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# FOCAL POINT

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ou would like to: help the community; or are interested in connecting with amazing people in the community; or simply love having a bit of a structured routine — please don't hesitate to contact either Duncan or myself at: duncrichardson@sky.com or.....

winthorpefocalpoint@gmail.com.

I believe that every single one of you has the potential to do surreal and great things.

Talk soon, Lizzie (Ed)

P.S: Even if you specifically aren't interested, but know someone who you think maybe interested... give them a boost of confidence and encourage them into this fantastic role.





#### QUICK UPDATES BEFORE YOU GET READING...

And... we're back to uploading online editions. Thanks for all your patience. Please do let others know about the FP's online editions found on Winthorpe's website.

- Lizzie Wakefield - Editor

February 2022 Edition

Maybe or maybe not this was expected, but you probably can guess by the gist of this page of what this message entails...

2022 is where I start to challenge myself to step out of my comfort zone and explore many opportunities such as: driving, UCAT prep, work experience, dedicating more time to my A-Levels along with my journey as a barista.

Thank you for supporting me and welcoming me into your beautiful community. I have loved witnessing the community spirit stay strong over this pandemic. I have loved learning more and more about members in the three villages. Most importantly, I have loved being part of a community project that shows: compassion, patience and support.

My last edition will be April's edition and therefore we are on the search for the new FP editor. The FP has been a blessing to me and I'm sure if you give it a shot it will surprise you in beautiful ways.







Dear Fellow Villagers,

You will have seen in Lizzie's Editorial that she is standing down as the Editor of Focal Point in April.

Lizzie has been our Editor for 2 years and was willing to step forward at a time when no one else was interested in the position.

Lizzie has done a fantastic job in keeping our magazine moving forward and I hope everyone appreciates all her efforts and hard work.

I know that Lizzie has found it challenging at times, which is not surprising when you remember that she does not turn 17 until April, and we have been in the grip of Covid 19 for the last two years

We were aware that Lizzie's tenure was not going to be a long one as she always had her educational goals to concentrate on before, hopefully, she goes on to study Dentistry at Medical College.

Focal Point was established some 40 years ago to provide details of local events and activities for residents of the three villages, long before the advent of internet, social media, and mobile phones. I am sure that for a lot of our residents, and indeed several village organisations, it is still a very important publication and source of information and would be sorely missed if it does not carry on.

If you think you can take on the role or would like some more information please contact Lizzie, or me at duncrichardson@sky.com.

We don't have long.

Duncan Richardson

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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!



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# THINK AGAIN— THE WINTHORPE RESIDENTS' A46 CONSULTATION GROUP

Communication has been received from National Highways (NH) advising that surveys are about to be undertaken on privately owned land around the village. They explain that the survey findings:

Will be used to minimise potential environmental impacts of the project and they will be included in our Environmental Impact Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment.

They similarly explain that:

It is important to note, surveys taking place throughout the project development are not indicative of any land needed for the construction of the project. Where land is required, we will inform and engage with affected landholders separately.

The surveys focus on the environmental impact and will include:

Habitat Survey	National Vegetation Classification Survey
Invertebrate Habitat Assessment	Great Crested Newt Habitat Suitability Index
Bat Inspections	Wintering Bird Surveys
Badger Walkover Survey	

Further surveys may be undertaken throughout spring 2022 may also include (but not be limited to) air quality, noise and landscape surveys, topographical surveys, and asset surveys for drainage, flood management systems and existing ditches, and utility company apparatus. They also confirm that there may be the need for additional surveys that will be progressed later on to inform the project design, including surveys for geotechnical ground conditions, non-motorised users and structural assessments and additional environmental surveys.

Think Again has formed an environment group focusing on the impact of the A46 on ecology, noise and pollution, with Dr Andrew Parkin (Gainsborough Road) as the lead. Volunteers are required to work with him and so please use the contact details to get in touch if you are able to help.







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

It has been confirmed that the preferred route will be announced on February 24<sup>th</sup>. We understand that National Highways is intending to provide opportunities for discussion with the village in early March . The Think Again group will organise village meetings as soon as official announcements are made.

Progress on the dedicated Think Again web site nears completion, and we will soon have a single point of information and communication available for the village.

For further information please use the following contact:

A46WinthorpeVillage@outlook.com

Facebook page: <u>https://www.facebook.com/ThinkAgainA46Newark</u> Twitter: <u>https://twitter.com/ThinkAgainA46</u>

# **"WALK FOR HOME" FUNDRAISER FOR SHELTER**

I would like to thank all the people (family, friends and neighbours) who contributed so generously to this charity for the homeless. I enjoyed my walk and a total of £323 was raised. Many thanks. Diane McClymont



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## WINTHORPE WITH LANGFORD PARISH COUNCIL







On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022, the Parish Council held its quarterly finance meeting followed by the monthly Parish Council meeting in the village hall.

