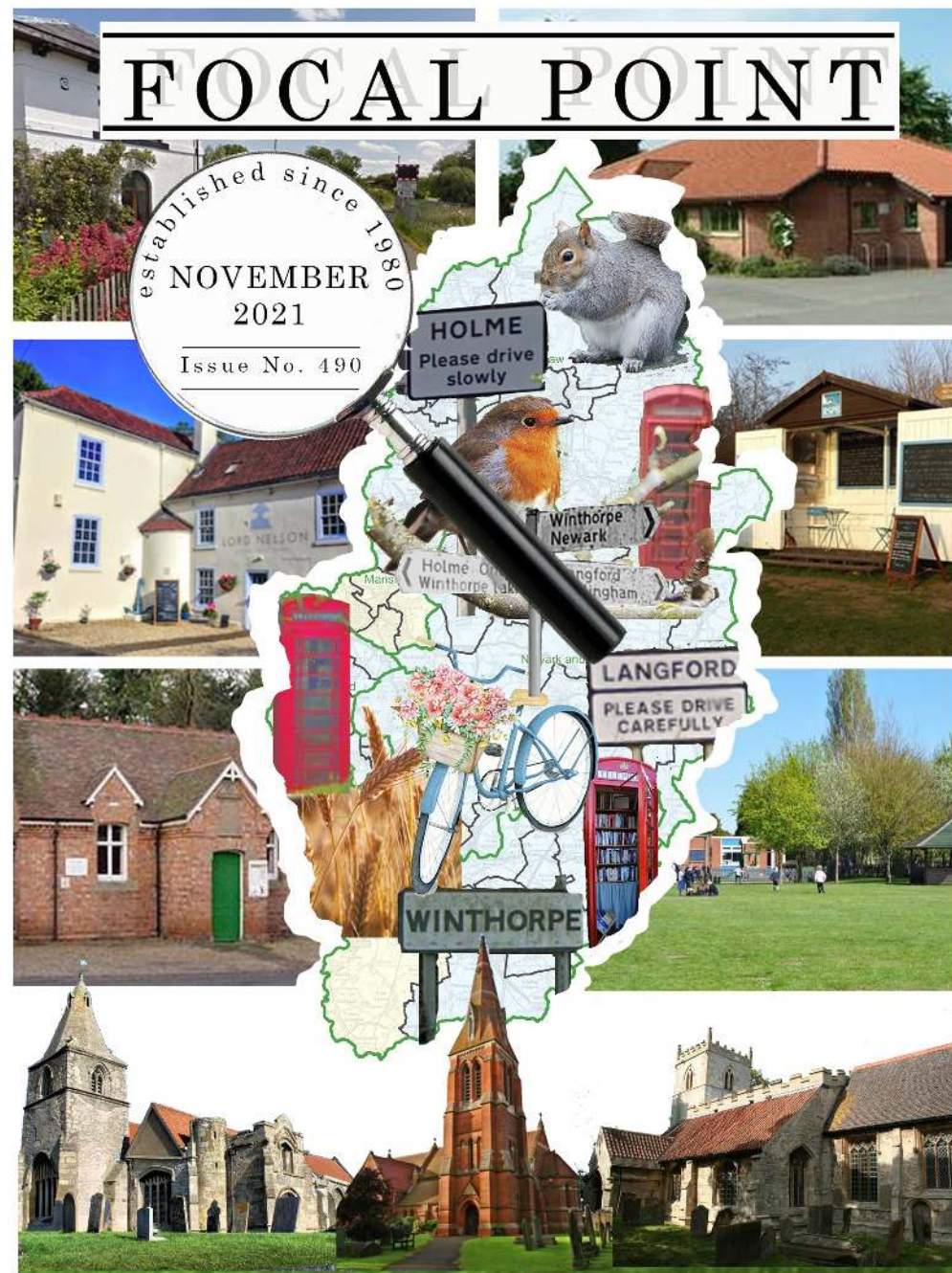




autumn's offerings...
- bonfire night & being in the
midst of autumn -



Bonfire



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WELCOME

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

QUICK UPDATES BEFORE YOU GET READING...

Great apologies for the lack of uploading the online editions over the past 6 months.. Thanks for all your patience.

- Lizzie Wakefield - Editor

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NOTICES

Make sure to check out Winthorpe village's website to keep up with all the latest news, as well as Holme village's website (not secure).

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November 2021 Edition



Hiya!

