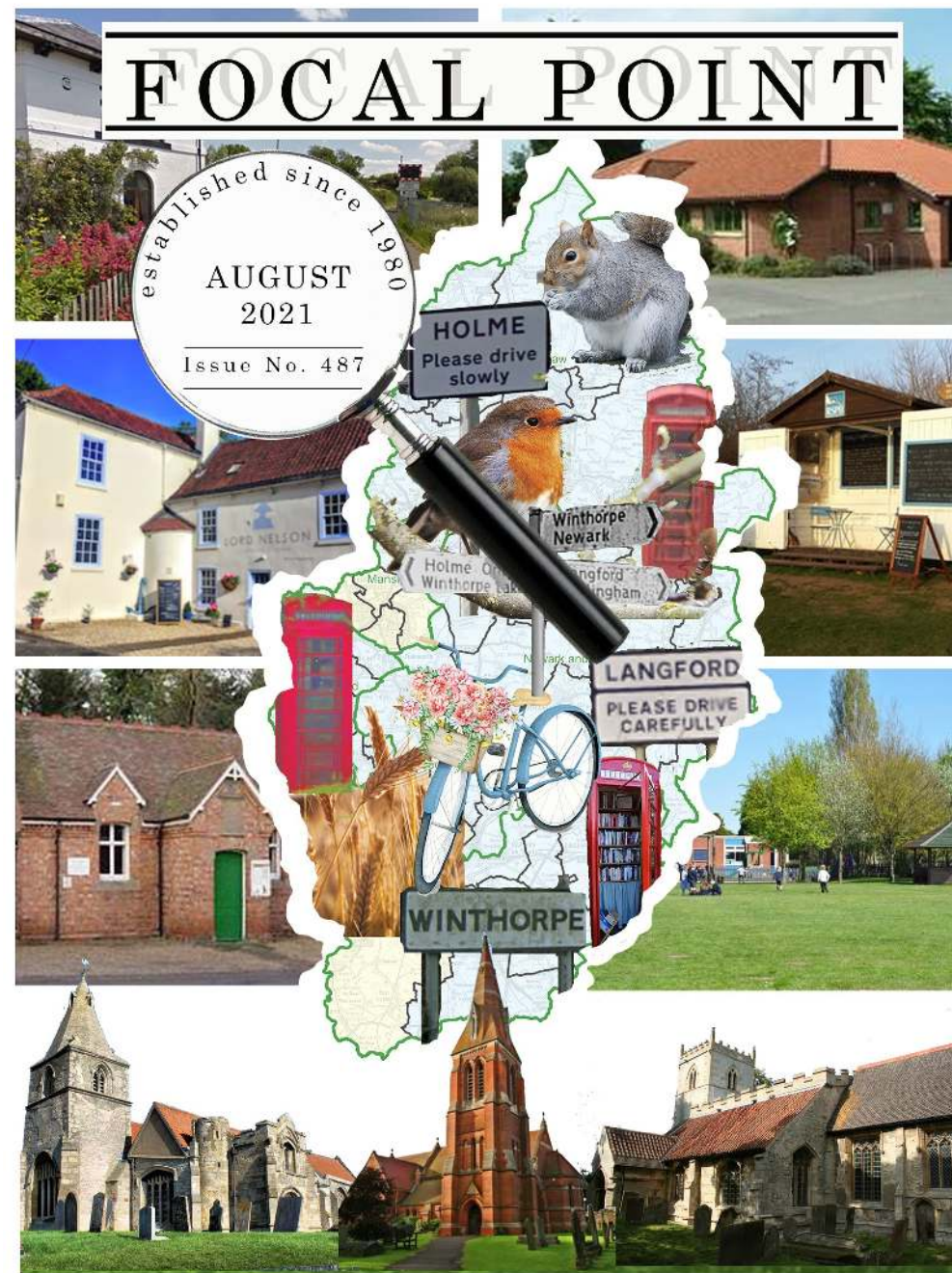




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- first bee inspections &
harvesting of fruits (and also the
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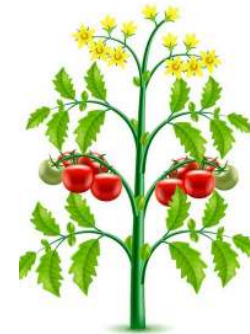
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FOCAL POINT

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Hiya!



