

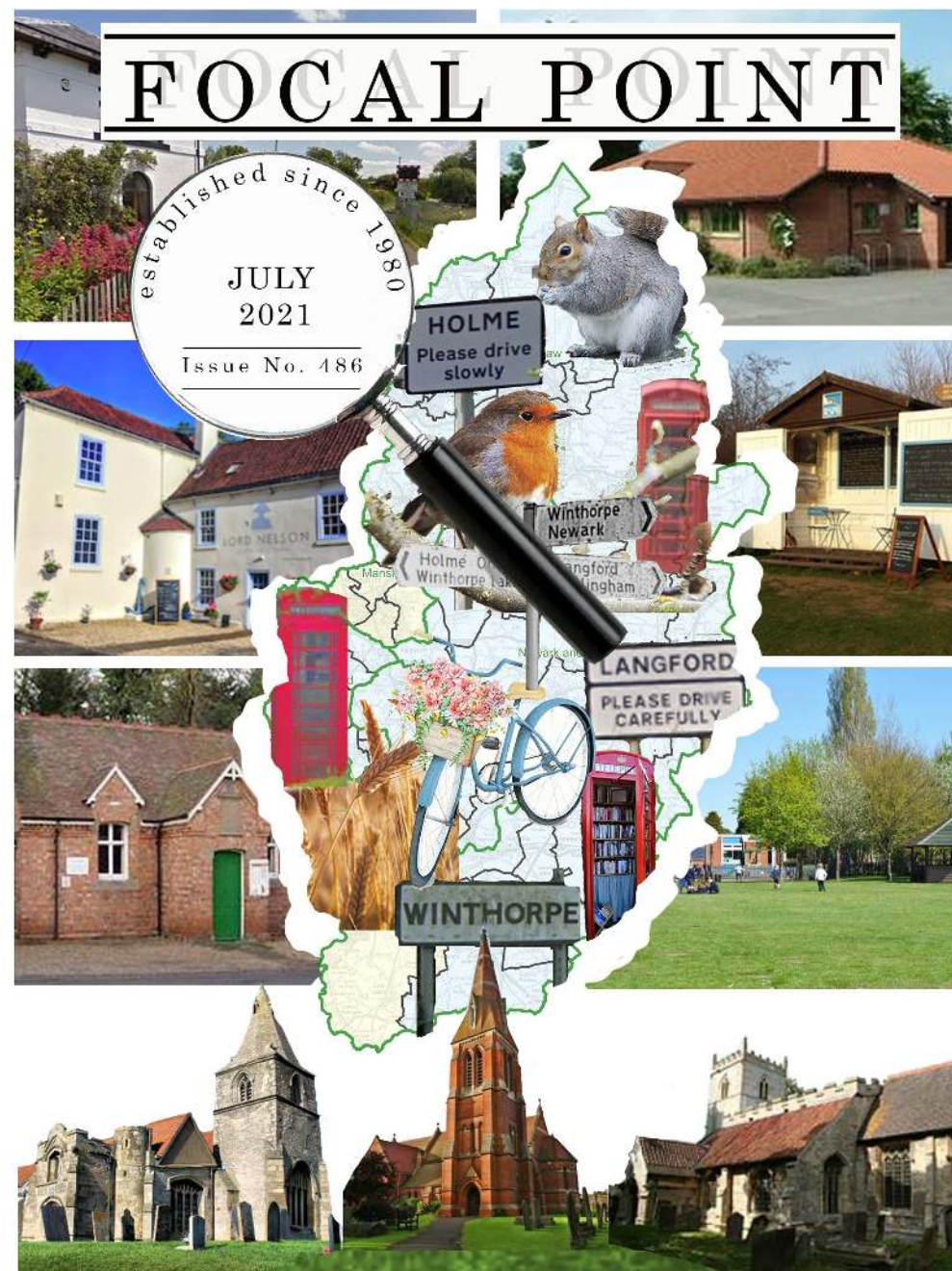


summer's offerings!

- plants maturing & the to-do list  
is getting longer-



*Coffee*



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# FOCAL POINT

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## WELCOME

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

## QUICK UPDATES BEFORE YOU GET READING...

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



## 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!

Firstly, how was your June? Probably not as expected but nonetheless the start of summer offering many diverse activities (whether it's indoor or outdoor).