Firstly, I must appreciate the brilliant contributions towards the FP, so much so, we've been able to make this edition a jam-packed 24 page edition. Absolutely fantastic! We honestly can't thank you enough for every single one of you who takes time out of your day to reach out.

How was your Halloween/ half-term break for some of you? At time of writing, my pirate costume still hasn't arrived so... this year will be very exciting nonetheless.

As you may have already noticed, there has been a slight shift in the FP this month... 1. Probably because we're getting closer to winter, later editions will have more of a cosier atmosphere to it. OR 2. My computer is out of action for a couple of weeks, leaving me to edit this edition on the laptop, which has created a real whirlwind of emotions. Laptops are not my strongest point, but I'm getting there - slowly.

Another side note, unfortunately our landline telephone is still out of use, so if you could please email (if possible) or ring up our mobile that would be great. Thank you.

November is yet again another full on month as there's only 2 months left to prep for Christmas, along with Bonfire night this month, Remembrance Day, Diwali, First Day of Hanukkah, All Saint's Day - absolutely loads of celebrations to look forward to. Have you got any plans for some of these?

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

Embrace the changes in nature!

- Lizzie W (Ed)



DEADLINE

FOR DECEMBER'S EDITION

November 19TH 2021



You don't need me to tell you that prices are going up. Food prices have been climbing, fuel prices have risen, and come Spring 2022 we can expect a large hike in energy prices. Most of us may grumble, have opinion as to the cause, pay up and get on with life, but for those among us who struggle to make ends meet, every day, week, month and year, the future looks bleaker than ever. Nothing to look forward to but more of the same, or worse. So may I please ask you to be generous to the Foodbank. Every item that helps out with the cost of someone's food bill means that they can put that money towards more food, or rent, or heating etc.

These past few weeks, the number of items donated by us here has fallen. I was still able to make a delivery on the 18th October, but that is 6 weeks since our last contribution to the Foodbank. Usually a delivery is made by us every four weeks, and has been on occasion two weeks.

Thank you so much to those of you who have given, but please would others among you consider buying an extra item or two when you are shopping, and drop it off at any of the collection points listed below.

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: 00027004

The items most needed by the Foodbank this month are: Tinned carrots, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned or microwavable sponge puddings, long life milk, long life fruit juice, biscuits and men's deodorant.

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

The collection points in Winthorpe remain:



The shop at the Lord Nelson, during shop hours.

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

The church porch. At the moment, the church is open 10-12noon on Sundays, when there is a service taking place, and 1.30-3.30pm on a Thursday



Jane White

Since preparing the above article the Foodbank have e-mailed to say that the last two donations from us weighed in at 24kg and 72.8kg. Thank you all very much for your support. The Foodbank also tell me that they are becoming much busier now with Christmas on the way, plus the cut in Universal Credit and the loss of furlough payments for many.

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CHRISTMAS 2021

Monday 27 December – **CLOSED**
Tuesday 28 December – **CLOSED**
Monday 3 January 2022 – **CLOSED**
(Normal opening hours all other days)

The Collingham Medical Centre team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We also offer a very warm welcome to new team members Dr Edda Schuerch, Dr Kate Rees and Sarah Holt, Respiratory Specialist Nurse.

Our communication with patients relies on current information. If your personal details change, including telephone numbers, please let the practice know. Thank you.

Out of Hours Service is provided from 111 when the surgery is closed.
Website: www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk

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CHRISTMAS 2021

Saturday 25 December – **CLOSED**
Monday 27 December – **CLOSED**
Tuesday 28 December – **CLOSED**
Saturday 1 January – **CLOSED**
Monday 3 January 2022 – **CLOSED**
(Normal opening hours all other days. Closed between 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm every day)

The Collingham Pharmacy team would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

When this Pharmacy is closed, if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation contact NHS 111.
Information can also be accessed at www.nhs.uk

Website: www.collinghammedicalcentre.co.uk



THINK AGAIN— THE WINTHORPE RESIDENTS' A46 CONSULTATION GROUP

Progress has been ongoing since the last update. The Group has continued working behind the scenes to develop a dedicated Think Again website. This will enable us to have all the Think Again information in one place. Our aim is to get this fully operational as soon as possible.

National Highways has been in touch regarding devising a better strategy for keeping the community informed for the next round of consultation. This is welcome news.

For further information please use the following contact:

A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com

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

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



WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL

On Thursday 21st October 2021, the Parish Council held its quarterly finance meeting followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting in the village hall.