The finance meeting discussed the forthcoming precept for 2022-2023 and unanimously agreed to request a small increase from £8,569.00 to ££9,000.00. This will be the first increase that the Parish Council have requested in 6 years (over and above annual R.P.I increases) and amounts to a 5% increase. This will be put to NSDC who will make the final decision on this matter.

The main monthly meeting discussed the Focal Point village magazine. The Council has been informed that the present editor, Lizzie Wakefield, intends to stand down in April due to other commitments. The Parish Council would like to thank Lizzie for her hard work and dedication over the last 2 years for continuing to make Focal Point an interesting and enjoyable read.

The Parish Council has agreed to support the Community Centre with funding to tidy the area of banking to the left of the Jubilee walk between the Community Centre and the bridge. Doug Lyne has been asked to start this work shortly.

The Council is also looking to install 2 further dog bins, one on Gainsborough Road near the junction with the Woodlands and one near the bench on Holme Lane.

The adult exercise bikes are now in place near the Community Centre play park and will be ready for use shortly. The Parish Council would like to thank Tarmac, The Charity for Thomas Brewer and the Community Centre for their financial support in purchasing these pieces of equipment.

Mrs Sally Sillery – Parish Clerk parishclerkatwinthorpe@outlook.com.

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Monday, January 31st The Village lunch is held the first Monday of each month - absolutely everyone is welcome to join us. £13.00 for 2 courses Pre-booking is essential for this gathering. 12 noon for 12.30pm.	This months choice: Sweet & Sour Chicken or Vegetable Chow Mein Followed by Banana fritters in maple syrup or Pineapple tart with vanilla ice cream.		
Tuesday, February 1st Join us to celebrate Chinese New Year the year of the Tiger	Call in to pick up a menu		
Monday, February 7th Our resident Quiz Master, Mr Mick Lowes hosts our New Year quiz, booking is essential! It's 7pm for 7.30pm. £1 quiz entry fee plus dinner £8.00	This months choice is: Beef in Black Bean Sauce or Singapore Noodles.		
Monday February 14th Celebrate Valentine's Day with us	Call in to pick up a menu		
Monday, February 21st Join us for our Open Mic Night from 8pm	Come along and enjoy a night of music, you never know you may witness a rising star!		
Wednesday, February 23rdJoin us for our monthly Steaknight£35 for two	This month choose from a rump, salmon steak, and a carafe of red or white wine. Vegetarian and Vegan options are available on request.		
Takeaways	Our menu continues to be available as a takeaway option if you prefer to dine at home. Don't forget our Seniors special offer each Friday is Fish and Chips - £7.50.		
Deliveries	Customers who live in the Parish and remain shielding or vulnerable can still benefit from our <b>free</b> delivery.		
February opening hours	Monday: 9.30am-2.30pm/5pm-9pm Tuesday: 9.30am-2.30pm/5pm -11pm Wednesday: 9.30am-2.30pm/5pm -9pm Thursday: 9am-2.30pm/5pm-10pm		

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As always, thank you for your continued support of the pub and shop! Best wishes... Susie & Emma xx ⊠thelordnelsonatwinthorpe@gmail.com

Friday: 9.30am - 11pm Saturday: 10am - 10pm Sunday: 10am - 7pm

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## FEBRUARY'S RECIPE -LUNAR NEW YEAR-



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

"And another New Year begins; 1<sup>st</sup> February is Chinese New Year – the year of the tiger – lucky colours are green, yellow, red & blue. Homemade spring rolls taste so much better than shop-bought ones and this recipe is really easy and also a bit healthier (sticking with that theme :) ) for being oven-baked rather than deep fried." - Jane C



Prep: about 30 minutes Cook: 15-20 minutes Makes 4

#### Ingredients:

50g carrot, grated 2 tbsp cannellini beans 50g beansprouts 1 spring onion, sliced ¼ red pepper, sliced 1 tbsp sweet chilli sauce, plus extra to serve 8 x 23cm squares readymade filo pastry vegetable oil, for greasing 1 lime, cut into wedges, to serve



- **VEGETABLE SPRING ROLLS**
- Preheat the oven to 220°C/425°F/Gas 7. Line a baking tray with greaseproof paper.
- Mix the carrot, beans, beansprouts, spring onion, red pepper and sweet chilli sauce together in a bowl.
- Lay a piece of filo pastry on the work surface in a diamond shape. Brush with a little oil, then cover with another piece of pastry. Brush with more oil.
- Spoon one quarter of the filling onto the corner nearest you. Fold this corner towards the centre and tuck it under the filling. Fold the two outside corners in towards the middle so that it looks like an envelope. Brush with oil, then roll up the pastry to look like a sausage. Repeat with the remaining mixture and pastry.
- Bake in the oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until crisp and golden brown.
- Serve with sweet chilli sauce and wedges of lime delicious!