My recent activities in June were beekeeping, gardening and making clay art as well as starting something completely new...latte art. Yes, you certainly did read that right, I've started beekeeping or caring for my precious "baby bees" (whichever you like to say). Simply watching my beautiful silky bees at work is so therapeutic to the point where I could stare in awe of their beauty and teamwork for hours on end.

You may notice at the top of the page the little coffee cups with latte art and that's because I am starting to learn the skills of latte art. I am still very much a novice to this fascinating realm of art, precision and creativity. Nonetheless, I have amazing colleagues supporting and mentoring me along the way of my latte art journey (of course with the help of a few YouTube videos as well).

Ok, enough reflecting on last month and more on this month...Freedom Day 2.0 thoughts? What are your plans for this summer or post Freedom Day?

Finally, as you may have noticed this edition is 20 pages; to keep Focal Point going please send in your articles, your suggestions or even bits of information that you think will benefit the community.

Please do email or ring me using the details below. The Focal Point is ever so grateful for the time you give up to support your local community, so thank you.

Have a shining July!

- Lizzie W (Ed)



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# DEADLINE

**FOR AUGUST'S EDITION  
JULY 18TH 2021**





# NEWARK FOODBANK



First of all, I must apologise. Unfortunately I made a mistake with the bank details for Newark Foodbank, by missing a digit out of their account number. As my school reports used to say 'Jane must concentrate better'. Sorry. Below are the correct details:

CAF Bank Ltd. Sort code 40-52-40 Account no: 00027004

**The items most needed this month are: tinned or microwavable sponge puddings, tinned cold meat, deodorant and shampoo, hand wash, soap bars and washing up liquid.**

Also, always needed, are:

Tinned vegetables, passata, instant mashed potato, peanut butter, biscuits, 500g bags sugar, long life milk, toothpaste, men's toiletries and 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 the Sundays when there is a service taking place, and 1.30-3.30pm on a Thursday.

Finally, our most recent delivery to the Foodbank warehouse weighed in at **35kg**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jane White

## WINTHORPE ALL SAINTS

### Pimms and Strawberry Party



**Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at Church 5p.m.**



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## WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL



### SPEED WATCH:

As a Parish Council we have been aware for some time that there are a minority of road users driving in the village who abuse the 30mph speed limit along the Gainsborough Road.

This is disturbing for people walking along the road and potentially dangerous, as well as being unlawful, so we are taking action to deter those who speed in the village.

You may have noticed on a few occasions earlier in June volunteers using an official speed monitoring device to measure the speed of vehicles travelling into and out of the village.

For those who are clearly exceeding the 30mph speed limit, we have been recording vehicle details and passing these to the police, which results in a formal letter being sent to the registered keeper. Repetitive instances of exceeding the speed limit may lead to more formal action by the police.

We have found that the vast majority of people appreciate the steps that we are taking to make Winthorpe safer for all, and this letter is intended to clarify the steps we are taking and the motive behind the initiative.

We will be repeating the exercise throughout the year, being intentionally open and visible, and we would be delighted to have a zero score of vehicles driving too fast in the village.

Thank you for your support in this matter and we look forward to your waves and thumbs up as you drive past us at a sensible speed in the future.

We welcome your comments and feedback, which can be shared via the clerk at:  
parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com

Thanks Again,

Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council



## WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL



### DOG WALKING ACROSS THE CRICKET FIELD:

Dear all,

We are working to make sure that the village facilities can be enjoyed by all safely, including the area for walking around the cricket ground.

You may have seen the "keep dogs on a lead" signs positioned around the cricket pitch. These have been erected by the Cricket Club, with the support of the Parish Council, to advise people that dogs should not be allowed to run freely within the cricket field area.

The intention is to avoid unwelcome fouling of the area which is a health and safety hazard for all.

This step was taken as a reasonable balance to suit everyone, but does require buy-in from residents and visitors to the village for it to work without requiring more formal measures of deterrent.

If you are a dog walker you will no doubt appreciate the beautiful spaces we have in and around the village and will enjoy making use of them.

Please make sure that you pick up any dog mess and use the dog bins provided at various locations so that everyone can enjoy our village spaces safely.

We want everyone to be able to enjoy village life, including the cricket facilities that have been a feature of Winthorpe for over 100 years.

Thanks for your support in this matter.



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The Lord Nelson At Winthorpe



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Greetings from your local!

