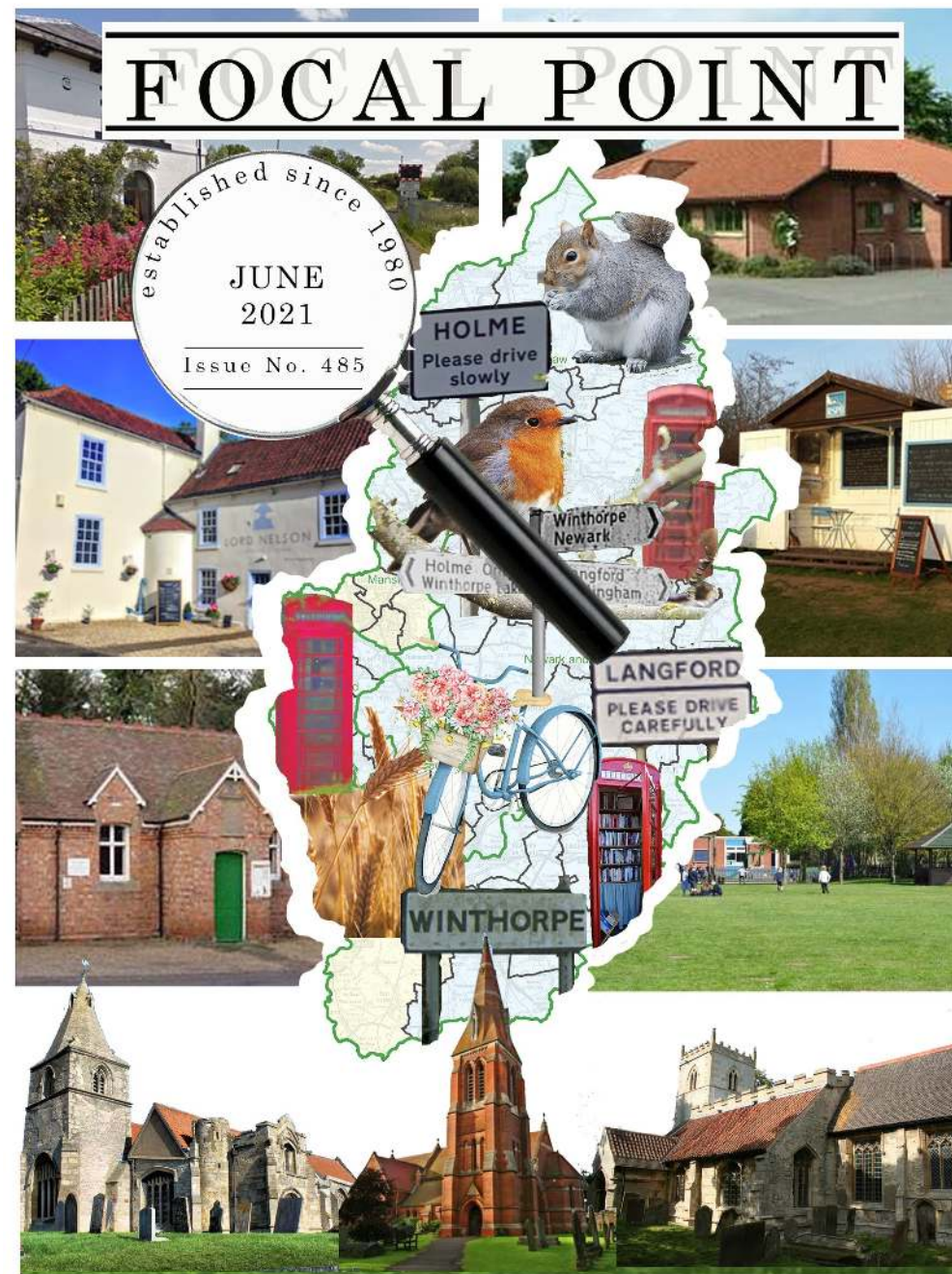


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# FOCAL POINT

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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).

Hiya!

I honestly can't believe it's June already! What?!! Firstly, I am going to start off my comments for this month very optimistically by pointing out the little sun emojis. I have put these sun emojis here to hopefully encourage the weather that summer is fast approaching and it needs to give us a bit more sunshine this month.

Here's a little update on what happened in May for me... Well, I have officially finished my GCSEs and now have a 3 months long summer, but with all that spare time I absolutely love staying busy soooo... I've got my first ever job! Exciting! My family have also finished making our side greenhouse so all my precious beauties (a.k.a my 50 or so tomato plants as I managed to sell a few) can have a beautiful warm home.

What was the highlight of your May?

Now looking onto the future, I am well and truly excited to the 21st (all being well and everything goes to plan). In some ways, it's hard to imagine how life is going to be quite different after the 21st but we've come through these challenging times and supported one another. Please do continue to support those who are finding these new changes difficult and causing worry or panic.

Now, it has also been suggested that I could possibly promote a couple of local businesses advertised in this magazine. Of course! Since it's June and some of you maybe preparing for June the 21st by pampering yourself and spending some "me time", for this month I suggest checking out: Me Time & Mobile Stylist (both advertised in this magazine - back & front pages). Please do go and show these businesses some love and support. Talk to you next month. Have a glorious and sunny June.