It feels quite surreal that Freedom Day has come along and passed. So, what are your summer plans this month? Are you planning on a staycation or going abroad or possibly thinking of just a couple of days out?

Well to catch up from July, WE HAVE A SWARM OF BEES!! Yes, 2 hives now. It's extremely fascinating to read up and learn more and more about these beautiful creatures every week. However, this time, we have double the amount of beauties than last month.

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).

A little update on my gardening ventures... As you may have remembered from previous editions, I went a bit crazy with my tomato seeds. I now have about 50 – 60 plants that are no longer in pots but in soil and have started to flower and form fruits. Hopefully, my bees will find the lavender plants we ordered useful.

Finally, with this month including National Allotments Week & National Afternoon Tea Week, I hope you find some relaxation within nature and enjoy sipping on a few cups of tea.

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Just a quick side note as well, unfortunately we are having some trouble with our landline or telephone (whichever you prefer to say). Therefore, I possibly suggest contacting us either by email or mobile for the time being.

As always, the Focal Point is ever so grateful for the time you volunteer to support the local community, so thank you.

Have a warm and wonderful August!

- Lizzie W (Ed)



DEADLINE

FOR SEPTEMBER'S EDITION

AUGUST 21ST 2021

WELCOME

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

QUICK UPDATES BEFORE YOU GET READING...

MAJOR, major apologies for the delay in this months edition. Due to the timing of personal expeditions & other issues, this edition is therefore estimated to be 4-5 days delayed.

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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Saturday 23 October 2021, from 8.00 am – 12.30 pm

We are aiming to vaccinate 100% of eligible patients this year, as defined by NHS guidelines. We may be able to open our offer beyond those eligible after 31 October 2021 (dependent on stocks/uptake).

Saturday clinics will focus on patients who are able to walk and stand unaided for up to 20 minutes. No seating available. Flu Vaccinations (and possibly 3rd COVID vaccine once details are confirmed) will be administered with patients stood up and a strict one-way system through the Practice will be in operation. We will continue to wear face coverings to protect your healthcare setting.

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

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

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THINK AGAIN— THE WINTHORPE RESIDENTS' A46 CONSULTATION GROUP / NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Great progress continues since last month's update. A dedicated village web site to allow for quick dissemination of information to the village is imminent. The Thomas Brewer Charity in the village has been approached to provide funding support for communication and information costs and we await confirmation. A dedicated bank account has also been opened. The environmental subgroup has been formed and is in conversation with Nottinghamshire County Council's environmental team and various national and local groups.

We held a very positive virtual meeting with our local MP, Robert Jenrick and he facilitated a discussion with senior Highways England officers and colleagues from Nottinghamshire County Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council both on the Option 3 proposal and the next steps in the planning process for the road proposals. One action from that meeting was that the engineering subgroup were asked to a detailed discussion with HE and their design team on Option 3. The mutual understanding on the key issues and appreciation of the villages concerns was very positive. We understand that HE will announce its preferred route later in the summer and then begin a further process of statutory consultation to get people's views.

Meetings with the village have been set in the Community Centre to discuss further progress with Option 3 and to hear your views. These meetings have been organised for **September 7th, 7 to 9 pm and September 14th, 10 am to 12 noon**. Please put these dates in your diary.

We will be sharing the meeting with colleagues from the Parish Council who will also be launching the future for our Neighbourhood Plan. This Plan is an important and powerful tool which will provide our community with future statutory powers to shape how the Parish of Winthorpe with Langford develops.
Neighbourhood Plan

So, what is a Neighbourhood Plan and what does it mean for us?
In very simple terms, a neighbourhood plan is:

THINK AGAIN— THE WINTHORPE RESIDENTS' A46 CON- SULTATION GROUP/ NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- A document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area,
- Written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority,
- A powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development, in the right place,
- Documents and supports the important history, facts, green spaces, footpaths, buildings, amenities and the general future of the Parish

The meetings promise to be very interesting so please come along and understand what the Neighbourhood Plan means for you and your neighbours and hear the latest on the A46 proposals. It's also your chance, at this early stage, to have your say and maybe get involved.

For further information please use the following contact:

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Greetings from your local!

