

# WIGTOFT

## VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



**April / May 2018**

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Hello everybody, this is your latest editor. It's easy "they" said while my arm was being twisted harder and harder. "Just mention the Church and Village Hall." I'm not so sure that it will be easy but I'll have a go. I've no real idea how to go about it although I've been proof-reading the magazine for a while, mainly because I'm fussy about punctuation and grammar, but not up to Stephen Fry standards.

So, having read a couple of old editorials let's begin with "The Weather". Okay, there's lots of it! Currently it's grey and drizzly. I prefer sun and hot-weather and I sort of understand people who prefer cooler weather. However a day like today is generally miserable. Rain is useful, as long as there isn't too much, but I've never heard of anyone choosing to go for a walk in the rain. Snow, on the other hand, is pretty. It was wonderful to watch the other week, even when it was a bit blizzardy but I prefer not to actually go out in it.

I can now mention the Village Hall. As I look up for inspiration I can see the rain dripping off the flat roof at the back into the gutter. Wow! Joking aside though, the improvements that have been made over the past months and years are really impressive and it has rightly become the hub of the village. Every time I walk through the new entrance I feel extremely grateful to the people who worked so hard to make it all happen.

The same goes for the Church, the second focus of village life. We are so privileged that we can go into the Church to see the flowers or Christmas trees and then sit down together, with a coffee and something to eat. We only have to look at the scaffolding currently around the Church to remind us again to thank the small group of people who work so hard to achieve such fantastic results.

I hope you enjoy reading the rest of our Newsletter which, I believe, also helps to keep us together as a community. ***Take care folks.***

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# St. Peter & St. Paul

## WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

### Church Roof Repair Update

The repairs to the Church roof have been going well. By the time you read this they should be almost complete. One or two delays due to weather have been encountered, but at the time of writing we are only about 1 week behind schedule.

A few pieces of work that were not originally planned for have been identified, but in general we should be close to our original budget of about £105,000. Unfortunately once the scaffolding is down it will be difficult to see the results of all the hard work apart from there being no rain coming into the building and a new ladder on the tower to give access to the nave roof to allow the clearing of the gutters.

We would like to thank **Graham Cook**, the architect and project manager for the job and the specialist contractors **Warren & Neale** who are based in Leicester.

Thanks also go to the two organisations who funded most of the project. These are **The Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund** who awarded us just over £90,000 and **Lincolnshire Churches Trust** who gave £5,000 towards the work.

We would also like to thank all those who have organised and supported events at the Church which have raised the much needed additional funds to allow the project to go ahead.

Hopefully the work done will allow the building to survive for a few hundred more years.

There is always still plenty of work to do to maintain the building and its surroundings so please come along and use the facilities and support the forthcoming events organised by the Friends of Wigtoft Church to help raise funds for future projects.

### Wigtoft Parochial Church Council

#### Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting

The Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting will take place in Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.

*All are welcome to attend*

#### Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

Rev. Charles Robertson  
Myrtle Holliday ----- Secretary  
Virna Atkinson  
Jane Barkham  
Colin Scrapps  
Malcolm Franklin  
John Craggs ----- Treasurer

## The Haven Group Church Services For April

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
1 <sup>st</sup>	3pm Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion
8 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup>		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evensong
29 <sup>th</sup>		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion

## The Haven Group Church Services For May

6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Group Service				
13 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
20 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion
27 <sup>th</sup>		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evensong

# Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

## April 2018

## May 2018

Sun	1			Tue	1	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	2			Wed	2		
Tue	3	10am	Scraps R Us	Thu			
Wed	4	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	4	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	5	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	5		
Fri	6	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sun	6		
Sat	7	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Mon	7		
Sun	8			Tue	8		
Mon	9	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Wed	9		
Tue	10			Thu	10		
Wed	11	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	11		
Thu	12	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	12		
Fri	13			Sun	13		
Sat	14	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Mon	14	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	15			Tue	15	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	16	7pm	Gardening Club	Wed	16		
Tue	17	10am	Scraps R Us	Thu	17		
		3pm	Village Hall Meeting	Fri	18	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Wed	18	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	19		
Thu	19	6pm	Dog Training	Sun	20		
Fri	20	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Mon	21	3pm	Newsletter Meeting
Sat	21	10am	Bacon Butty Morning			7pm	Gardening Club
Sun	22			Tue	22		
Mon	23	7pm	PCC AGM	Wed	23		
Tue	24			Thu	24		
Wed	25			Fri	25		
Thu	26			Sat	26		
Fri	27			Sun	27		
Sat	28	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Mon	28		
Sun	29			Tue	29	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	30			Wed	30		
				Thu	31		

## Village Hall News

Once again the committee would like to say a huge thank you to all who have made the Saturday bacon butty mornings a great success again. Many thanks to all who volunteer, bake, give up their time and to everyone who comes along to support every Saturday. It is a great community event which really does bring everyone together, it's always friendly and everyone is made to feel welcome. Of course the bacon butties and homemade cakes are an added bonus. It's nice to see people coming from neighbouring villages, always lovely to see you.

We can't give you a final amount raised between October and March because the newsletter went to print before the last morning. We'll give you the total in the next edition of the newsletter. Money raised this time is going towards tidying the car park up. We'll keep you updated in the newsletter.

We are always looking out for new members to join the committee or just to help out. The village hall is here for everyone in the village so please do support it. If anyone's got any ideas for events or fund raising ideas we'd love to hear from you. Be good to have some new ideas. You can always get in touch with any committee member or come along to our next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 at the hall.

The church is going to hold their Saturday coffee morning in the hall during April so please come along and support them.

### **Booking Wigtoft Village Hall**

To book the Village Hall, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005  
or e-mail [villagehall@wigtoft.com](mailto:villagehall@wigtoft.com)

*The hire charge is £9 per hour, which includes heating,  
lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.*

## Scraps R Us Coffee Morning

Scraps R Us are having a coffee morning on April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Come along and see all the lovely things that are made by us all.

***There will be free coffee and biscuits.***

***Come and join us from 10am until 11.30.***

Thank you to everyone that gives cotton, buttons, material etc. it helps us to keep our prices low and raise money for local good causes.

**Thank You - Jean**



Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
Nought from us His love shall sever  
Life nor death, nor powers of hell  
Tear us from His keeping ever.

*Alleluia!*

At Eastertide we sing joyfully each year to remember the Resurrection. When we first meet others on Easter day we probably say "Good morning!" just as we do on any other morning. In some countries people greet one another by saying "Christ is risen!" The answer comes "He is risen indeed!" Psalm 118 v24 tells us "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Which was the greatest day in the life of Jesus? Was it Christmas Day, Good Friday or Easter Day? As Jesus rose again we think of Easter Day as the best and greatest day of the whole year.

The disciples were so glad when they saw Jesus again. It is difficult for us to share their joy. After the deep sorrow of Good Friday they could not contain their joy. They thought he had been defeated, and lost hope. Now they were wildly excited and filled with fresh hope. The risen Lord caused fresh trust in the future.

Because of Christ's Resurrection we too can share the triumph of a future life in spite of the many difficulties we experience in our everyday lives.





# FLOWER, ART & CRAFT FESTIVAL



St Peter & St Paul Church



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Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
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## Topical Talk

It was interesting to read recently about the find made by the Illman family – they live in Perth, Australia and were on holiday about 100 miles north of their home. They were on a beach near Wedge Island when they saw an object half buried in the sand. On closer examination it turned out to be an old bottle: inside the bottle was what appeared to be a large, rolled-up cigarette. When they opened the bottle and took out the contents it turned out to be a written message. Now, messages in bottles are quite a common thing – hundreds must be thrown into the sea in a year, but the surprise here was that it was thrown into the water on June 12<sup>th</sup> 1886 – 132 years earlier. It had been thrown into the Indian Ocean from the German sailing ship Paula and had been deliberately thrown overboard here as part of an experiment to check ocean currents; this was one of several thousand used in this way and the message asked the finder to contact the German Consulate when they found the note.