- Lizzie W (Ed)

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## WELCOME

**Welcome** to June'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 horses or anyone who may be interested in staying up to date with Holme, Winthorpe and Langford.

## QUICK UPDATES BEFORE YOU GET READING...

Apologies for the delay in publication of June's online edition

Thank you to all our advertisers, distributors, article writers and those sending in suggestions who continue to support our local magazine in these challenging times.

- Lizzie Wakefield - Editor

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## WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021, the Parish Council held its Annual Parish meeting followed by the Monthly Parish Council meeting.

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.

Some members of the Parish Council and villagers volunteers received training from N.S.D.C on how to use a “speed gun” in the village. The purpose is not to fine anyone but just to make people aware that speed limits in Winthorpe need to be adhered to.

The Council is progressing with its Neighbourhood Plan and it is hoped to hold a public meeting with all villagers to explain the purpose of the plan and discuss its implications for the village. This should be in July 2021, Covid 19 restrictions allowing.

The Council also discussed footpaths around the village and is meeting landowners and other interested parties in an attempt to allow greater access to land for walkers. I will update you when I have further information.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

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



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## NEWARK FOODBANK



Thanks to people's continued generosity, we were able to make another delivery to the Foodbank warehouse. We seem to be steadily increasing the amount we collect. Thank you for recognising that the need for the Foodbank does not go away. Quite the reverse – it has more users than ever. Our most recent delivery weighed in at **45.3kg**

If anyone would like 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 or microwavable sponge puddings, jam, marmalade, small tins of cold meat, toilet rolls, deodorant and shampoo.**

Also, always needed, are:

Tinned vegetables, passata, instant mashed potato, peanut butter, chocolate biscuits, 500g bags sugar, long life milk, toothpaste and men's toiletries.

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 the Sundays when there is a service taking place, and 1.30-3.30pm on a Thursday.



Thank you for your continued support.

Jane White

**DON'T FORGET / SAVE THE DATE...**

This month, the reknown Winthorpe Summer Festival is BACK! Please do come on the 26th of June (Saturday) to Winthorpe's Community Centre and enjoy the village's annual celebration.







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The Lord Nelson At Winthorpe



01636 707705

Greetings from your local!

Thank you for supporting us through the "beginning of the big unlock" in April and May. We are very much looking forward to June 21st when restrictions are lifted. In May we welcomed new team members, Dom and Dennis in the kitchen with Tony and Oliver joining the front of house team.

Here's a few noteworthy dates for your diary - booking is essential to avoid disappointment!

<b>Monday, June 7th</b> Village lunch - everyone is welcome to join us. £12.50	Pan fried sea bass served with crispy herby diced potatoes and seasonal vegetables with a creamy chilli sauce. Or Traditional Ploughmans lunch Lemon Posset served with white chocolate dipped shortbread Sticky toffee pudding served with custard
<b>Monday, June 14th</b> Quiz night £7.50	Traditional Ploughmans (veggie option available).
<b>Friday June 18th - Sunday, June 20th</b> Fathers Day weekend	Join us for a Father's Day meat feast weekend including a Gentleman's afternoon tea. Call us for further details!
<b>Saturday, June 26th</b> Village Summer Festival B.B.Q with live music £12.50	Spit roasted Turkish chicken or lamb kebab, served with traditional Turkish bread and sides.
<b>Saturday, July 3rd</b>	Independence Day menu! Enjoy our American themed menu.

We hope to see you at the Lord Nelson during June, as we are fully booked most weekends, please don't forget to call to book a table in advance 01636 707705.

Susie and Emma x

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## JUNE'S RECIPE -AFTERNOON TEA, ANYONE?

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



*"Aaaaaahhhhhh – scones and jam in the summer sunshine....as part of a scrumptious afternoon tea? Or just because.... These are super easy to make and you can make your own jam too. You know you want to...."*

- Jane C



### EASY FLUFFY SCONES

#### Ingredients:

350g self-raising flour, plus more for dusting  
 ¼ tsp salt  
 1 tsp baking powder  
 85g cold butter, cut into cubes  
 4 tbsp golden caster sugar  
 150g pot natural full fat yogurt  
 4 tbsp full fat milk  
 1 tsp vanilla extract  
 1 egg beaten with 1 tbsp milk, to

- Put a baking sheet in the oven at 220°C/200°C fan/gas 7. Put the flour, salt and baking powder into a food processor, then whizz in the butter until it disappears. Pulse in the sugar, tip into a large bowl, then make a well in the middle.
- Warm the yogurt, milk and vanilla together in the microwave for 1 minute or in a pan; it should be hot and may well go a bit lumpy looking. Tip into the bowl and quickly work into the flour mix using a cutlery knife. As soon as it's all in, stop.
- Tip the dough onto a floured surface, then, with floured hands, fold the dough over a few times – just enough to create a smoothish dough. Press out to about 4 cm/1½ in thick, dip a 7 cm cutter into more flour, then stamp out 4 rounds, flouring the cutter each time. Squash the remainder lightly together, then repeat until the dough is used up. Brush tops with egg wash, scatter flour over the hot sheet, then lift the scones on. Bake for 12 minutes until risen and golden. Best eaten just warm, or on the day.