Here's a few noteworthy dates for your diary that we'd like to share:

Monday, August 2nd 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.	Choose from: Honey glazed Ham, egg and chips Fish and Chips with garden peas Hoisin chicken stir fry Apple tart with chantilly cream Orange cheesecake with coconut ice cream
Monday, August 9th Quiz night £7.50	Nice and spicy lemon Caribbean Chicken served with rice and a roti, please let us know if you require a vegetarian option.
Wednesday, August 18th Steak night will be held the third Wednesday each month. £30.00 per couple Monday, August 16th	Choose from 2 juicy rump steaks, salmon steak or cauliflower steak with all the trimmings, served with a carafe of red or white house wine. Come and enjoy our Open Mic night - open to everyone.
Thursday, August 26th Curry night will be held the fourth Thursday of the month.	By popular demand we will be hosting a monthly curry night.
Monday, August 30th Bank Holiday opening hours	Our bank holiday opening hours are 9.30am/11.30am Breakfast 12/4 Food Close at 7pm
Saturday, September 4th Listen to live music whilst enjoying a tapas night with us. Booking will be essential	We welcome one of our favourites bands, Bodgers Mate www.bodgersmate.co.uk Join us for a night of fun.

.....we hope to see you at the Lord Nelson during August, 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, fresh produce, newspapers, local honey, jams, chutneys, dry cleaning and much more!

Susie and Emma x

thelordnelsonatwinthorpe@gmail.com

AUGUST'S RECIPE -STAYCATION OR VACATION?-

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

"Juicy watermelon, rich olives and salty feta....the fresh, summery ingredients in this salad are simply delightful together. Enjoy this as a barbecue side dish or package it up for a picnic." - Jane C



Serves 4

Ingredients:

½ red onion, thinly sliced
 ½ watermelon
 1 cucumber
 20 pitted Kalamata olives, torn
 in half
 100g feta, crumbled
 4 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
 4 tsp red wine vinegar
 5 mint leaves, finely shredded
 ¼ tsp dried oregano

**WATERMELON GREEK FETA SALAD**

- Put the sliced onion in a bowl of cold water and leave to soak while you prepare the remaining ingredients. Carve the watermelon lengthways into three wedges, then cut away the skin and slice into 1½ cm-thick pieces. Halve the cucumber lengthways and scoop out the seeds with a teaspoon, then slice into half-moons about ½ cm thick.
- Arrange the watermelon and cucumber on 4 plates, then scatter over the olives and feta. Drain the onion and add to the salad. Drizzle each plate with 1 tbsp oil and 1 tsp vinegar; season. Serve immediately, sprinkled with the mint and oregano.

Tip:

Soaking raw onion in cold water helps to tone down its pungency before it is added to a salad.





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Congratulations to our winners in July! 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

LANGFORD CHURCH & CHURCHYARD NEWS

St Bartholomew's is getting noticed – did you get the clue in last month's Focal Point crossword?

Our July community church and garden event took place under the blazing sun. Inside Church cleaning activities, including brass polishing and mopping, gave respite from the heat and opportunity to have conversation and iced lemonade. Thanks again to Kiera for more delicious homemade cakes, and for the garden team who persevered in the sun with lawnmower, strimmers and shears.

A reminder our next community event will be the Lammaside service **at 5pm on Sunday 8th August**. The Lammaside service gives the community opportunity to celebrate the grain harvest. **Bring a picnic** for a community gathering afterwards in our beautiful churchyard.

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**THE PPG @ COLLINGHAM MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE**

The Patient Participation Group at Collingham Medical Centre continues with virtual meetings but of course is unable to get out and about into the community with meeting and activities at present. We are continuing with poster campaigns so keep an eye on the local notice boards for information. However here is the Practice Report from CMC to keep you informed.