Tip: You could use a stir fry oil or sesame oil for flavour instead of the vegetable oil.



#### **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!

# PRE-CHRISTMAS NEWS FOR NEWARK AIR MUSUEM

An agreement has been reached between Newark Air Museum (NAM) and the Lincolnshire's Lancaster Association (LLA), that has resulted in the ownership of the Avro Shackleton, WR977 and the Avro Vulcan, XM594 being immediately transferred to NAM.



Both aircraft have been on long-term loan at the NAM site in eastern Nottinghamshire since they were first acquired; back in 1977 for the Shackleton and 1983 for the Vulcan. In recent years the LLA has been the owner of both aircraft and they have provided financial support for recent restoration and repainting work on both aircraft.

The legal papers pertaining to these transfers were signed on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021, thereby helping to secure the long-term future of these two hugely popular exhibits at NAM. An official handover ceremony will be hosted at the museum in early 2022. Conservation surveys have been carried out on both aircraft and the museum volunteers will be undertaking major restoration work on both of their 'new exhibits' in the coming months.

Speaking on behalf of NAM, museum trustee, Howard Heeley commented, "Everyone at the museum is extremely grateful to the Chairman and the Committee of the Lincolnshire's Lancaster Association, who have generously agreed to the legal ownership of these aircraft being transferred to us."

"The Shackleton and Vulcan are both special aircraft, which museum members helped to save back in 1977 and 1983 respectively. We are really honoured to now have sole responsibility for their future care."

He concluded, "Whilst we have some significant challenges ahead with regards to safeguarding these aircraft, we are sure that both the museum members and the general public will help us look after these aircraft for the benefit of future generations."

Ray Bainborough, Chairman of the Lincolnshire's Lancaster Association, said, "I am delighted that the Newark Air Museum is taking over the ownership of these two historic aircraft. It has been a privilege for the LLA to have been their owners over the past years, but the time has come for the museum to be both the location for the Shackleton and the Vulcan, and also the legal owner of the two aircraft. This makes sense from a practical point of view and will better ensure the two aircraft continue to be preserved in the years ahead."

**Summary:** Although there is a change of ownership of the Shackleton and Vulcan, from the LLA to the NAM, visitors to the museum will not notice any changes as the two aircraft will remain at their current location.

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# **BEATING THE COVID BLUES**

"Inspired by Ron and Joan in the January edition I have written this following a walk at sherwood pines." - Andy B

Thanks Andy for contributing this month's article. I absolutely love seeing how many talented poets we have across the three villages. The visual and auditory imagery from this poem is truly beautiful. I hope you enjoy reading this one as much as I did.— Lizzie (Ed)



It's good advice or so I am told, To keep yourself active as you get old. But where do we go in these covid times? Winthorpe Lake or Sherwood Pines? So Sherwood Pines is the one I chose, It's given me inspiration to write these prose. A walk, a cycle or maybe a run? Just being out is part of the fun. Fallen leaves, random, rotting but piled up high, The now naked trees stretch up to the sky. Blackberry and ferns cover the ground, I am here early so there is hardly a sound. Then all of a sudden a cyclist comes by, Mud from her wheel splats into my eye. Snaking paths into the distance go,



It's a working forest the chain saws whirr. There is something for everyone the young and the old, Plus coffee and snacks should you get cold. Kids in the canopy on zip wires fly by, Grandad sits quietly gazing into the sky. He's deep into thought and happy to be out, COVID won't beat him of that there's no doubt. So let's all agree that covid's a bind,

Where do they lead it will be fun to soon know?

Yew trees and Birch but mostly it's Fir,





Let's not let it win and play tricks on our mind. We need to be strong, we all need to fight, If we look down the tunnel we will all see the light. We've all been through times sometimes it's been torrid.



#### QUICK REMINDER - LUNCH CLUB -



February's Lunch Club will be held on January 31st at the Lord Nelson. Bookings can be made to the Lord Nelson directly via phone (01636 707705).



# COACHING AND PLAY CONTINUES AT **NEWARK TENNIS CLUB!**

Great news !! Tennis coaching and play at Newark Tennis Club on London Road continues its winter season of activities in 2022

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.

Our full coaching programme is now underway. New 6-week courses haved started, taking us up to February 1/2 term . Thereafter new 6-week courses will continue up to Easter. 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, Wednesdays and Thursdays 6pm - 8pm . (these evening sessions have now moved to the Sherwood Avenue Courts under floodlights) Get your racquet out and come along. New members are always very welcome .

The club also has daytime social tennis and runs Ladies, Men's and Mixed teams in both the Nottinghamshire and the Lincolnshire leagues, during the winter and summer seasons.