### QUICK STRAWBERRY JAM

**Ingredients (makes one jar of jam, which will keep for up to 5 days in the fridge – if it lasts that long!)**

150g sugar  
 200g strawberries – hulled and chopped into pieces  
 1 juiced lemon



- Place the sugar in a sauté pan over a medium heat and add the lemon juice. Swirl the pan to ensure the sugar soaks up all the lemon juice. Increase the heat and continue to cook until the sugar has dissolved and is bubbling gently.
- Tip in the strawberries (being careful not to splash yourself with hot sugar) and stir gently. Continue to cook until the strawberries have broken down and the jam has thickened. Decant into a bowl and leave to cool before use.

## THINK AGAIN— THE WINTHORPE RESIDENTS' A46 CONSULTATION GROUP

Since our last update we have made really good progress. We have produced an 'Option 3' proposal which moves the planned road works away from the village and avoids any property demolition. This option has been sent directly for consideration to Highways England (HE) and was circulated to each household with Focal Point. We have also gained support to the proposal from both Nottinghamshire County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council who are also pressing the case at regular monthly meetings with HE.

Consultation on the benefits of Option 3 took place with the village at the virtual events held in April and since over 200 signatories have been collected in support of the proposal. The group has also met with our MP, Robert Jenrick, in May to explain the proposal and he has agreed to seek a further meeting with HE in respect of this option and to meet with us again. We continue to press for a meeting directly with HE and are hopeful of an early meeting.

We plan to share developments with the village at open meetings in the Community Centre as soon as we can once we are fully out of pandemic restrictions. Dates and times will be published in a future Focal Point and online.

HE has recently produced the report on the public consultation held earlier in the year. The group is intending to analyse and comment. HE reports they plan to announce their preferred route option for the scheme in summer 2021.

Further work has started on the environmental aspects of the road proposals and the engineering group has turned its attention to cycle ways and pedestrian access.

Plans are being developed to create a specific A46 related village web site. For further information please use the following contact:

[A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com](mailto:A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com)

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## RE-OPENING NEWARK AIR MUSEUM'S INDOOR AIR DISPLAYS



The Newark Air Museum (NAM) is a registered charity, located in eastern Nottinghamshire; close to the border with Lincolnshire; like many similar organisations it has been closed throughout the first part of 2021 due to the Covid-19 lockdown.

In mid-April we undertook a limited re-opening of the external display areas at our 16-acre site and the Museum Shop, both of which have proved quite popular with visitors. We are really pleased to announce that the museum will re-open its main Indoor Display buildings at 10am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021; under the Step 3 Guidelines issued earlier this week

Initially this will involve visitors making their way around the internal displays at the museum following a one-way system in the Engine Hall, Display Hangar 1 and Display Hangar 2. For the time being the Small Objects Display building will remain off limits and all visits will take place in line with the relevant Covid-Secure Regulations, such as the requirement to wear a face covering inside; provide Track & Trace details for each member of the group; rule of 6; etc. These specific guidelines may be subject to change.

As part of this re-opening the Museum Shop will also be open and socially distanced indoor seating will be available in the Café. Pre-Covid admission rates will apply: Adults £9.50, Over 65s £8.50, Children £5.00 and Family ticket [2 adults & 3 children] £26.00.

### 2021 Museum Special Events

An Outdoor Aeroboot/Aerójumble is being organised for Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021.

The Cockpit-Fest 21 & Aeroboot event has been rescheduled to take place on the August Bank Holiday Weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

The Autumn 1940s Weekend event has been rescheduled to take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>





## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME - SUMMER NEWSLETTER -

Again, but hopefully for the last time, the Coordinators have not been able to meet face to face to discuss a Newsletter for house-to-house distribution.

Below is a list of the coordinators for Winthorpe and Langford. There are two vacancies and volunteers are requested to fill the spaces. The role of a coordinator covers the following:

Encourage vigilance amongst scheme residents and actively encourage the early reporting of suspicious incidents to the police.

Receive crime information from the Neighbourhood Watch messaging system and distribute these messages to scheme members.

Encourage scheme members to be aware of and put into practice crime prevention measures such as property marking and security devices. Keep a check on vulnerable households and provide advice to members about dealing with callers at the door.

Circulate newsletters and other information relevant to scheme members. Welcome newcomers to the neighbourhood and invite them to be part of the scheme.

Supply each scheme member with Neighbourhood Watch and crime prevention literature, such as Neighbourhood Watch window stickers and incident report cards.

If you are willing to act as a coordinator where the two gaps exist please let me know. Being a peaceful area without a lot of problems the job is not a very demanding one but it is worthwhile.

WINTHORPE			
Road	Names/numbers	Co-ordinator	Houses
Woodlands	Odd nos. 1 -27, 47 - 53	John Nelson 704712	18
	Odd nos. 29 - 45	Justin Baker Smith	8
	Even nos.2 – 24 and odd nos.55 - 67	Pat Finn 704444	19
Gainsborough Rd.	1 - 9,11,13,15	Sue Mashedar 659582	12
	Even nos. 10 – 22, Odd nos. 17 - 25	Steve Lord 682304	12
	Even nos. 22 – 44, Odd nos. 27 - 41	Des Aldridge 651708	19
	48 – 56 even nos., Old Rectory Farm (4), 43 – 61 odd nos., Speight Close (5)  82 – 92 even nos. 67 – 79 odd nos.  Lowood.	Bob McClymont 705952	37



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME CONTINUED...