- **Covid** cases of the Delta Variant are not in Nottinghamshire. Completing your full course of two COVID vaccines is your best protection against all variants and to stop new variants mutating. Continue to be vigilant, a new cough means PCR test and household to isolate until result returns, COVID test appointments can be sought same day & results are much quicker usually 24-48 hrs after test.
- **All adult cohorts** now open – encourage your family members to uptake the vaccine to help stop it mutate in UK. The majority of those hospitalisations and COVID deaths are largely non-vaccinated individuals.
- **Flu Clinics** are scheduled 18 September & 23 October and, if stocks are announced and released for 3rd COVID, we'll do the Covid vaccination at the same time.
- **Carers' Register** – we do actively seek information about Carer status, whether you have a carer or 'are a carer'. We collect information at the time of a patient registering and we have been updating our information during COVID for our patients who have been accessing services and are known to have a carer. This information means that carers and cared for are eligible for flu vaccines. We're not sure we've captured everyone who may care for someone. There is a carer support pack and PPG agreed that we can prepare a poster for sharing on notice boards.
- **As Shielding** is no longer active or a requirement, we are changing the way we support those members of the community who wish to continue to shield – allot the first appointment of the day in each of our clinical rooms, meaning there is unlikely to be a wait to go in; they are the first patient in a deep cleaned room.
- **Call backs** for routine follow-ups will be given a 2 hr window to receive the call back, i.e. where a patient says they would prefer a call, on Thursday, we would give 2 hr window where the clinician will try to call back during that time. Offering choice to patients on mode of support, call, text or F2F.
- **Electronic Repeat Dispensing** during Medication Reviews we will start to consider for authorising medications for 12 months.
- **Glossary of Terms** – one of the admin team is pulling this together for online users and when writing to patients with extracts of their medical records copied.
- **Walking for non-walkers Group** – sharing poster information on our virtual board
- **New staff** Respiratory Nurse Sarah now in post and practice being supported over coming months by Emma Gowlett, Phlebotomist, and Elena Caraman, Clinical Practitioner, who are experienced hospital and out of hours healthcare team members.
- Whilst we have said goodbye to Dr Jatin Shah in June, our new GPs join us in September – Dr Kate Rees & Dr Edda Scheurch



CHARITY OF THOMAS BREWER



The AGM of the Charity will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 22nd September at the Village Hall. At that meeting three Trustees will be elected. Two other Trustees are nominated by the Parish Council and the Rector is an ex-officio Trustee.

Lee Cammack and Tish Applewhite are willing to stand as elected Trustees. A further elected Trustee is required. If you are willing to stand for election with a proposer and seconder would you please give me your details not later than 21 days before the AGM. Elected Trustees serve until the end of the following AGM.

We look forward to seeing as many as Possible at the AGM. Light refreshments will be served.

Peter Foden, Secretary (704241)



VOLUNTEERS WANTED!



All Saints Winthorpe are looking for volunteers to supplement the grass cutting and strimming at church. We are trying to cut down on costs during this difficult Covid time as incoming finances are not as they normally would be. If you could offer any help our plan is to form a rota of volunteers to cut/ strim a week/fortnight in between the professional cut. This should then keep the Churchyard looking tidy and easily accessible for the many graveside visitors who come to all parts of the Churchyard.

Please do get in touch with me if you are interested for more information, thank you.



Tish Applewhite
Churchwarden
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WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL



On Thursday 15th July 2021, the Parish Council held its quarterly finance meeting followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting at the Lord Nelson.

The Finance Chairman confirmed that the year-end accounts had been completed and the accounts are available for viewing. Details are on the various village notice boards.

The main Parish Council meeting discussed the use of the speed gun and how effective it had appeared to have been in deterring speeding in the village. It will be used again in July and August and any volunteers are welcome to learn how to use the gun.

The Parish Council aims to hold meetings in early September at the Community Centre to inform the village of the progress being made towards creating a Neighbourhood Plan for the village. Details of dates are **September 7th, 7 to 9 pm and September 14th, 10 am to 12 noon.**

At the same meetings, an update will be provided by the "Think Again" group following their discussions with Highways England and other interested bodies in regards to the various proposals for the A46 around Winthorpe.

The Parish Council have also provided details on the village website of the proposals by Nottinghamshire County Council to place double yellow lines at the junction of Thoroughfare Lane and Gainsborough Road to prevent parking on this junction. You have the opportunity to comment on those proposals.