We are very much looking forward to Freedom Day on July 19th when restrictions are finally lifted

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

<b>Between Friday, July 2nd-9th</b> we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of National BBQ week.	Join us at one of our themed BBQ evenings- Jamaican, American, South African, Tandoori and Turkish.
<b>Monday, July 5th</b> The Village lunch is held the first Monday of each month - absolutely everyone is welcome to join us. £12.50 for 2 courses Pre-booking is essential for this gathering.	Chicken chasseur with crispy herb potatoes or Sweet chilli salmon stir-fry Smashed strawberry shortcake or creme brulee
<b>Monday, July 12th</b> Quiz night £7.50	Foot long hotdog with fries American mustard and fried onions, or you may prefer a veggie dog
<b>Wednesday, July 21st</b> Steak night will be held the third Wednesday each month. £30.00 per couple	2 juicy rump steaks, salmon steak or cauliflower steak with all the trimmings, served with a carafe of red or white house wine.
<b>Thursday, July 29th</b> Curry night will be held the fourth Thursday of the month	By popular demand we will be hosting a monthly curry night.

Meeting friends, reuniting with family, watching Euro 2020, British Lions or Wimbledon we hope to see you at the Lord Nelson during July. As we are fully booked most weekends, please don't forget to call to book a table in advance - 01636 707705.

Please don't forget your Village Shop remains open offering fresh bread, freshly baked pastries, and fresh produce.

 [thelordnelsonatwinthorpe@gmail.com](mailto:thelordnelsonatwinthorpe@gmail.com)

Susie and Emma x

## JULY'S RECIPE -BRING ON SUMMER-



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



*"This super-easy, all-in-one cake only takes a few minutes to mix up and get in the oven and is a deliciously tangy and tasty treat. I have also made a lemon version, which works equally well." - Jane C*



### FRESH ORANGE CAKE

#### Ingredients:

##### FOR THE CAKE....

200g self-raising flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
3 large eggs  
200g unsalted butter, softened  
200g golden caster sugar  
2 tbsp whole milk  
Grated zest of 1 large unwaxed orange  
2 tsp Sicilian orange extract  
12 mini orange jelly slices, to decorate

##### FOR THE FILLING

280g full-fat cream cheese  
50g unsalted butter  
500g icing sugar, sifted  
Grated zest of 1 large unwaxed orange

##### YOU WILL NEED

2 x 20cm round cake tins, greased, then base-lined with baking paper  
Piping bag fitted with a 1cm round nozzle

1. Heat the oven to 180°C/160°C fan/gas mark 4. Sift the flour and baking powder together into a large bowl. Add the eggs, butter, sugar, milk, orange zest and orange extract and beat everything together until the mixture is smooth.
2. Spoon half the sponge mixture into each prepared tin and level the surface with a palette knife. Bake for 30–35 minutes, or until the cakes are firm to the touch and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean.
3. Remove from the oven and leave the cakes to cool in the tins for 5 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack and peel off the paper. Leave to cool completely.
4. Meanwhile, make the filling. Beat the cream cheese and butter together in a bowl until just incorporated, then beat in the icing sugar and orange zest until thick and smooth.

5. Use ½ the filling mixture to sandwich the two sponges together, then spread ¼ of the remaining filling over the top. Spoon the remaining ¼ into a piping bag fitted with a 1cm round nozzle and pipe 12 evenly spaced blobs around the edge of the cake. Top each blob with an orange jelly slice.







## MORE SECRETS OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH



1 One of the three stained-glass windows, on the south side of the Chancel, has the inscription: **'Jesus washed the Disciples feet.'**

This is telling the story of Jesus washing the feet of the twelve Disciples at the Last Supper. This act may be performed in churches on Maundy Thursday, the day before Good Friday. The window is in memory of Rev. Edward Handley's sister Georgiana.

2 Clipped to one of the choir stalls in the Chancel is an 8 foot wooded pole with a brass cross on top. This is called a processional cross and is carried by the crucifer leading the procession.

3 The pitch pine seats have several embroidered kneeling cushions. Each cushion has a different cross-stitch pattern. Look underneath to see the name of the cross-stitcher.

4 The red Devonshire marble top on the Altar has five consecrated crosses engraved into it, one in each corner and one in the centre. These signify the five wounds of Christ made by the three nails, one spear and a crown of thorns.