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





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### **COLLINGHAM RAMBLERS WALKS** FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH

Great news !! Organised Ramblers Walks will continue in the New Year. Dust off those boots, come along and enjoy the local countryside during the winter months . 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.



Feb. 13th Woolsthorpe / Vale of Belvoir Sunday Wednesday Feb. 16th Doddington / Harby Sunday Feb. 27th Venue to Be Confirmed

Sun. Mar. 13th & 27th Weds. Mar. 16th

#### **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.

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	1st	£46.80	P Stevenson
100 CLUB	2nd	£23.40	Glen Cobb
- January's Winners -	3rd	£7.80	Les Murray

Congratulations to our winners in January! You could also be a winner whilst supporting your local community centre by contributing £2 per month. Information available from Nina Adams at niniab71@gmail.com



## **GEOMETREE MATHEMATICS**

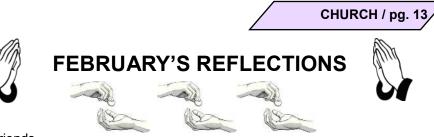
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Dear Friends.

Well our Christmas and New Year certainly brought some surprises to the Rectory, because our grandson was born just before Christmas Eve, on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to everyone who sent us congratulations and good wishes, it's good to know people are thinking about us, and to my great surprise, we need a lot of thoughts and prayers. The birth of a child brings lots of emotions, and changes our world, I didn't know it would have such a strong effect on me and I wonder if we should form a grandparents' support group!

Church and village life is going ahead resiliently through the pandemic and hopefully 2022 might be the year where Covid becomes less severe and we really do learn how to live with it. In the meantime, much respect and many thanks go to everyone who has carried on working to care for us, keep us safe, teach our children, work in our shops, deliver our goods and make sure we have all we need.

Early in the year may be the right time to think about what we believe and if we want to make more of a Christian commitment. On Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> (Easter Eve), there is a confirmation service in Southwell Minster. We already have some interest in this. To be confirmed means that you publicly announce that you want to follow Jesus and the Bishop prays especially for you, that you'll receive Holy Spirit. There is some preparation involved beforehand, so lots of opportunities for questions and discussion. If you'd like to talk about this, please get in touch with me.

Whether you are getting used to pleasant surprises, struggling with ongoing difficulties or thinking about making a deeper Christian commitment, may God bless you.

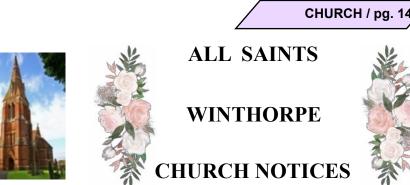
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Looking back over the last three year's February notes I have seen how changeable January's weather has been- 2019 was sunshine and early bulbs out, 2020 had Storm Brendon and 2021 had Storm Christoph with this year a lovely cold snap with blue skies and frosty mornings- hopefully killing off the bugs and kicking the Covid variants into touch (for now)!

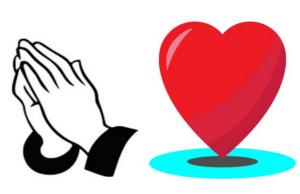
It was a shock to hear of the death of one of the village's older and long term residents in Margaret Stewart - many of us had been used to seeing her pushed around the village by one of her happy band of carers. She will be greatly missed. Her funeral saw a full church which just shows how special a lady she was.

We have been delighted with the Villager's response to our Promise Programme which has created new covenant holders, many one- off donators and even more support from our already generous band of regular givers. We thank you all from the bottom of our hearts for your wonderful support.

February is another month of 'normal' services looking towards the start of Lent.

We are thinking in our prayers of all those ill or hospitalised or facing a bereavement at this time.

Tish Applewhite, Churchwarden (643763)







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ALL MONTH		LGBTQ+ History Month	
Tuesday	1st	Lunar New Year	
Wednesday	2nd	World Wetlands Month	
Thursday		Time to Talk Day	
Friday	4th	Silver Bin	Holme
Friday	4th	Welsh Language Music Day	
Friday	4th	Wear Red Day	
Friday	4th	World Cancer Day	
Saturday	5th	World Nutella Day	
Monday	7th	Send a Card to a Friend Day	
Monday	7th	Green & Brown Bin	Winthorpe
Monday	7th	Brown Bin	Holme
Friday	11th	Green Bin	Holme
Monday	14th	Valentines Day	
Monday	14th	Silver Bin	Winthorpe
Thursday	17th	Random Acts of Kindness Day	
Friday	18th	Silver Bin	Holme
Friday		Care Day	
Monday	21st	Green Bin	Winthorpe
Monday	21st	Brown Bin *cancelled*	Winthorpe &
Mon	21st-5th	Fairtrade Fortnight	
Friday	25th	Green Bin	Holme



# **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)

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 <u>www.winthorpe.org.uk</u>

Winthorpe

28th Silver Bin

Monday