The Parish Council doesn't meet in August so I wish all residents of Holme, Langford and Winthorpe a pleasant summer holiday but, as always, if you have any issues please contact me via email.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk
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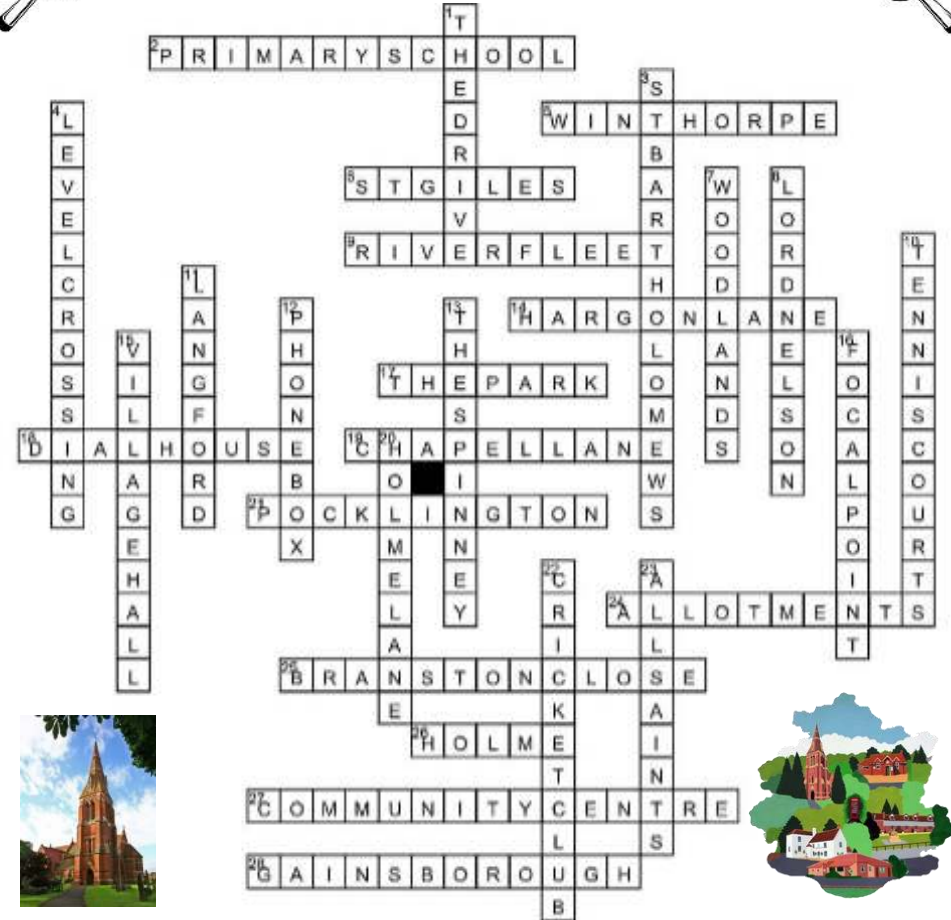
The cold and wet spring seems a long time ago now that we are basking in a heat wave and summer is definitely here. It's usually a quieter time of year on site, but we have still had some good birds recently to keep us all entertained.

There have been plenty of waders on Phase 3, viewable from the southern boundary public footpath, as the first of the autumn migrants start to come through. Several flocks of black-tailed godwits have been through in the last week, the largest flock of 31 coming through on the 18th. There has also been redshank, greenshank, dunlin, ringed plover, ruff, avocet, curlew, common sandpiper, green sandpiper and a flyover whimbrel in the last month.

2 red-crested pochard have been on Phase 3 recently along with two unseasonable birds – a wigeon and a goldeneye, usually winter visitors to Langford. A garganey was also seen on the 19th July. Caspian gull and yellow-legged gulls have also returned to the site, with a peak count of 15 yellow-legged gulls on the 16th July. The common terns are also doing well on the new raft, kindly funded by Nottinghamshire Birdwatchers. There are currently six well grown young on the raft that look like they are due to fledge soon. We are thrilled that the raft has been so successful in it's first year and thanks again to Nottinghamshire Birdwatchers.

The long-staying great white egrets have been showing well too recently, with a confirmed two on site. They have been roosting in the silt lagoons along with some little egrets. And speaking of heron species, the bittern has also been seen several times over the last month flying around the visitor trails. There has been a marsh harrier seen over Phase 2 looking from the viewing platform on the Cromwell Trail and hobbys have been seen catching dragonflies mid-air.

Our volunteers have been busy as ever too, still re-covering the boardwalk in new chicken wire – we are now about half way through this task! We have also been removing ragwort from our hay cut area around the visitor trails. We have to do this as ragwort is poisonous to cattle and horses, that will eat the hay that we make.