Mrs Illman said that she had picked the bottle up because it looked interesting and she thought that it would be nice stood in her bookcase. The Illmans took the bottle to the Western Australian Museum where Russ Anderson, the assistant curator of maritime archaeology, identified it as a mid-to-late 19<sup>th</sup> century gin bottle. He contacted colleagues in Germany and was surprised to learn that the date the bottle was tossed into the Indian Ocean, June 12<sup>th</sup> 1886 was entered by the captain in the ship's log. The bottle is now on display in the Western Australian Museum.

Still in Australia – the wreck of the USS aircraft carrier Lexington has been located – it was found, two miles down, 500 miles off the Queensland coast. This vessel has been credited with having helped to save Australia from Japanese invasion. She was lost in an epic naval battle in 1942, the ship was crippled in May of that year during the Battle of the Coral Sea, when waves of Japanese planes bombed her and she was also hit by torpedoes.

The battle was fought mainly by two Japanese carriers and two US carriers: the Lexington lost 216 men in the battle but the remaining crew of 2,735 were saved; the badly crippled carrier was eventually scuppered by another US warship, the USS Phelps.

This battle is regarded as a turning point in the war, breaking the momentum of the Japanese advance towards Australia.

Admiral Harry Harris, the current US Pacific commander, said that, as the son of a survivor of the Lexington, he was elated by the find.

The name of Christmas Island won't mean much to most people – it's just a small island in the Indian Ocean, administered by Australia. To a few people, mostly elderly, it will bring back memories of the 1950's and nuclear and hydrogen

bomb testing by the UK.

These tests were carried out by the UK on this remote island at a time when the cold war was at its height and there was a real threat to people in the West from Russia.

One of the people who witnessed these tests was Doug Hern: he was a National Serviceman and was a cook on board one of the ships taking part in the series of tests. When the explosions took place many of these young men were only a few miles away from the test site and were just told to close their eyes.

There have been many reports over the past 60 years or so about the effects to these young men from being so close to this radiation: Doug himself has had health issues and has lost a daughter to cancer. He is just part of the charitable group that has been campaigning for many years for justice to compensate these people for their health problems that they claim stem directly from the radiation they endured at this time.

Doug lives at Moulton – he attended Cowley's School at Donington in the late 1940's and early 1950's and there are quite a few local people who went to school with him.

Both Doug and his wife Sandie are members of the British Nuclear Test Veterans Association – this charity has managed to obtain £25 million from the government for an Aged Veteran Fund to alleviate suffering and increase well-being for these veterans .

*Colin Scrupps*

## **Nostalgia Film Night**

On the evening of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March a Film Night was held in the Village Hall to raise funds for the Church.

It was a great evening with Mo Brader showing black & white films featuring Old Mother Riley (played by Arthur Lucan who was born in Sibsey) and Laural and Hardy. The films were great and brought back many memories..

Excellent refreshments were provided by Jean, Ann, Virna and Jane during the interval. Many thanks to all those who spent many hours organising the event and preparing the food that raised a total of £206 for Wigtoft Church.

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### **Email Received About The Film Show**

*Dear Editor*

*We would just like to say a "thank you" for the Saturday night film show and lovely food. Everyone worked so hard to make the evening a success.*

**From Eileen and Dave Bartlett, Asperton Road**



The snow and ice has melted and the gorgeous white snowdrops have reappeared signalling the start of spring. Winter gardens have been attracting visitors to see masses of stunning snowdrops. Year after year viewers turn up as the tiny flowers announce that winter doesn't last for ever.

There are many varieties of snowdrop, scientific name *Galanthus*, and if we examine the double and single flowers carefully we will notice the differences in markings and shapes. Some were in flower at Christmas, others are still in bloom in March.