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Gainsborough Rd.	72 – 80 even nos., 63 – 65 odd nos.	David Burkitt 703471	8
	58 – 66 even nos.	Rita Stevenson 705879	19
Holme Lane	All except Rectory Farm		
The Drive	All		
Chapel Lane	All including Rectory Farm	Jan and Andy Warner 679821	9
Hargon Lane	All	VACANCY	23
Pocklington Crescent	1 – 13 odd nos., 2 – 8 even nos.	Ian Wilson 686249	11
	15 – 29 odd nos., 10 – 16 even nos.	Doug Burton 677563	12
	31 – 57 odd nos., 18 – 24 even nos.	Roger Jackson 659631	18
	28 – 38 even nos.	Andrew Clarke 684073	6
Branston Close	All	Duncan Richardson 651605	23
The Spinney	Westbury, 2, Park Lea, Oakdene, Winwood, Fleetway, Applecroft, Greencroft, Tall Trees, Susu Mai, Fairmead, Ty-ni, Allardyce, Cotton House	Jean Foden 704241	14
	Wyndham, Linford, Glenbourne, Wildacre, Brookside, Lyndale, Wharflands, The Rectory, Long Ridges, Hazeldene, Eastfield, Charnwood, Seven Pines, Sunningdale	Ian Donaldson 706917	14
	Woodlands, 20, Beechbrook, Chestnuts, Conifers, Wormingford, Appletrees, Pineham, Fortuna, Tree Tops, Whitehaven, Cherrywood	VACANCY	13
LANGFORD			
	All except Hall Farm, Langford Hall and Lodge	Stewart Mimmack 677314	23
	Hall Farm, Langford Hall and Lodge	Brian Wright 704177	3
LANMGFORD MOOR			
	All	Paul Collins The Old Rectory	8
			329



## JUNE GUNN

June Gunn of Woodlands Winthorpe sadly passed away at Newark hospital on 14th April 21 aged 88 years. June was one of the long-standing residents of Winthorpe and had been in the village since October 1963. After raising a family June later became a school teacher at John Blow Primary School, Collingham. June loved the village and liked to helped in various village projects such as raising funds for the first tennis court, which was next to the cricket field, dinner dances at the old community centre and collating and distributing the Focal Point with her granddaughter. Over the past 50 years June and Philip, her late husband, made many good friends along the way.



*thinking of you*



## ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE



Dear all,



Just a brief note to let you know that as a spin-off from the Think Again environmental subcommittee, which is looking at the carbon impact of the new road proposal, I have been working closely with Linda Dales, NSDC Councillor and keen environmentalist. She is currently liaising with various agencies to increase recycling of Terrapacks, crisp packets, plastic bottle tops and drug blister packs for our villages. I will update you as more information becomes available.

Did you know however that spent batteries can be recycled by leaving them on top of your green bins in a small bag and they will be collected. It is also possible to recycle used stamps at Gascoignes newsagent, Collingham from whence they are dispatched to the RNIB. I am going to check if the same process can be introduced to our peripatetic PO at the Lord Nelson on Thursdays.

Keep an eye open for further bulletins

Andrew Parkin



## WINTHORPE COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT/ TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION

The School and the P.T.A. both celebrate anniversaries this year. The present school building was opened in September 1971. Ten years earlier on 9th May 1961 after an Open Evening at the old school building the Parent/Teacher's Association was born with high hopes and, initially, modest funds. The princely sum of £1.08 was held after the first meeting but the Association pressed on with plans for functions and activities and aimed to purchase a tape recorder and record player for the School. There was also however, a note of uncertainty about the future of the School, voiced by Minutes of the early meetings, which speculated: "Will the School be extended or closed and all Scholars transferred to Collingham?"



From this small beginning, the Association grew steadily and became an active and integral part of the village life. At that time extensive changes were taking place; the village was growing in size and the Newark by-pass was being built. This had an inevitable effect on the school, which in the old building was only capable of holding about 40 children. Throughout the mid-sixties the Association pressed County Hall to commit itself about the future of the School and requested that it be extended to cater for the growing numbers of children. A petition was taken round the village by the Association asking for the County Authority to enlarge the School and this was signed by 122 residents. The continued vigilance and representations made meant that by the end of 1965 the County Authority accepted that the School should not be closed but should be extended or rebuilt.

Since the opening of the new School building ten years ago, the Association has continued to organise a wide range of activities from year to year, has been prominent in discussions about local issues, and has applied its funds to many projects large and small, which have benefited the School.

In the early stages library books and musical instruments were purchased and in more recent years P.T.A. Funds have enabled the School to purchase among other things, a colour television, a heat copier, a 16 mm. film projector with sound equipment and screen, a piano for the Infant class, and plans are now in hand to buy a jumbo type-writer, a microscope and sports equipment. Committee members have over the years devoted considerable amounts of time and skills in providing materials and making and renovating School equipment, such as the fine table-tennis table and puppet theatre and the netball and football goalposts and nets. With these achievements behind us the Association can look forward confidently to the challenge of the next twenty years.