Voila. Here are the answers to the village crossword. I hope those of you who had a go at this personalised crossword (kindly made by Bob W) enjoyed it. Time flies by, so if you haven't had a chance to have a go at this crossword there's always the online edition of July's on Winthorpe's website.—Lizzie W



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As I look around me
In my very quiet domain
Reflecting in my later
years
That gardening is a pain



GARDENING POEM

Thank you Ron for once again
contributing August's poem. -
Lizzie W

I realise that this is not
The normal point of view
But there is so much of it
And such a lot to do



Now I'm not one for digging
I'm averse to manual work
It involves a certain effort
Which I am known to shirk

So most of what I look at
I believe is called a lawn
But then you have to mow it
And it grows from dusk to dawn

CONTINUED...

Then I had to buy a mower
Doesn't matter which I choose
For I have a wonky shoulder
And a machine that I can't use



Then I have to get a man in
A really lovely guy
To proceed with the cutting
While I just sit and sigh

And then there are the flowers
I don't know what they're called
Some are blue and some are red
That I've recently installed

And then there is the watering
And pulling weeds and such
Interfering with my rest
It really is too much

But hey just wait a minute
A vision I've just had
From my position on the sofa
It doesn't look too bad!!!



COLLINGHAM BOWLS CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS



Bowling opportunities for all abilities .

Come along to the Club at the Dale Field site on FRIDAYS AUGUST 20th
and 27th , 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 RESTARTED ALL IT'S ACTIVITIES FOR
THE SUMMER SEASON OF 2021. THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNI-
TIES 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 .

COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR AUGUST

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	August 1st	Tuxford / East Markham
Wednesday	August 4th	Destination to be advised....
Sunday	August 22nd	
Sunday	Sept. 5th & 19th	Wednesday Sept. 1st



NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Dust off those boots, come along and enjoy the countryside at its best.
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WARD on collinghamramblersnottswalks@gmail.com for more
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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 .

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. There are some
coaching sessions during August . (Mondays 2nd , 9th and 16th Saturdays 7th ,
14th and 21st) .The full programme will restart in September . For full
information contact the club coach on 07941 449351 . The Club has now
invested in a 4th all-weather court . So , along with the existing 3 all-weather and
2 grass courts there are plenty of opportunities for social and competitive play .

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



AUGUST'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

On a sunny Thursday in July, we had a lovely wedding in Winthorpe, although there is no newly married couple, because it was a mock wedding between two children from Winthorpe School! It was a splendid occasion and everyone played their part wonderfully – bride and groom, mothers and fathers, bridesmaids, maid of honour and page boys, best man and groomsmen and guests. We learnt about what happens at a church wedding, said an action song, heard the story of what Jesus did at a wedding, made vows and prayed prayers. It was delightful for school to be back in church and we look forward to seeing everyone for harvest.

Speaking of which, our harvest festival season begins on Sunday 8th August in Langford Church. This is called Lammas, which means Loaf Mass. It's an old traditional service which celebrates the wheat harvest, and during the service we'll sing harvest hymns and place a fresh baked loaf of bread on the altar as a way of thanking God for our food. Why wouldn't we want to celebrate and say thank you to God for the wheat which makes the flour which is baked into yummy bread, biscuits and cake? Why wouldn't we want to celebrate and thank God for our farmers who grow our food? The service starts at 5pm, so do come along and join in. This is for everyone and it's a lovely opportunity to enjoy our beautiful church and community together after keeping apart for such a long time.

Hopefully by then, we won't have so many Covid restrictions, but let's carry on being careful of each other. Personally, I'm still going to be wearing a mask in indoor public spaces and I'm not going to be shaking hands. This is out of consideration for everyone, because I want to enjoy our company safely.

So, have a happy August and watch out for each other. I look forward to seeing you at our regular church services and at our Lammas service.

God bless you.

Revd Mandy..



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CHURCH NOTICES



Hello from St Giles Church Holme,

We're delighted to let you know that the church will be open again when possible, from mid-August as before during the day. Further to the relaxations that came in on July 19th, there will be little change at the church as we want to see what happens before we go back to normal. Therefore, masks will still be worn at services, and soft singing will only be permitted whilst wearing a mask except for the music leaders who will be socially separated and at the front.