5 On the south wall is a plaque to a long serving Churchwarden which reads:

**Sacred to the memory of Robert Hunt Bradley who departed this life January 24<sup>th</sup> 1954 aged 73 years. Ever a sincere and devout Churchman he acted as Churchwarden at this Church for forty years and was a member of the Church Council from its inception being revered and beloved by all who knew him.**

6 In 1887 two bells (no's 2 & 3) were added to three from the old church. This was a gift from Joseph Gilstrap Branston and his wife Blanche Marguerite. Joseph Gilstrap's family were maltsters in Newark and lived in The Grange, Winthorpe.

7 In the churchyard on the family gravestone of John Edward Walker, his wife Hannah Eliza and their son Ernest, is an additional memorial which reads:

**Also. John Edward, son of the above, Sergt 1<sup>st</sup> Lincs regiment. Killed in Action Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1917. Aged 33 years.**

John Edward Walker is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial in Belgium.

8 Sitting on the east window sill in the entrance porch is a wooden welcome plaque with the words: **'Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving.'** A small brass plaque underneath reads:

**'In Loving memory of Hugh Thomas Clarke 1926-1992.'**



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



10 Set into the south wall of the sanctuary is a small lockable steel box with a brass rail and curtain. This box is called an aumbry. It was installed in 1959. Items that could be kept in it would be the reserved sacraments, consecrated hosts of the Eucharist. It is believed to be empty.

11 Hanging above the aumbry is a sanctuary light with brass holder and glass fittings, which would have been oil filled. It was electrified in 1978. This lamp is lit when there are consecrated hosts of the Eucharist inside the aumbry.

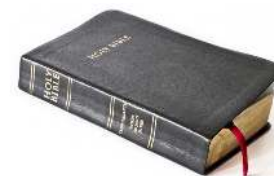
12 During excavations of the old church, steps on which a cannon, that had been brought down from York for use in the Civil War of 1645, and quantities of damaged gunpowder were found. The skeletons of some hundreds of men were also discovered, buried in rows and without any coffins.

13 There have been eight patrons for the church. A patron, in this case, is someone who financially supports the church. Roger Pocklington, banker and owner of Winthorpe Hall, Rev. Edward Handley and Keble College, Oxford were all Patrons of All Saints' Church.

The word patron derives from the Latin **"patronus,"** one who gives benefits.

14 Rev. Edward Handley who had All Saints' Church built using his own money did not live in the village but lived with his family in Muskham Grange, just outside Newark. His Curate-in-charge was Rev. W.H. Leader. How things are different today. Now the Rector, Rev. Mandy Cartwright, has a group of 11 churches serving 15 villages.

Pat Finn.



## 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**

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

Further progress has been made since the last update. A dedicated village web site is still being investigated which if feasible will allow all information to be available quickly to the village.

We are still pushing Highways England for a meeting to discuss Option 3 and we are hopeful that this will be forthcoming very soon. We have asked our MP and colleagues in Nottinghamshire County Council Highways team for their support with our proposal and we will meet Robert Jenrick before the end of the month to discuss with him further actions.

The Group has responded to the *Newark Advertiser* article on the HE consultation report produced last month, which featured in the newspaper on Thursday 17 June. This specifically highlights the responses in respect to the Winthorpe section of the HE proposals.

Meetings with the village will be set up in the Community Centre to discuss progress with Option 3 and to hear your views once national covid restrictions allow.

For further information please use the following contact:

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

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ThinkAgainA46Newark>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ThinkAgainA46>



Outside my kitchen window  
A living picture greets  
A complexity of colour  
With feathers and small feet



I haven't any talent  
With pallet and a brush  
Nor could I ever recreate  
What lives in yonder bush



I put out food and water  
That's all I need to do  
Then sit back with my coffee  
And glory in the view



Shakespeare wrote some nifty stuff  
As all of us agree  
But he could not hold a candle  
To the performances I see

It's all there right before me  
Drama, comedy and farce  
With squabbles, fights and fussing  
What next will come to pass

The sparrowhawk is Richard 3  
The goldfinch is so cute  
Robin struts across the stage  
The blackbird's just a hoot

CONTINUED...