**Simon Bennett. Secretary Winthorpe P.T.A.  
Extract from Focal Point. April 1981.**





## MORE SECRETS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



1 The first thing that you notice when approaching a church is the spire or tower, seen standing high into the sky. The spire on this church is brick, eight sided and 105 feet high.

2 In the centre of the Nave, clipped to one end of two opposite pews, are two wooden poles about six feet long with a small cross on top. These are called churchwarden staves. They are used by the churchwarden, a lay official of the church, to add dignity on special occasions.

3 On the Pulpit, is an old English oak Pulpit lectern, crafted by Winthorpe resident Ian Donaldson, with a small brass plate which reads: **'In memory of Ralph White (1925-1995) for over thirty years a churchwarden.'**

4 The baptistery, with an octagonal apse and a lofty brick arch, is dedicated to Robert Bruce Russell, the children's friend. He was an old college friend of the Rector, Rev. Edward Handley. He died in 1887 just before the church was completed.

5 The brass eagle lectern was given by teachers of elementary schools and friends in memory of Rev. Capel John Sewell M.A., who died in 1896 aged 63 years. He was a H.M. school inspector. It was presented to his parish church, All Saints' Church.

6 The statue of the Madonna and Child was installed in 1930 in memory of Kath Maria Ripplingale. She had lived with her family at Mill Lodge, Gainsborough Road.

7 In the north Aisle is a stained-glass window dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi, (1181-1226) founder of the religious Franciscan Order. The well known hymn, 'Make me a Channel of your Peace' is a translation from The Prayer of St. Francis, which is a prayer for peace. St. Francis is also the Patron Saint of birds and animals and the environment.

8 The Chancel, which is at the east end of the church and is where the Altar is situated and where the clergy sit, is the most important part of the church.

9 In the SW corner of the churchyard lies the body of Kathleen E. Euston, (1914-1993) along with her parents, Henry and Ellen Euston and her young sister Lilian. Kathleen, always known as Kitty, was a Rural Studies Consultant for Nottinghamshire and a local historian. She wrote many articles for the Village Scrapbooks and in the early years of the Focal Point.

10 The bricks on the outside of the building are believed to have come from the Walkeringham brick works, Gringley on the Hill, north Nottinghamshire. The local clay used, gives the brick a soft red colour.

11 The Ancaster stone on the windows and inside the church was quarried at Ancaster, Lincolnshire. It is a hard limestone, once worked by the Romans and Saxons.



## MORE SECRETS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CONTINUED...



12 The Vestry, built on the site of the previous church, covers the Handley vault. The walls of the Vestry are surrounded with tablets commemorating those who are buried in the vault.

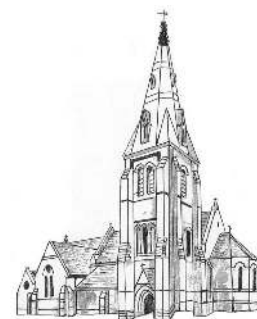
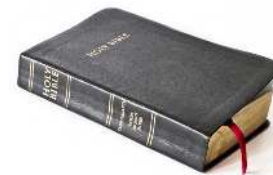
13 Among the 28 figures on the east stained-glass window above the Altar, is William of Wykeham (1324-1404) [Bishop of Winchester](#). He served twice as [Chancellor of England](#), founded Winchester College and New College, Oxford.

14 To help the hard of hearing a loop system was installed. This consisted of three speakers, three fixed microphones and one portable microphone. With the help of many donations the loop system was commissioned on the 21<sup>st</sup> July 2006.

15 To meet the requirements of the parish, until the building of the present church was completed (1886-87), an iron building was provided and made as comfortable as possible. There, for two years the Rector and his Curate-in-charge held services and officiated to crowded congregations.

16 The Chancel floors are tiled with glazed and encaustic tiles. Many of them are from special designs and contain monograms, crowns, and palm branches, symbolising All Saints.

Pat Finn.



## JUST A QUICK THANK YOU...

Thank you to every single one of you who contributes to the Focal Point or even by being a regular or possibly an occasional reader you are supporting your local magazine, so thank you. - Lizzie W (Ed)



## QUICK REMINDER - LUNCH CLUB -



June's Lunch Club will be held on June 7th at the Lord Nelson. Bookings can be made to the Lord Nelson directly via phone (01636 707705). The menu for June's Lunch Club is: **Pan Fried Sea Bass OR Traditional Ploughmans Lunch & Lemon Posset OR Sticky Toffee Pudding**

## UPDATE ON THE PPG & VACCINATION ROLLOUT

The PPG (Patient Participation Group) working with CMC (Collingham Medical Centre) has been ticking over during the lockdown. We have held meetings by Zoom and carried out a couple of poster campaigns but all our other activities have been on hold. However, now the nation is slowly emerging from lockdown, we are hoping to resume some or all of our planned activities. Oh for the carefree days when we were able to hold our tea parties adjacent to the surgery!

Our action plan includes getting out and about to communicate with the villages that make up the practice catchment area, looking at plans for the Walking Group, to reconnect with the Befriending Scheme and to compile a Directory of Community Groups. We shall carry out poster campaigns as the need arises so keep an eye on your local notice board.