The Clerk confirmed that its external auditors, PKF Littlejohn, were happy with the accounts for 2020-2021 and there were no outstanding actions on the Parish Council.

The Parish Council had a large number of guests at the meeting to discuss the planning applications at Winthorpe House, 47 Gainsborough Road.

The applicant, Mr W Smith and his representative outlined their proposals and then took questions from the floor. There was a lot of concern about the proposals and the impact on the village regarding noise, traffic, access to and from the site and parking.

The Chairman advised the meeting to use the NSDC planning portal to lodge any objections or concerns before the deadline of 27th October 2021.

The Council also discussed the matter of house numbering on the Spinney. NSDC want to put up signs directing traffic to properties but there still remains a reluctance amongst some householders to put house numbers on their properties. All properties have been allocated house numbers and this information has been given to NSDC. The Parish Council asks that all properties are identified by numbers which will assist the emergency services if they need to locate a property.

The Council has applied to NSDC for its own "speed gun" following the successful trials in the village and is delighted to see a speed warning sign opposite Thoroughfare Lane on leaving the village.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk

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Greetings from your local!

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

Monday, November 1st 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.	This month choose from Bangers & Mash or Veggie Lasagne & to follow Bread & Butter pudding Or Eton Mess
Monday, November 8th Our resident Quiz Master, Mr Mick Lowes hosts our monthly quiz, booking is essential! It's 7pm for 7.30pm. £1 quiz entry fee plus dinner £7.50.	This month choose from the Nelson Fish Basket or Tempura Veggie Basket.
Monday, November 15th Come along and listen to local talent perform at our Open Mic night - live music, poetry or comedy	You never know you might be at a performance by a rising star!
Wednesday, November 17th	Join us for our monthly Steak night £30 for two includes a rump, salmon or cauliflower steak and a carafe of red or white wine.
Takeaways	Our menu continues to be available as a takeaway option if you prefer to dine at home. Customers who live in the Village and remain shielding or vulnerable can still benefit from our free delivery
Takeaway deliveries	
December & Christmas	Please don't forget to pick up a Christmas menu for your get together with friends, an office party or whatever you're celebrating ... you'll find something to suit you.
New Years Eve	Spend New Years Eve with us and enjoy tapas, a Robbie Williams tribute act, dancing and maybe a glass of bubbles!

Winter is approaching, the days are getting shorter, the weather is getting colder and we are changing our opening hours we operate during the winter months:

see top of next page for open/close hours

As always, thank you for your continued support of the pub and shop!

Susie & Emma

 thelordnelsonatwinthorpe@gmail.com

Monday: 9.30am/2.30pm & 5.30pm-10pm
Tuesday: 9.30am/2.30pm & 5.30pm -11pm
Wednesday: 9.30am/2.30pm & 5.30pm -9pm
Thursday: 9.30am/2.30pm & 5.30pm -9pm
Friday: 9.30am - 11pm
Saturday: 10am - 10pm
Sunday: 10am - 7pm

LORD NELSON:

Winter open and close times



NOVEMBER'S RECIPE -COMFORT FOOD-



Thank you Jane for sending in this month's

"Remember, remember.....November is often rather chilly. The best way to get through any cold snap is a vitamin-packed broth. Serve this with some warmed crusty bread." - Jane C

Serves 4

Ingredients:

20g butter
 1 onion, roughly chopped
 1 leek, sliced
 1 stick celery, finely sliced
 300g carrots, cubed
 200g parsnips, diced into 1cm cubes
 75g pearl barley
 1.2 litres vegetable stock, hot
 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
 200g cavolo nero, finely shredded
 Grated Parmigiano Reggiano or Sussex Charmer, to serve



CAVOLO NERO SCOTCH BROTH

Heat the butter in a large saucepan and gently cook the onion, leek and celery for 5 minutes until starting to soften.

Add the carrots and parsnips and cook for a further 5 minutes. Add the pearl barley and then pour over the hot stock and simmer for 30 minutes without the lid on, until the barley and vegetables are tender.

Stir in the mustard and cavolo nero and cook for 5 minutes until tender. Ladle into bowls and serve sprinkled with the grated cheese and a good grinding of

Tip:

Cavolo nero can be used as a substitute in all recipes that require cabbage.

Vary the vegetables used in this recipe – try adding peas or sliced green beans.



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!