## BIRDS POEM



Thank you Ron for contributing towards July's poem. At the moment, I love the early mornings to watch the sunrise and listen to the gentle tweeting of birds in our neighbourhood. If you do get the chance, next time you wake up early, take a moment to appreciate nature's beauty. - Lizzie W (Ed)



I love the humble sparrow  
In his suit of dusty brown  
Picking at the leftovers  
The others have thrown down

No one takes much notice  
As he hops up on a ledge  
And then must fly home early  
To his missus in the hedge

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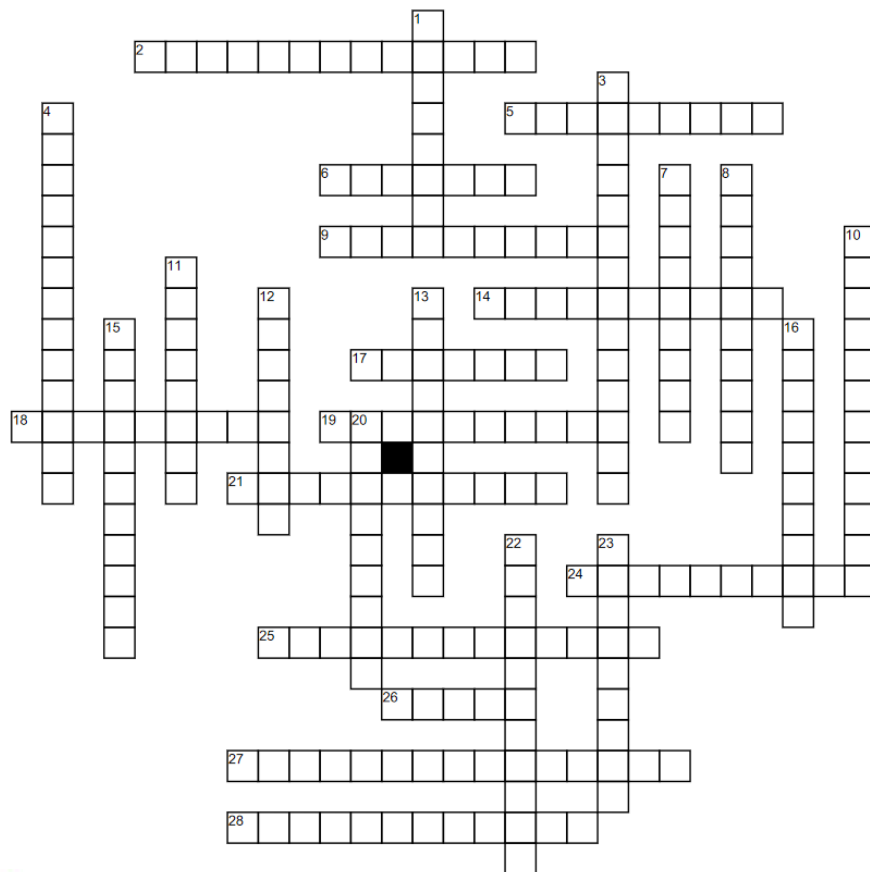
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## VILLAGE CROSSWORD



### Across

2. First for education (7,6)  
 5. 'Throw pie' mixed with November is the location (9)  
 6. Nan Scott once lived above the entrance here  
 9. A speedy village water feature (5,5)  
 14. It's a type of 'gas' track led by first of Hugh (6,4)  
 17. An easy place for a stroll (3,4)  
 18. Make a call to this timely abode (4,5)  
 19. The route to another house of prayer (6,4)  
 21. Yorkshire town or local curve ? (11)  
 24. The gardeners shares (10)  
 25. A popular pickle is nearby (8,5)  
 26. A mole in need of a little of hope adding (5)  
 27. The heart of the village population (9,6)  
 28. This road leads to the "Blue Boy" Artist (12)

### Down

1. Could be a story about a trip in the car? (3,5)  
 3. Famous London Hospital ends with row of small cottages  
 4. Even surface over line traffic route (5,6)  
 7. A Forestry living area ? (9)  
 8. In the capital you'll find him at the top of a column (4,6)  
 10. Local rackets are often swung around here (6,6)  
 11. Partly slang, and a water crossing put together (8)  
 12. A little red book dispensary (5,3)  
 13. A residential group of trees in a twirl (3,7)  
 15. The old meeting place (7,4)  
 16. Always at the centre of interest (5,5)  
 20. Put an 'L' in the centre of your house for a small highway (5,4)  
 22. Where they hit with wood to make them run (7,4)  
 23. Total girl band for worship place (3,6)

Thank you to Bob W. for creating a crossword personalised to our villages.  
 Please do have a go at this crossword and see how many you have got in next month's edition where the answers will be revealed...

## COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR JULY

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 . Car sharing is now allowed.



Sunday	July 4th	Stapleford Woods
Wednesday	July 7th	Collingham
Sunday	July 18th	Kelham Hills
Sunday Aug. 1st & 22nd	Wednesday Aug. 4th	



### NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Dust off those boots, come along and enjoy the countryside at its best.

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 and continues its summer season of activities .

<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)



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**100 CLUB**

- June's Winners -

1st	£46.80	S Cobb
2nd	£23.40	J Burton
3rd	£7.80	D Richardson

Congratulations to our winners in June! 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)

**LANGFORD CHURCH & CHURCHYARD NEWS**

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June we had our first Langford Churchyard community gardening event – thirteen folks arrived with rakes, clippers, spades and strimmers for an afternoon of activity, chatter, communal spirit and homemade cakes.

Our next gardening event will be on **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July anytime from 2pm** and will include cleaning inside the church.

Join us at Langford Church on **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 5pm** for our Lammas tide service to celebrate the grain harvest. Bring a picnic for a community gathering afterwards in our beautiful churchyard.

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**RSPB Langford Lowfields****– July News 2021**

The weather seems to have improved from the deluge and cold temperatures we had in May and it finally feels like summer is here. There have been some good bird sightings on site too, with the last of the spring migrants coming through and breeding birds. The last of the passage waders included curlew, black-tailed godwit, little ringed plover and green sandpiper. Our breeding waders include avocet, lapwing and little ringed plover and they have all had chicks on Phase 3 viewable from the perimeter public footpath. 4 pairs of common tern are using the new tern raft installed on silt lagoon 7 and viewable from the viewing platform on the Cromwell Trail. This raft was kindly funded by Nottinghamshire Birdwatchers.

Hobbys have put on a brilliant show over the spring and early summer and can still be seen on site hunting insects in flight. The great white egrets have been showing too on Phase 3 in the last couple of weeks and two common crane dropped in mid-June onto the bund between Phases 2 and 3, enjoyed by birders from the southern boundary path. The bittern has been seen regularly in flight around Phase 1, so keep an eye open when you are on site from the Beach Hut or Cromwell Trail. A purple heron dropped in briefly onto Phase 2 on the 17<sup>th</sup> June and was seen flying off high to the east. This is only the second ever record of this species at Langford and a little gull was on Phase 3 mid-month, another very scarce bird here. An unseasonable wigeon and teal were also on Phase 3 throughout the month, along with 3 red-crested pochard.

Insect life has been more evident in the last few weeks with the improvement in the weather. Several species of butterfly have been seen including the migrant painted lady and dragonflies and damselflies are on the wing including banded demoiselle and red-eyed damselfly.

The volunteers have been busy as usual with several activities. We are still gradually replacing the old and worn out chicken wire on the boardwalk and now have about a third of the length done. We have also replaced some rotten old gate posts, installed a handrail on the boardwalk where it crosses deep water and our Monday crew have been busy grass cutting and keeping the site looking good for our visitors.



HOBBY





## JULY'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

*Summer time, and the living is easy*, so begins one of my favourite songs. Now, depending on your age and musical inclination, you'll either have no idea what I'm talking about or you'll have an ear worm playing in the background for the rest of the day. Still, we have arrived at that longed for time of year when July brings all its promise of warmth and comfort, relaxation and plenty with lush green trees and probably some summer rain.

In many ways, I find summertime easier, with lots to look forward to, but this year the season is still uncertain. The Covid restrictions won't be lifted until the second half of the month at the earliest and at the time of writing; we don't know what that will mean. Some weddings and Christenings have been rearranged yet again, and our Winthorpe village festival has been put off once more, but still we are full of hope because they will happen one day. Many of us are full of hope for a church summer party, enjoying worship in our beautiful village churches, family reunions and holidays, but this year more than ever, we know that things can change and what we hope for might turn out different to what we expect. Any grand ideas we may have had about being in full control of our lives have certainly been challenged by this virus.

Maybe we are learning to be really hopeful, because what we hope for hasn't happened yet and we know that life is uncertain and unpredictable.

St Paul wrote: *Hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.\**

Maybe through this pandemic, we will grow in real hope.