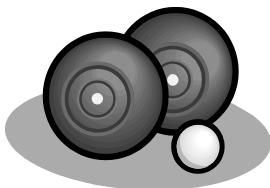
Snowdrops love woodland and will spread naturally around the base of most trees. Snowdrop Sunday fell on February 12<sup>th</sup> and many churches and stately homes served afternoon tea to visitors. Snowdrops are often inter-planted with aconites which flower even earlier in the year. Potted bulbs can be brought indoors to brighten the dullest of days and will be happy to return to the great out of doors after flowering.

At Whisby Nature Park families may plant snowdrops in a grassy area, in memory of someone special who has died. After planting you can walk around the area and perhaps meet others who have been in a similar situation.

"February Fairmaids" or snowdrops have enriched our loves once more in great clumps as well as solitary sweetness .

## Wigtoft Bowls Club Open Day

Wigtoft Bowls Club are holding an open day  
on Sunday 15th April from 11am until 4pm.



All are welcome to come along  
If you would like further details  
please contact Nigel on 01775 840894

# Wigtoft Village Events 2018

Coffee Mornings in aid of the Church funds start again on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The first 4 (until April 28<sup>th</sup>) will be held in the Village Hall as it is much warmer. From May 6<sup>th</sup> until September 22<sup>nd</sup> they will take place in the Church.

All sessions will be from 10a.m to 12 noon.

From October 6<sup>th</sup> Bacon Butty Mornings will start in the Village Hall once again for the winter months to raise funds for the Village Hall.

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## **Flower, Art & Craft Festival**

May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 10am until 4pm

## **Cream Teas**

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm to 6pm

## **Jean's Open Garden**

August 12<sup>th</sup> 10am till 4pm

## **Holland Deanery Open Churches**

September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> *(time and details to be Announced)*

## **Garden Club Flower Festival**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am to 4pm

## **McMillan Coffee Morning - Wigtoft Village Hall**

September 29<sup>th</sup> 10am to Noon

## **Harvest Event**

October 14<sup>th</sup> 3pm to finish

## **Christmas Tree Festival**

November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am to 4pm



## Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

The garden is starting to emerge again after the heavy snowfall, it amazed me that snowdrops and crocus flowers are still standing up after all that weight on them.

This is the time to prune Buddleia Davidii usually grown to attract butterflies and insects. Shorten them to two or three pairs of healthy leaf buds as they flower on this years' growth. Take last year's flowers from Hydrangeas down to the first pair of leaves below the flowers. If the shrub is overgrown take them back further and remove any damage.

If you grow from seeds, plant sweet peas into toilet roll centres or half kitchen rolls. Stand them in a tray or pots with one or two seeds on top of the compost filling them and cover with  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch soil. When you plant them out the cardboard holds the roots and makes for a more successful outcome.

Plant tomato, pepper and chilli seeds, keep them at about 20 degrees in a propagator or on a warm window sill until germinated, then pot on and keep at about 16 degrees.

Pollard Eucalyptus trees if grown for its' foliage as the new growth has smaller and much more silvery leaves.

If you see potted miniature daffs, such as Tete-a-Tete being sold cheaply it is worth buying and planting them as that is most successful for growing and flowering the following year.

Lets' hope it soon warms up, and a happy Easter to you all.

Regards from Sam

## Sutterton Methodist Church

We warmly invite you to our forthcoming events

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2pm - 4pm we are hosting an afternoon tea in aid of Saint Barnabas Hospice. There will be a Bring and Buy stall, guess the weight of the cake and a raffle.

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> to Monday 7<sup>th</sup> we are holding our annual Flower Festival 10am - 6pm.