PPG & CMC UPDATE

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) working alongside Collingham Medical Centre CMC) was able to meet in person for the first time since the first lockdown. It was good to meet everyone face to face, albeit masked, in well ventilated and well-spaced area (in fact it was the new patient observation area for the COVID Vaccine campaign known to many of us as the former Collingham Library).

COVID vaccinations were first to be discussed. CMC informed us that there are two routes available to receive the third (booster) dose. The national system in designated centres which can be booked via the National Booking Service (119) or at CMC once the vaccine has arrived. Our GP practice will be supporting the campaign for the locality and clinics will be over weekends so as not to disrupt GP services during the week. Eligible patients need a minimum of 6 months between their last COVID Vaccine and booster. You will be contacted as soon as receipt of the vaccine is confirmed; there is no need to contact the Medical Centre.

FREE Lateral Flow Test Devices are available from the Collingham Pharmacy - it is important to continue to test to protect you, your family and our community. Follow national guidance to isolate on a positive test and attend a PCR testing Centre for any COVID symptom (please do not assume it's a cold). Lateral Flow Testing offers reassurance that you are not carrying the virus, even if symptom free. If you have symptoms, please book PCR test and isolate.

The dispensaries at the CMC and Pharmacy continue to work to **3 working days** from order to collection, please try not to present early this is frustrating for all parties as the supply chain and our team members continue to see daily disruption to our dispensing services.

The PPG has undertaken a recent poster campaign highlighting how long some common ailments may last and also a reminder to sign up for the NHS app. Please keep a lookout for these posters on notice boards in the 34 villages served by CMC. Patients can access their Covid-19 vaccination status through the NHS app. Patients are advised by gov.uk that there is no need to contact CMC for their vaccination status.

The NHS App, a simple and secure way to access a range of NHS services on your smartphone or tablet.



PPG & CMC UPDATE CONTINUED...

You can use the NHS App to check your symptoms and get instant advice, book appointments, order repeat prescriptions, view your GP medical record and more. If you already use SystmOnline you can continue to use it. You can use the NHS App as well. For more information go to www.nhs.uk/nhsapp

The Rural Advice Centre holds an updated directory of local groups which is available on their website.

The CMC has been affected by the **national shortage of blood bottles** which has meant only essential blood tests were taken. Supplies are now beginning to come through and CMC hope to be in a position to offer the annual reviews in your birthday month from the end of October. However, if you are concerned about your medicines please seek advice and not wait until your routine review.

COVID continues to affect our communities and CMC as team members and their families are required to isolate – this does sometimes means appointments are rescheduled at short notice. Please bear with them. The current infection rates are available on the Nottinghamshire County Council website. CMC continue to work in a safe way and offer telephone triage for some symptoms so that you can be seen in red zones to protect all.

CMC are **pleased to welcome new staff** Dr Francis Da Silva (is supporting over the Winter months), Dr Kirsty Wilson and Dr Gerty Gertrude Agbedeyi are our current GP Registrars. New permanent GPs have recently joined the team – Dr Edda Schuerch and Dr Kate Rees.

Collingham Medical Centre continues to welcome new patients, the patient list currently standing at 7,489 and do have the physical space to support all the new developments in our area. Welcome to all those who move into our communities.

The PPG continue to be very proud and happy to support and work with the amazing team at Collingham. Thank you for all you do.



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!

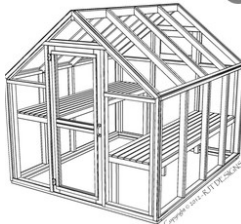
WINTHORPE ALLOTMENTS

Join Winthorpe Allotment Association to provide fresh fruit and veg for your family, neighbours and now the wider community.

In 2021, Winthorpe Allotment Association joined the Newark & Sherwood Council CropDrop initiative. This activity brought excess fresh produce from the allotment to the food bank, Bean Block Cafe (a community backed initiative), and through the help of Newark college, cooked meals for low income families. Courgettes, beans, potatoes, gherkins were a regular weekly gift from the allotment through the summer months.

During a visit to Winthorpe's Lord Nelson, our local MP Robert Jenrick, was presented with a box of fresh vegetables from the Winthorpe allotment, to raise the profile of this fantastic CropDrop scheme, which has brought healthy fresh produce and the knowledge to cook it, on to the table of low income families.