Whatever July holds, however easy or not this summertime is, let's remember to take care of ourselves and others and to pray for our community. Do remember too, to join in our church services or call in for a quiet, prayerful moment. We are really blessed in Winthorpe, Holme and Langford with beautiful buildings, and they are here for everyone. Get in touch if you'd like more information about when our church services are or when our buildings are open or to arrange a visit.

Keep hopeful.

*And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.\*\**

God bless you,  
Rev'd Mandy.

\*Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 8, verses 24-25.

\*\*Paul's letter to the Romans chapter 15, verse 13.



ST. GILES

HOLME



## CHURCH NOTICES

Hello from St Giles Church Holme,

Now with July 19<sup>th</sup> currently looking good for much further relaxation of the things we can do, we're hoping that at St Giles we'll soon be able to put on the things that people enjoy. Music and singing are things that have been greatly missed, although Peter Gill, our organist, has never missed a service and he has lifted our spirits from the keyboard and has plans to bring in some new tunes as soon as we can all sing again.

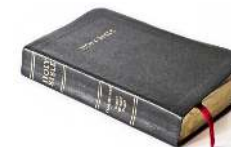
We have had many people in contact with us via our Google page, A Church Near You and the East Trent Churches website wanting to visit the church. After the 19<sup>th</sup>, we plan to open the building as we did before the pandemic, on most days from 10am to 4pm. Buildings as special as St Giles need to be open for all; for private prayer, for just absorbing the unique atmosphere of the place or for historical study.

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 6pm, Collingham & District Local History Society will be coming to Holme church for an evening of talks, discovery, and refreshments. There will be a small charge for non-members who are welcome, and this is a much anticipated event having been postponed from last year.

In October all being well, we will have our Harvest Festival, when we can celebrate the return of many things that have been impossible for us over the past year and a half. The planning for this has started and please let us know if you have any suggestions to make this a special occasion.

Kind regards,

Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.



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## ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE



### CHURCH NOTICES

Sadly, we are not celebrating the end of Covid Regulations yet which has resulted in the cancellation of the Village Festival last month. Such a shame that we were not able to meet up to celebrate being able to socialise altogether again- it seemed perfect timing! The hope now is that we definitely do come out fully on July 19<sup>th</sup> (fingers crossed).

At least Church Services are still going ahead but I dream for the day that we are allowed to sing hymns during them again!

You are all invited to our first fundraiser of the year in the form of a **'Pimms and Strawberry Party'** at church on **Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>** from **5p.m.** Raffle drawn at 7p.m. Tickets are priced at £5 which includes a glass of Pimms (alcoholic or non alcoholic) or other soft drink and a bowl of strawberries with cream/ice cream. Tickets are available from any PCC Member. As this date is after July 19<sup>th</sup> we can really celebrate our new found 'freedom'!

With the knowledge that full Wedding attendance will be allowed soon it is very heartening to find that four couples have already booked dates to hold their Special Day in our beautiful church over the next two years. Let's hope we can continue to attract these young couples who will have had a torrid time since Covid, deciding whether to marry or wait for restrictions to be lifted.

Our thoughts and prayers are with anyone in the villages who are ill or hospitalised at this time.

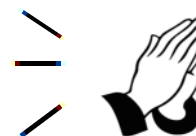
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### DIGITAL / E-COPY OF THE MAGAZINE

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!

### Church Services for JULY 2021



<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b> (5 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Holme
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b> (6 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Winthorpe
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> (7 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity)	9.00a.m. 10.15 a.m.	Holy Communion Morning Worship	Langford Winthorpe
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b> (James the Apostle)	6.00p.m.	Evening Prayer	Winthorpe
<b>Thursdays</b>	1.30 – 3.30p.m.	Private Prayer	Winthorpe

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

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## JULY'S CALENDAR 2021

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

ALL MONTH	National Picnic Month	
Friday 2nd - 11th	National BBQ Week	
Saturday 3rd	International Plastic Bag Free Day	
Monday 5th	Silver Bin	
Wednesday 7th	World Chocolate Day	
Sunday 11th	World Population Day	
Monday 12th	Green & Brown Bin	
Saturday 17th	World Day for International Justice	
Saturday 17th	World Emoji Day	
Monday 19th	Silver Bin	
Sunday 25th - 1st	National Preserving Awareness Week	
Monday 26th	Green & Brown Bin	
Friday 30th	World Friendship Day	
Friday 30th	World Day Against Human Trafficking	



### 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)