There are 2 vacancies on the PPG, we are looking for someone from any age group. The only requirement is to be a patient at CMC. If you could spare some time to join this friendly group please contact the chairperson, Linda Dales, on 07972 300346 or [collinghamppg@gmail.com](mailto:collinghamppg@gmail.com)



### Practice Update



The COVID 19 vaccination programme continues to roll out with 30-39 year olds being invited. Please follow the instructions given in the invitation letter.

Invitations for vaccinations for shingles and pneumonia are being sent to those who are eligible. Pre-pandemic services are returning with smear test appointments being booked and breast screening services starting to send out invitations.

The annual medication reviews are being brought back into line to fall in your birthday month. The date of your medication review is printed on your prescription slip. If you have any worries about medication you should call the Medical Centre.



The Pharmacy Team are now back together under one roof and dispensing times are returning to 2 clear days.

Once again can we remind you to download and use the NHS app where you can see your medical history, book appointments and more.

The British Medical Association is recommending that patients contact the hospitals regarding test results and hospital appointments.

CMC looks forward to welcoming a specialist respiratory nurse in June and two new GPS in September.



And finally, just food for thought; in April of this year 3 million more people across England contacted their GP than in April last year!

## WINTHORPE COMMUNITY CENTRE CHARITY

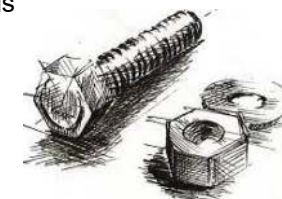
The Trustees met on 4 May 2021 to discuss the re-opening of the Community Centre and a detailed Risk Assessment had been prepared by Richard Radford, to highlight and manage the risks for both the Trustees, and the potential hirers of the Community Centre. It was agreed that from 24 May, those groups allowed to meet under the latest government guidance should be able to do so, with the appropriate risk control procedures in place. It is hoped that the centre will then fully re-open to all groups, from 21 June 2021.

Although the Centre has been closed for over 12 months, the Charity's running costs have been covered by a grant obtained from NSDC last year. The Trustees have therefore been busy and the Operations & Maintenance Committee led by Andy Warner, have delivered a number of improvements including:

- Repairs to the bridge over the Fleet at the bottom on the footpath
- Cut back the trees that border the footpath down to the bridge and around the centre
- Repaired the fence by the footpath with concrete support posts
- Renewed the lighting by the front door and installed a new light by the defibrillator
- Repaired the steps onto the playing field following a vandalism incident
- Inserted plastic paving into a section of grass to protect it from vehicles entering/leaving the field
- Tidied up the area at the back of the play park

The Events and Fundraising Committee are now looking at opportunities to provide entertainment events for the village so watch this space..

And finally, the Trustees look forward to welcoming you back to the Centre in June!



**Peter Bateson**  
Chair





## PAW DOGS POEM PAW

Have you noticed lately  
You're never far from a dog  
All sorts of shapes and sizes  
Eyes a'swivellin' all agog

Now dogs reflect their owners  
That is what I'm told  
Yes cast an eye about you  
Some are timid some are bold

Most dogs are very friendly  
Some are mostly muscle  
So quickly gauge intentions  
With which you wish to tussle

If it's big and snappy  
With teeth of gleaming white  
Do please count your fingers  
Until it's out of sight

There are the pampered canines  
And the lovely scruffy  
Bright eyes and waggy tails  
To make your heart go woofy

Breeding does not matter  
Dogs really do not care  
Class values not an issue  
There's a lesson there somewhere

Can you tell I love them  
Big and small and lofty  
Because all dogs are happy  
In the presence of a softy



Thank you Ron for contributing towards June's poem. With June being the month to officially unleash summer, what a perfect poem to highlight our fellow furry friends' happy trails outdoors in the sunshine. - Lizzie W (Ed)



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## 100 CLUB

- May's Winners -

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2nd	£23.40	D Barthorpe
3rd	£7.80	J Young

Congratulations to our winners in May! 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](mailto:ninjab71@gmail.com)



## COLLINGHAM BOWLS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Bowling opportunities for all abilities .

Come along to the Club at the Dale Field site on **FRIDAY JUNE 4th and 11th , 6pm ONWARDS** to meet our members and have a go.  
(Use the cricket club entrance on the A1133 )

No experience needed. All equipment provided. Plenty of parking.  
(Please wear flat soled shoes)

**FOLLOW UP COACHING SESSIONS CAN BE ARRANGED .**

**COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB HAS NOW RESTARTED ALL IT'S ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE SUMMER SEASON OF 2021 .**

**THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOTH SOCIAL  
AND MATCH PLAY .**

**THE CLUB IS AFFILIATED TO LINCOLN AND NEWARK LEAGUES  
OPERATING 4 TEAMS .**

**SOCIAL BOWLS TAKES PLACE EVERY FRIDAY AT 6pm .  
THROUGHOUT THE SEASON THERE ARE SEVERAL INTERNAL TEAM  
COMPETITIONS .**

If you are interested in playing at this friendly club, come along. All abilities are welcome.



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## COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR JUNE

Great news !! Organised Ramblers Walks have now restarted. As we have to follow Ramblers Association guidelines all walks will be fairly local and no more than 5 miles in length . All participants should bring their own hand sanitiser and face mask . No car sharing unless in your own social bubble .