Please come along with your friends and join us.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Easter Sunday Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	<b>2</b> Bank Holiday	<b>3</b> <b>10am</b> Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>4</b> <b>10am - Noon</b> Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i> <b>6pm</b> Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>5</b> <b>6pm</b> Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>6</b> Blue/Brown Bin  <b>6.30pm</b> Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>7</b> <b>10am - Noon</b> Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>2</b> 10am - 4pm Flower Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i> 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i>	<b>3</b> 10am - 4pm Flower Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	<b>4</b> Blue/Brown Bin 10am - 4pm Flower Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	<b>5</b> 10am - 4pm Flower Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
<b>6</b> 10am - 4pm Flower Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	<b>7</b> Bank Holiday 10am - 4pm Flower Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Green Bin Collection	<b>12</b> 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
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<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	<b>3pm</b> Newsletter Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> <b>7pm</b> Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>28</b> Bank Holiday	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10am - Noon</b> Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
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# Lincoln Cathedral - Part 4

## The Lincoln Imp

One of the stone carvings within the cathedral is the Lincoln Imp. There are several variations of the legend surrounding this figure. One, from the 14<sup>th</sup> century says that two mischievous imps were sent by Satan to do evil on Earth. After causing mayhem elsewhere in Northern England the two headed to Lincoln Cathedral where they smashed tables and chairs and tripped up the Bishop. An angel appeared in the Angel Choir and ordered them to stop. One of the imps sat on top of a stone pillar and started throwing rocks at the angel whilst the other cowered under the broken furniture. The angel turned the first imp into stone but allowed the second to escape. The one that was turned to stone can still be found sitting on top of his stone column in the Angel Choir.



In more recent times the Imp became widely known as a good luck charm after King Edward VI, when Prince of Wales, had been presented with a gold imp scarf pin which he is reputed to have worn in 1896 when his horse “Persimmon” won the Derby. According to another legend the imp that was allowed to escape fled north to Grimsby where it soon started making trouble again. It entered St James Church and began repeating its behaviour from Lincoln. The angel reappeared and gave the imp’s backside a good thrashing before turning it to stone as it had the first one at Lincoln. The “Grimsby Imp” can still be seen in St James Church, clinging to its sore bottom.

The use of this figure is very widespread both across England and Scotland and it has been speculated that the form is a widespread image which predates its use at Lincoln and was simply an everyday deity that was included during the construction of the cathedral. The image is used by the Lincoln football team, who are known as The Imps.

## The Library

The medieval library was built in 1422 and consisted of a collection of manuscripts that were kept in a chest or cupboard, and scholars travelled great distances to consult them. By 1422 a new library had been built within the cathedral. Three of the medieval reading desks and one bench survive to this day. It was built to accommodate around 100 manuscripts.



A man by the name of Michael Honeywood was made Dean of Lincoln after the Civil War, on the restoration of the Monarchy in 1660. He was given the huge task of repairing the fabric of the church which had been ravaged by the war. By 1674, having done a great deal in bringing the cathedral back to its former glory, he was able to turn his attention to the library. He put up £780 of his own money to build a new library on the site of the ruined north cloister. He commissioned Sir Christopher Wren, a notable architect, to do the design – he also supervised the project throughout. On its completion he bequeathed his own 5,000 books to the library, which included a rare copy of Chaucer’s Canterbury Tales.

The priceless collection of books within the library today includes around 100 books printed before 1501. The collection also includes the text of the Venerable Bede.

## **The Rose Windows**

These are two enormous round windows within the cathedral – one is known as the “Dean’s Eye” and the other as the “Bishop’s Eye”. The Dean’s eye faces north to “protect against the devil” while the Bishop’s eye faces south to “receive the Holy Spirit”.

The Dean’s eye survives from the original structure of the building whilst the bishops eye was probably re-built around 1325-1350 These two windows are highly unusual features in medieval churches and, together with other windows in the cathedral, they make up the third most important collection of medieval glass in an English cathedral after Canterbury and York.