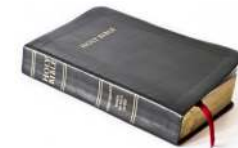
Keeping the churchyard mown and tidy (at no cost the village or the church) is quite a challenge for us as we get older, so it's been quite disheartening to receive complaints about the tending of the grass verge recently and difficulty in being able to park. We sincerely apologise for trying to follow the council guidelines to leave the flowers and grasses for the wildlife, and we will try and cut the growth immediately by the roadside which we have to do using hand tools as the slope and fast-moving traffic is too dangerous for our little mower. We've just maintained the path leading up to the church with new pea gravel so hopefully this will be appreciated.

Parking close to the church has always been difficult, and as we only have responsibility for the land enclosed by the brick wall, we cannot do anything about it. Whilst we welcome comments from villagers on any church matter, if only now and again we could have some more positive comments it will serve to lift our spirits, and make what we strive to do the best of our ability, more worthwhile. On a positive note, we wish to thank Jill Cooper for creating and looking after the attractive display in the box under the village sign. This is enjoyed by everyone coming into the village.

Just a further reminder that on Wednesday 1st September at 6pm, Collingham & District Local History Society will be coming to Holme church for an evening of talks, discovery, and an opportunity to have a natter. Please bring your own picnic. There will be a small charge for non-members, who are most welcome, and this is a much-anticipated event having been postponed from last year.

After such a torrid twelve months, what joy it is to see the local farmers bringing the 'Harvest Home'. Let's pray for good weather so that it can be gathered in, as it looks like a good yield this year. The date for Holme Harvest festival, all being well, will be Sunday 17th October at 6pm.

Kind regards,
Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.





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CHURCH NOTICES



As I write these notes we are two days away from 'Freedom Day'! Will it happen? Will we be able to sit closer together in church and to sing? Although the Government might say it may now happen the Church of England might still want us to be more cautious. With the 3rd wave of Covid, numbers are still increasing rapidly and we will definitely have to be careful with our plans for future indoor worship. So please be patient with us as we look to make sure all feel safe inside our churches.

Hopefully everybody who attended the Pimms Party had a good time- certainly the tickets sold very well which was so pleasing to see.

Lots to look forward to in August with, as well as the normal monthly Services, we will be hosting two Baptisms and a Wedding – how exciting!

In trying to cut back on expenditure we are asking for volunteers to help supplement the grass cutting at church. Please see the advert earlier in the Focal Point pages.

All villagers who are hospitalised or ill at this time are in our thoughts and prayers.

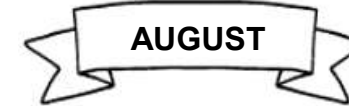
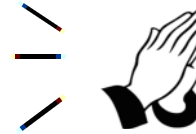
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Just in case your paper copy gets lost, chewed up by the dog, falls down the sideboard or you simply want friends/ family outside of the villages to see it, the Focal Point will always be there! And guess what... it's in COLOUR! Make sure to go to 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 AUGUST 2021



Sunday 8th
(10th after Trinity)

9.00 a.m.
5.00p.m.

Holy Communion
Lammastide Service

Holme
Langford

Sunday 15th
(11th after Trinity)

10.30 a.m.

Holy Communion

Winthorpe

Sunday 22nd
(12th after Trinity)

10.15a.m.

Morning Worship

Winthorpe

Sunday 29th
(13th after Trinity)

9.00 a.m.

Morning Worship

Langford

The Church Bells may be rung at any of the Church Services.

Church Cleaners - Miss T. Applewhite

Brasses - Miss T. Applewhite



QUICK REMINDER - LUNCH CLUB -



August's Lunch Club will be held on August 2nd at the Lord Nelson. Bookings can be made to the Lord Nelson directly via phone (01636 707705). The menu for August's Lunch Club is: **Ham, Eggs & Chips OR Fish & Chips OR Hoisin Chicken Stir Fry & Apple Tart OR Orange Cheesecake**



AUGUST'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)

Monday	2nd	Silver Bin	
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Thursday	5th	Cycle to Work Day	
Sunday	8th	International Cat Day	
Monday	9th	Green & Brown Bin	
Mon	9th - 15th	National Allotments Week	
Mon	9th—15th	Afternoon Tea Week	
Monday	16th	Silver Bin	
Wednesday	18th	Never Give Up Day	
Thursday	19th	World Humanitarian Day	
Thursday	19th	World Photo Day	
Monday	23rd	Green & Brown Bin	
Monday	30th	Silver Bin	
Monday	30th	Summer Bank Holiday	



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)