Wednesday	June 2nd	Venue to be advised
Sunday	June 6th	Southwell
Sunday	June 20th	Venue to be advised
Sunday	July 4th & 18th	Wednesday July 7th



### 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) for more information and specific walk details. We provide an excellent variety of walks in Nottinghamshire and adjacent counties. Walkers should provide snacks , drinks and packed lunches if appropriate. Suitable footwear and waterproofs are necessary .



## COACHING AND PLAY HAS NOW RESTARTED AT NEWARK TENNIS CLUB

Great news !! Tennis coaching and play at Newark Tennis Club on London Road restarted in April 2021 .

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

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](mailto:jontennis@hotmail.co.uk)

Club Social Nights are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5.30pm - 7.30pm.

Get your racquet out and come along. New members are always very welcome.

The club also has daytime social tennis and runs Ladies , Mens and Mixed teams in both the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire leagues.

General club information and membership details can be found on

[www.newarktennisclub.co.uk](http://www.newarktennisclub.co.uk)



## Daffodil community project

### Please can you help for 2 hours?

We are recruiting volunteers to assist with the planting of 10,000 Daffodil bulbs around the Winthorpe village entrance.

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 10:00Hrs-13:00Hrs**

To sign up please email your contact details to [daffodils@langfordhall.com](mailto:daffodils@langfordhall.com)





## BRANCH & BLOOM

Reading the gardening magazines that we have lying around and listening to the many blogs that are available this time of year, they are all saying that June is the time to keep on top of your weeds! We could at this point start a long and convoluted discussion on the definition of a weed (which is just a plant in the wrong place), but we won't!

There is the old adage that 1 year's seeds makes 7 year's weeds, and many of these pollen rich and beneficial plants can indeed be described as 'invasive' and need to be controlled in some way, but do we really need to be so sensitive to what is a weed and what is not? We are both doing #nomowmay on a part of our lawns this year in an attempt to re-wild our gardens in some small way and I'm sure the result will be lots of weeds, but will there be more wildlife too?

Yes, it does take a certain type of gardener to manage the 'natural look' without the 'natural' taking over and managing you. So in so doing we need to understand 'competing growth', the definition of which is 'the negative effects on plant growth or fitness caused by the presence of neighbours. We must always make sure that each plant has access to the right amount of light and nutrients, without being overshadowed by a more dominant counterpart.

We live in a world where they say you can be who you want to be, but if we are honest, do we still look with astonishment at someone over a certain age wearing bright colours or sporting a slightly risky hairdo? Similarly, do we as gardeners tut with disapproval when a neighbour dares to allow forget-me-not to seed all over their front garden or dandelions to bloom all through their lawn? Are we being a little too judgmental about their choices and anyway, does it matter if our wonderful pollinators are happy?

So in this way can the competing growth analogy be applied to us, in that the term 'competition' is defined as 'a situation in which someone is trying to win something or to be more successful than someone else'? In the wake of the events of the last year, we are seeing lots of examples of people leaving their need for competition behind and instead being kind, taking a step back from their busy schedules and giving something back to their communities, bringing about increased feelings of personal growth, satisfaction and self-esteem.

Should life, like gardening, be a fight to achieve perfection, or a journey we can take to understand ourselves and what we want, working with our surroundings to produce a life for ourselves that is fulfilled and integral to the environment in which we live.

This will be the last entry in the focal point sadly, but if anyone would like to receive the full version of our monthly newsletter please email the address below or follow us on our social media sites.

Amanda and Nicola



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## RSPB Langford Lowfields

### – June News 2021



It's been another busy month over at Langford and there have been so many good sightings recently. The highlights of the month have been a glossy ibis that dropped into Phase 3 and stayed for a couple of days and a spoonbill that landed on the same area a week later, followed by two flyover spoonbills too. This is only the third Langford record for both species. Passage waders have been good too with records of several dunlin, sanderling, little ringed plover, ringed plover, greenshank, whimbrel and turnstone, all from Phase 3, which you can view from the southern boundary public footpath. Other migrants of note include wheatear, whinchat and yellow wagtail, including several large flocks of the latter and an unseasonable male wigeon was on Phase 3 on the 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The hobby's have been brilliant recently, with up to 13 individuals hunting for insects in the air above the reserve. They are a real feature of the site in spring and autumn as they migrate to their breeding grounds. Watch them catch their prey on the wing and eat it whilst still in flight.

Our breeding birds have been good too, with all 10 species of warbler now back on site and in full voice. We are picking up good numbers of these birds on the breeding bird surveys, which are now underway. Cuckoos have returned to site and we have two singing males – one near the Beach Hut and one about half way to the Beach Hut from the woodland. It's fabulous to have these increasingly scarce birds back on site. One of the cuckoo's main host species is the reed warbler, of which we have plenty at Langford. The bitterns are still booming too, so listen out for them whilst on site.

Our volunteers have been busy recently also, replacing the old and worn out chicken wire on the boardwalk, it's a slow process, but we are making good progress with this job! We have also replaced some rotten barge boards at the side of the public footpath, these help keep the path from slipping down the bank and into the ditch. And reed propagation in the polytunnel is coming along nicely, with around 20,000 plugs now sown and growing, which hopefully will be ready for planting out on site in August.