*To be continued.*

**Colin Scrapps**

### **Sutterton Methodist Church Services for April/May**

1 <sup>st</sup> April	9.00am	- Rev. Alan Barker
8 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	- Mr Maurice Perry
15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	- Mr Roy Saxby
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.30am	- Rev. Alan Barker
29 <sup>th</sup> April.	10.30am	- Mr Bob Prichard

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6 <sup>th</sup> May	6.00pm	- Rev. Alan Barker
13 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	- Worship Group 1
20 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	- Mrs Libby Craggs
27 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	- Rev. David Howarth



## My Favourite Things from The Sound Of Music

This is a version of the Julie Andrews song, My Favourite Things, from the Sound Of Music but for the older person, sent in by one of our readers. It is rumoured that she sang this version of the song at her 69th birthday celebration. Try singing it to the original tune.....

Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

When the pipes leak, When the bones creak,  
When the knees go bad,  
I simply remember my favourite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Hot tea and crumpets, and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favourite things.

Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favourite things.

When the joints ache, when the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
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And then I don't feel so bad.



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## **Sutterton Church Flower Festival**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup> 2018**

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## **Wigtoft Church Lottery Winners**

### **January 2018**

### **February 2018**

### **March 2018**

1<sup>st</sup> (£20)..... Ann Scrupps

Leslie Waudby

Mrs Violet Mills

2<sup>nd</sup> (£10)..... Jane Barkham

Barbara Pickwell

Mrs Taylor

3<sup>rd</sup> (£5)..... Ann Taylor

Pete Smith

Malcolm Franklin

*Drawn at the Bacon Butty Mornings, 24<sup>th</sup> February and 24<sup>th</sup> March*

Francis Meres was an English Churchman and author, born at Kirton (Lincs). He was educated at Cambridge and received a BA in 1587, in 1591 he gained his MA.

In 1593 he became an MA of Oxford, so he was a highly educated man. His relative, John Meres, was High Sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1596.

Francis became rector of Wing in Rutland in 1602 where he also ran a school. Both his son Francis and his grandson Edward received their BA and MA from Cambridge and became rectors.

His wife's name was Mary (1576-1631) and their son was born in 1607. He is best known as an author for his book called "Palladis Tamia", or more commonly called "Wit's Treasury". Meres lived at the same time as William Shakespeare and this book is valuable to people who study Shakespeare because it gives a critical account of many of the Bard's works – some have even suggested that possibly some of these works were written by Meres himself. The book also contains valuable information on other English poets of the time.

There is no information as to whereabouts he was born in Kirton but he must have come from a rather wealthy family to have received a Cambridge education. It can be argued that he came from either a local land owning family or perhaps a trading or merchant background, Kirton being close to the port of Boston which was a wealthy trading port at the time.

Another point of interest is his surname of Meres – there is a part of Kirton parish that is known as Kirton Meres: he may have connections here, or this may just be coincidence – a mere, according to the dictionary, is a pool or pond; this area of Lincolnshire, before drainage took place, was very swampy and marshy, so this could explain the name also.

Meres was one year younger than Shakespeare.

He died in Wing, Rutland in 1647.

*Colin Scrapps*

## Garden Waste Collection Service 2018

### Brown Bin Collections

Garden waste collections in April  
will be Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> and  
for May the 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>



# Wigtoft Parish Church



## Coffee Morning



Coffee mornings to raise funds for the Church will start again on April 7<sup>th</sup>

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April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Adrian Isaac - Boston Woods Trust
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin Porter - Plantsman
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Ashtree Nursery, Cowbit

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# **MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (315) HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT** M Scrupps, S. Baxter, M. Tunnard, P. Craven , M. Brookes,  
B Leggott, M. Cooper, V. Atkinson, & M. Piper (Clerk)

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

S. Collingwood

## **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public attended.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests

## **4. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 6th November 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2017 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Collingwood at the next meeting.

## **5. POLICE MATTERS**

No members of the police attended and no crimes were reported .

Members of the PC reported that hare coursers had been spotted in and around the village. There was also another incident of straw bales being set on fire.

## **6. HIGHWAYS**

Pathway between Church and Bus shelter very slippery

## **7. PLAYGROUND**

Wicksteed Playgrounds have carried out repairs to playground equipment. Awaiting invoice.

Thanks to Jim Gregg for mending railings .