If you fancy taking on an allotment plot for the 2021-2022 season, please email miles.harriman@hotmail.com. Here is a great opportunity to get outside, get fit, and produce some healthy fresh fruit and vegetables for your family and give any spare to the local community. **YOUR ALLOTMENT NEEDS YOU!**



VILLAGE APPRECIATIONS



The FP absolutely love hearing great feedback about our three villages and the sheer joy that the community has to offer to villagers and non-villagers. Here's a message from Brian P to detail his point of view of Winthorpe in the late 1950s. What's your take on the villages? - Lizzie W (Ed)

Hi, I enjoyed your website. In the late 1950's I worked, as a manager, for J W & H Branstons the maltster in Newark, married a local girl Joan George and played cricket for Winthorpe. In those days the captain was Ray Burch and his father was our very good umpire. I can't remember many of the club members but Tom Mills was our fast bowler and Roy Morewood, a brewer with Holes Brewery, was a batsman. I usually batted at number 3 or 4. We had a good fixture list with Collingham being the most important as our local derby. Teas were served in the village hall by our wives and we all went to the pub after the matches. My wife and I have fond memories of Winthorpe and have managed to visit while on holiday. I was delighted to see the new cricket pavilion and slightly sad to see the remains of the old roller which we bought from Worthington and Simpson's where Ray Burch worked.

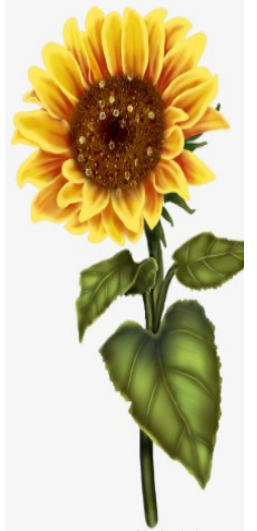


GIANT SUNFLOWER COMPETITION



Time to announce the winners of the 2021 Winthorpe, Langford & Holme Giant Sunflower Competition!

- 1st Prize: Lily McNaught (height 3.43m)
- 2nd Prize: Eva Farmer (height 3.30m)
- 3rd Prize: Catherine & Merryn Dray (height 3.04m)



The Teacher's Award went to Mrs Cobb, whose sunflower measured 1.83m. Congratulations to all of our prize winners – it was lovely to be able to visit school and present you with your trophies and certificates. Indeed, well done to everyone who entered the competition, and to all the parents and grandparents who no doubt helped our young gardeners.

See you next Spring for the 2022 competition!

Liz & Charlie Ferreira



HALLOWEEN PEBBLE HUNT



A children's Halloween Pebble Hunt will take place in Winthorpe on Sunday 31st October from 2.00pm. Fifty painted Halloween pebbles will be hidden around the village for children to find. It would be great if both adults and children could wear a Halloween outfit. I hope it will be an afternoon of family fun. Pebbles should be taken to the Lord Nelson for the children to receive a sweet treat. You can also keep the pebbles. This is not a trick but my treat...

Denise x



MICHAEL WARREN

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MISS JONES POEM

Thank you Ron for once again sending in a lovely poem filled with imagery.



There is a girl they call Miss Jones
I'd like to know her better
Maybe the one from 'Rising Damp'
I think I'll write a letter



I've only seen her once or twice
I'm hoping to see more
She looks so very elegant
When she opens up the door



She gets into this fancy car
Her chauffeur doffs his cap
I think his name is Rigsby
He seems a pleasant chap



Off they go she's eating out
It's often somewhere posh
She has a healthy appetite
And Rigsby holds her dosh



She glides into the restaurant
And gives her lovely smile
The waiters eyes are glazing
They've never seen such style



Her dresses are amazing
She has that touch of class
Just white wine for me she'll say
And Rigsby fills her glass



She's bright and often laughing
They seem a lovely pair
But I'd watch that Rigsby feller
'Cause he's got his eye on her



QUICK REMINDER - LUNCH CLUB -



November's Lunch Club will be held on November 1st at the Lord Nelson. Bookings can be made to the Lord Nelson directly via phone (01636 707705). The menu for November's Lunch Club is: **Bangers & Mash OR Veggie Lasagne & Bread & Butter Pudding OR Eton Mess**



CHARITY OF THOMAS BREWER

The charity's AGM took place on 22nd September, at which two long serving trustees, Peter Foden and Margaret Stewart decided to step down.

Peter started as a trustee in 2004 and the following year became a Parish Council (PC) nominated trustee; Margaret was also nominated by the PC in 2005. The new PC nominated trustees (until the 2025 AGM) are David Barthorpe and Patricia Applewhite.