GLOSSY IBIS





## JUNE'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

This month we make it half way through the year and thanks to the vaccines and being very careful of each other, we've got more freedom than last June, but it's still a far cry from the once normal busy time of early summer parties, cream teas, big weddings, Christenings and big holidays. Hopefully, by the end of the month, "all restrictions" will be lifted, but we wait to see what that means in practice and I'm sure we'll still have to be very careful.

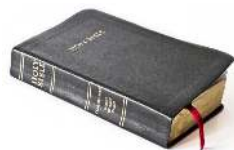
So, the future is another country and we are travelling into a new unknown; we won't go back to how things were and we'll have choices to make about how we live our lives. One of the things I like about the Bible is that it often talks about life as a journey and teaches us to expect change. One of the things I enjoy about being a Christian is that we learn to expect change and how to adapt, knowing that God is always with us and ready to help and give us the prompts, gifts and talents which we need to negotiate this journey of life.

Dealing with choices can be tricky, especially when our choices have been cut down so much in the last fifteen months. We don't want to jeopardise all the good that's been done! Some good advice from the Bible is this: *Choose life!* \* and maybe this is a good motto for the months ahead. Whatever restrictions are lifted or put in place, let's remember the good things we've learnt from the pandemic; looking out for our neighbours, enjoying our walks and our green open spaces, finding new ways to keep in touch with friends and family and showing care and consideration for everyone and let's choose to behave in good ways which bring life to everyone around us.

So, let's choose life and have a very good month of June.

God bless you,

Revd Mandy.



\*This is taken from Deuteronomy chapter 30, verse 19.



ST. GILES

HOLME

## CHURCH NOTICES



Hello from St Giles Church Holme,

We're pleased to let you know that things are at last getting back to normal at church. The spring flowers this year are very pretty and must be very welcome for Cliff's bees next door. Hopefully we will soon be able to open the church each day for locals and visitors to pop in and enjoy being inside such a wonderful place.

We are also looking forward in the near future to Jason Henfry (stonemason from Langford) starting on repairs to parts of the porch, including relaying the worn-out floor. Following the hard work put in last year by Simon Hosking and David Blundy, we are now considering how to repair the churchyard wall along the eastern side. We will need to explore funding options as it is important that the village churchyard has a complete boundary in honour of the many generations of local families buried there.

Please do get in touch with us if you have any ideas or wish to get involved in any way; contact details on notice board.

Kind regards,

Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.







ALL SAINTS

WINTHORPE

## CHURCH NOTICES

As I write June's Notes I have had to put the CH back on!!! I do hope it just gets a bit warmer soon. Hopefully by June 26<sup>th</sup> (Village Festival) we shall be in shorts and T shirts! Mentioning the Festival, can I ask for any more Tombola donations to be brought to any member of the PCC (mentioned last month) or Susie has kindly offered the Pub as a Collection Point.

We continue with our fundraising activities in July with a Strawberry and Pimms evening on July 24<sup>th</sup>. More information re 'tickets' etc will be given in July's FP. The Church Porch will be open on Saturday September 11<sup>th</sup> for the annual Ride and Stride event where light refreshments will be left for any Eventers. Finally, a heads up for our Harvest Supper on Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>, I know it is a long way off but wanted to give plenty of notice!!

It has been lovely to see so many people coming to church services these last two months and now we are past May 17<sup>th</sup> we will be able to offer refreshments again and a chance to socialise afterwards instead of 'shooing' you all out the door! We are slowly returning to a more normal way of life aren't we?

Looking forward to seeing you at the Festival.

We are very much thinking in our prayers of Margaret Stewart and anyone else in the village who is ill or hospitalised at this time.

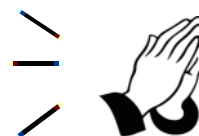
Tish Applewhite  
Churchwarden (643763)



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## Church Services for JUNE 2021



**Sunday 6th**  
(1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity)

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

Holme

**Sunday 13th**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> after Trinity)

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Winthorpe

**Sunday 20th**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity)

10.15 a.m. Morning Worship

Winthorpe

**Sunday 27th**  
(4<sup>th</sup> after Trinity)

9.00a.m. Morning Worship

Langford

**Thursdays** 1.30 -3.30p.m. Private Prayer

Winthorpe

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

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Tuesday	1st - 8th	Volunteers Week	
Tuesday	1st	International Children's Day	
Friday	4th	National Fish & Chip Day	
Monday	7th - 14th	National Growing for Wellbeing Week	
Monday	7th	Silver Bin	
Tuesday	8th	National Best Friends Day	
Tuesday	8th	World Oceans Day	
Sunday	13th	Cupcake Day	
Monday	14th	Green & Brown Bin	
Monday	14th - 18th	Loneliness Awareness Week	
Tuesday	15th	National Beer Day	
Tuesday	15th - 20th	Refugee Week	
Saturday	19th - 27th	English Wine Week	
Sunday	20th	Father's Day!	
Monday	21st	Silver Bin	
Monday	21st	Let's Celebrate!!! Summer has begun!	
Tuesday	22nd - 27th	National Picnic Week	
Saturday	26th	National Parma Violets Day	
Saturday	26th	Winthorpe Summer Festival	1pm - 5pm
Monday	28th	Green & Brown Bin	



### **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](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.

- Lizzie Wakefield (Ed)