## **8. FINANCIAL**

C/A £11236.04 D/A £2261.09

Cheque for PCC £10.00 Christmas tree.

End of year accounts re; Grant Thornton

## 8. PLANNING

There was one planning application.

Erection of conservatory at 2 Carters Cottages, Burtoft Lane, Wigtoft.

There were no objections.

The clerk attended a planning meeting at Boston Borough Council..

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Impact of the Part night street lighting policy.

Received reply from Post office re; Burtoft Lane post box saying that the post box will be replaced in due course

## 10. A.O.B

Cllr. Virna Atkinson has sadly decided to stand down from the Parish Council after 40 years service. A presentation of flowers and vouchers were presented to Virna and the Parish Council wished her well for the future.

Clerk to contact Boston Borough regarding vacancy on Council.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

There will not be a meeting in January 2018

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.00pm.

## **WIGTOFT NEWS AND VIEWS NEWSLETTER**

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# **MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (316)**

## **HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT** M Scrupps, S. Baxter, M. Tunnard , M. Brookes, S. Collingwood,  
A. Spencer & M. Piper (Clerk)

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

M Cooper, P. Craven, B Leggott

### **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public attended

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was one declaration of interest re; Planning at Jasmine House

### **4. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Collingwood at the next meeting.

### **5. POLICE MATTERS**

No members of the police attended and no crimes were reported.

### **6. HIGHWAYS**

Clerk to report following:

Street lighting on way to Sutterton, slippery path between Burtoft Lane & Llewellyn House, potholes in Clover Lane, slippery path between Church & bus shelter & raised manhole cover in Sleaford Road on Exit from A17 .

### **7. PLAYGROUND**

Clerk to contact Wicksteed re; bolts on fence around toddler area.

Clerk to obtain maps of grass cutting areas .

### **8. FINANCIAL**

C/A £10461.04 D/A £2261.21

Cheques to be presented Grant Thornton £312.00, Smart Gardens £60.00, LALC £181.73 CAB £30.00 Clerk Salary & expenses £2370.00, Xmas lights £86.00.

New Guidelines for VAT.

Michelle Stacks attended the meeting to explain the shortcomings in the end of year accounts, after receiving letters from Grant Thornton



(auditors) outlining the problems. Her input and advice were greatly appreciated.

At this stage of the proceedings Mary Piper (Clerk) tendered her resignation, after 12 years, as she felt that new blood was needed to keep up with new technology

## 9. PLANNING

There were two planning applications: Static caravan at the rear of Badgers Holt, there were no objections

The erection of two porches at rear and side of Jasmine House. There were no objections

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE

Adoption of Lincs Minerals & Waste Local Plan.

Matt Warman posters to be displayed.

Celebration of Farming posters to be displayed

Data Protection Regulations .

## 11. A.O.B

There was no response to advertisement for a councillor.

Parish Council can now co-opt a new councillor.

Michelle Stacks to contact various parishes re: new clerk .

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.00pm.

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***The next meetings will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.00pm***

***All are welcome to attend***

## **Vacancy On Wigtoft Parish Council For A Clerk**

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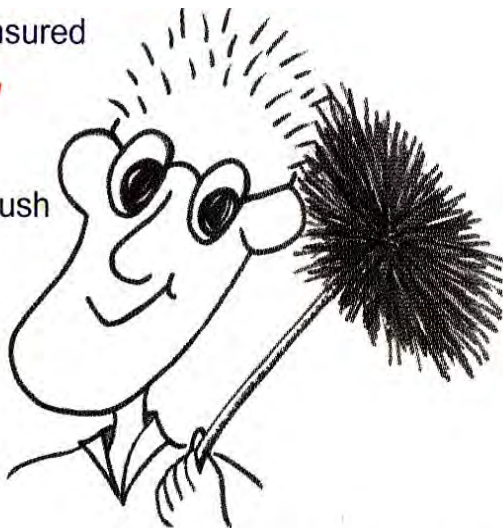
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