Existing trustees re-elected are Lee Cammack and Neil Moran. Sue Masheder becomes a newly elected trustee and Rev Mandy Cartwright continues as an ex-officio trustee.

Chairman Lee Cammack thanked Peter and Margaret for their many years of service to the charity. Both have long been key people involved when any grants have been considered and made to individuals in need of some support.

In particular, Peter was also heavily involved in the dealings with the Charity Commission around 5 years ago to change the objects and improve the governance of the charity. Until those changes were made, we could not make awards in support of charitable endeavours. Neither did the charity have an AGM, or a chairman and no trustees were elected by residents of the parish which it is meant to serve.

In addition to providing some support to individuals, the charity made grants to 2 charitable endeavours; £400 towards the Daffodil Planting Scheme around the entrance to Winthorpe village and £750 towards the purchase of a sit-on mower for use by the Allotment Association. Two further promised grants, totalling £3,500 were made but not paid out within the financial year ending July 2021.

Despite the pandemic, the charity continued to be active and the trustees wish to reiterate their desire to support individuals in need (please contact any trustee in complete confidence) and charitable endeavours (please see our pages on the village website or contact Secretary / Treasurer, David Barthorpe).



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W.I CLUB



"We have a new venue and day. We currently meet in the Community Centre on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30p.m. This is all due to Covid 19.

After 18th months of no meetings, we have had 2. September was Cocktails and mocktails, a most enjoyable evening with lots of laughter. October we had Suzanne come and tell us about her travels in India and Indian Block Painting. We all chose a piece of material, paints, a wooden block and sponge. The wooden blocks had all sorts of designs on them. The idea was to put paint on the sponge and work it in on the wooden blocks before printing the pattern on to the material. There were some wonderful creations. At both meetings we had the pleasure of welcoming several visitors. November's meeting is all about chocolates – see how they are made and hopefully enjoy tasting. December is our Christmas party – more about that next month."

Virginia R. Seager
President



DAFFODIL PLANTING PROJECT

Dear Villagers,



Just a quick note to share the outcome of the Daffodil Planting Project that took place on the 4th September.

We had a great turnout from dozens and dozens of volunteers who planted up the Gainsborough Road entrance to Winthorpe, leaving the planting of the A1133 to Via East Midlands Ltd who work in partnership with Nottingham County Council. Between us an astonishing 10,000 bulbs were planted.

We were generously supported by the Charity of Thomas Brewer, Winthorpe with Langford Parish Council and the Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Next Spring should see the results of our labour with an impressive show of Daffodils, bringing joy for us and generations to come.

Once again a big thankyou to all the planters and all those behind the scenes that made this possible.

Best Regards
James Sumsion



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100 CLUB

- October's Winners -

1st	£46.80	Harold Mabbott
2nd	£23.40	Anne Coote
3rd	£7.80	Barbara Woodcock

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

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Sunday 14th November 2021

For more information contact :

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The Showground

Lincoln Road

Winthorpe

Newark NG24 2NY

Tele: 01636 640202

Email : enquiries@newarkindoorbowlscentre.org.uk

**WINTHORPE GARDEN CLUB**

Winthorpe Garden Club Meeting. Wed. October 20th.

The meeting was opened by Pat Finn, due to Ian Wilson not being able to attend.

The gardens at Harpswell, which is 12 miles north of Lincoln, are now certainly impressive. The owner Pat Tatam described their development from a Garden Center / Nursery to the more formal gardens, with the help of pictures from a drone, giving a wonderful overview. She was then able to describe each section of the gardens in detail.

The first pictures, showed her early family living in the house in 1914, moving through the business development to a nursery and now to gardens. Large areas of lawn were laid initially, but then replaced with a patio, with superb iron railings and pathways with raised beds containing numerous types of flowers and bushes. These contained low box hedges, with penstemons, lavaterias and sweet peas etc.

Rowan trees also featured to give some background cover, and roses of all types around the outside.

Cat mint and alliums were in a large impressive area around the house, where outbuildings had been redeveloped into workshops for furniture makers and restorers and also a blacksmith. The final pictures showed the old moat, which they have opened up and now have a rowing boat !

Many daffodils have been planted with a wonderful colour effect, as has a wildflower area..

An excellent evening, but unfortunately only 14 members attended, the others missing a treat. Pat closed the meeting with thanks and his usual quiz.

David Green.



COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Great news !! Organised Ramblers Walks have now restarted and will continue to the rest of the year. We still have to follow Ramblers Association guidelines, but are now allowed to increase the length of our walks and travel further afield. All participants should still bring their own hand sanitiser and face mask. Car sharing is now allowed.



Wednesday Nov. 10th	To Be Confirmed...
Sunday Nov. 14th	To Be Confirmed...
Sunday Nov. 28th	To Be Confirmed...
Sun. Dec. 12th	Weds. Dec. 22nd



NEW WALKERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Dust off those boots, come along and enjoy the countryside at its best. Please contact NINA WARD on collinghamramblersnottswalks@gmail.com for more information and specific walk details.



COACHING AND PLAY HAS NOW STARTED 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 and autumn 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.

Saturday sessions take place at our London Road Courts.

After 1/2 term all Monday sessions will take place under floodlights at the Sherwood Avenue Courts

The full programme is now underway after the summer holiday break. After 1/2 term new 6-week courses will start to take us up to the Christmas holidays. 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.



FOCAL POINT ANNOUNCEMENT



Thank You Thank You

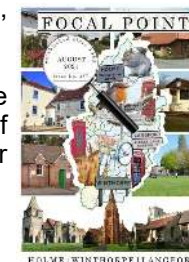
Dear Readers,

I hope you are enjoying our village magazine and will continue to do so. Focal Point is reliant on its advertisers, who are the major financial contributor to its ongoing production. May I ask you therefore to please give them all your support whenever possible.

We are always on the lookout for new advertisers, so if you run a business or know somebody who does who would like to advertise, please get in touch.

Finally, I would like to thank all the volunteers who are involved with Focal Point, many of whom brave all sorts of weather to ensure that your Magazine arrives safely on your mat every month.

Duncan R



LANGFORD CHURCH & CHURCHYARD NEWS

As a result of our community churchyard activities over the summer St Bartholomew gardens are looking well-kept and inviting to visitors. The Autumnal colours are beautiful. Thank you to our community.

Some diary dates for December, more details in the next issue:

Saturday 18th December – between 1 - 3pm we will be decorating the church in preparation for our Christmas service. Holly and other greenery from your gardens will be very welcome. Coffee and mince-pies will be served.

Sunday 19th December – Christmas carol service (provisionally 4pm – time to be confirmed)

Christmas Eve – the church will be open 3-5pm to provide a reflective space. Come and hang a wish on our memory tree this Christmas or light a candle. Listen to carols, and share in mulled wine and mince pies. Anytime 3-5pm

We will be starting some sewing activities in the Spring. Creative ideas for table cloths and a wall hanging, including colours and designs, very welcome!

John and Becky Whittaker
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NOVEMBER'S REFLECTIONS



Dear Friends,

Thanks to Covid 19 which infected Phil and I, and plunged us into the strange world of isolation, we missed the Harvest festivities at Winthorpe and Holme, which was a great shame, but I've heard that they were the good and joyful occasions which we all expect.

To be honest, catching Covid came as a shock, after all this time and shows that the virus is still around and active, so please take care and continue to follow all the Covid precautions which you can. There were some pleasant surprises too, because once we'd tested positive, we found ourselves in a very efficient system, where we had daily updates on what to do via sympathetic, personal phone calls from strangers who genuinely seemed to care how we were. We were also well supported by Collingham Medical Centre and the emergency doctor. Church and village wise, we were greatly encouraged by all the kind messages and offers of help which we received and nothing was missed in the busy week which I mainly slept through. Thank you everyone.

This shows us how none of us manage without other people and we're not designed to *go it alone*. November itself is a reminder of this. It is a month of remembrance, when we specifically remember those who've died in war, but our remembrance can take us beyond that, so that we're aware of everyone who we love and see no longer, everyone who we've depended on for life, learning and enjoyment and everyone we rely on now.

By doing this, we will have a real month of remembrance, when all our connections are put back together and we know that isolation is only a temporary illusion.

God bless you,

Revd Mandy.



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ST. GILES

HOLME

CHURCH NOTICES



Hello from St Giles Church Holme,

We had a lovely Harvest service to end the East Trent Group of Harvest Festivals – a truly rural event at the church. Bunches of wheat were tied to the pew ends with old fashioned baler twine, or binder twine if you can remember the binders that were replaced by combines. These mammoth machines can have 45-foot-wide headers capable of doing the work in a fraction of the time and controlled by satellite. Two budding young farmers, Jack, 12 and Freddie, 8 gave us a treat when they read their version of harvest time in poetry. There were two farmers present and Brian Wright read the Harvest Gospel for us. We had to be cautious during these worrying times, and in a departure from the usual celebrations we enjoyed refreshments of wrapped confectionary and drinks, still very enjoyable and it was good to see people having a chat once again.

We are most grateful to all who gave harvest gifts which have now been taken for distribution to those in need. We are also grateful to all those who support Holme church financially, without this generous support we could not keep the place going. There are a number of tiles which have blown off in the winds and we need to get them put back and we also need to have the place rewired as the current wiring is very crude; this will enable much improved LED lighting to be installed plus provision for the latest form of short-wave heating panels.

Currently there is a communion service at 9am on the first Sunday of each month. Maybe we need to consider changing this so that every other month, instead of communion we could put on a less formal service and make it a 10am to appeal to the wider local residents. We would explore some different readings and music and if young people wish to take part, then that would be very rewarding. So if Focal Point readers have some ideas to help us plan changing the worship pattern we would be delighted. Please contact Doreen or Nigel, or if you wish you can put it in an envelope and leave on the table next to the font at the back; the church is unlocked most days.

Our next service will be on Sunday 7th November and currently we plan to have a Carol Service on Sunday 19th December; more details on this next month.

Kind regards,
Take care and keep safe,
Nigel Priestley and Doreen Hallam.





ALL SAINTS WINTHORPE



The clocks have gone back but we are looking forwards to a very busy time in church.

I do need to look back briefly though, to last month, where we sadly saw the passing of Neil Butler and his funeral which was a lovely event attended by many villagers and family members. We also welcomed Rupert Williams into the church and held the wedding of Kieren and Sarah Martin. The Harvest Supper was a jolly affair, as always, at the Community Centre with much brain searching at Pat Finn's Quiz! The Harvest Festival was a lovely occasion where church looked beautiful with all the autumn flowers and pumpkins adorning the window ledges and pedestals. Hopefully the church was full for the Songs of Praise on the 31st.

This month has no let up with another Baptism due plus the annual event of the Remembrance Sunday Service being taken by David White. We hope many residents from our three villages will be able to attend this special Service.

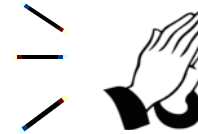
Looking even further ahead all Services for Christmas time are planned with a Christingle, Carol Service, Christmas Eve Communion and Carols around the village taking place. More information, especially about the Village Carol Singing, will be given next month.

In your prayers please remember Revd. Mandy and Phil who have both been struggling with Covid 19 and which has sadly, obviously, seen Mandy miss out on all the celebrations and Services at the end of last month. We hope they both recover fully very soon. Please also remember any villager who is ill, hospitalised or bereaved at this time in your prayers.

Tisha Applewhite
Churchwarden (643763)



Church Services for NOVEMBER 2021



Sunday 7th
(3rd before advent)

9.00 am

Holy Communion

Holme

Sunday 14th
(Remembrance Sunday)

10.15a.m.

Remembrance Service

Winthorpe Church

Sunday 21st
(Christ the King)

9.00a.m.
10.15a.m.

Holy Communion
Morning Worship

Langford
Winthorpe

Sunday 28th
(1st of Advent)

5.00p.m.

Evening Prayer

Winthorpe

Thursdays 1.30 – 3.30p.m.

Open Church

Winthorpe

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NOVEMBER'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 Scholarship Day	
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Monday	1st	Village Lunch Club	Lord Nelson
Monday	1st	World Vegan Day	
Monday	1st	Green & Brown Bin	
Wednesday	3rd	National Sandwich Day	
Friday	5th	Guy Fawkes Day / Bonfire Night	
Monday	8th	Silver Bin	
Tuesday	9th	World Freedom Day	
Saturday	13th	World Kindness Day	
Saturday	13th	Michael Warren - 10am to 4pm	Collingham
Sunday	14th	Michael Warren - 10am to 4pm	Collingham
Monday	15th	Green & Brown Bin	
Thursday	18th	Mickey Mouse's Birthday	
Saturday	20th	Universal Children's Day	
Monday	22nd	Silver Bin	
Thursday	25th	Thanksgiving (US)	
Friday	26th	Black Friday	
Monday	29th	Green & Brown Bin	
Tuesday	30th	St. Andrews Day	



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)