

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



December / January 2019

**Village Events
In The Coming
Months**

Bacon Butty Mornings

Every Saturday 10 am until Noon

December 1st & 2nd - Christmas Tree Festival

December 24th - Crib Service, 4pm

Remember to Light Up Wigtoft this Christmas

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(to report a power cut)

Well where has this year gone!! Is it me or has this year just zoomed by, it only seems a few weeks ago that we were clearing up from last Christmas

Don't forget to light up your homes! Christmas is a time to celebrate so let's do so as a village.

Villagers would like to thank Mr Graham Taylor for the apples he let us pick for the Harvest Celebration. Not only were they delicious but brought in many pennies to help our various organisations. We are most grateful.

There are two pieces of information from Boston Borough Council this month. One, on page 12, is an update on the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan. This is mainly about proposed housing development in the local areas over the next few years. It is worth taking a look at the proposed plans.

The second article, on page 14, from the Borough Council is about getting involved with Boston Borough Council. Elections for seats on the council are coming up next May and they are trying to encourage new people to stand.

The Wigtoft Christmas Tree Festival Weekend will probably be over by the time you read this, but the Church will be open from 10am until 3pm every day in December for you to go and take a look at the fantastic Christmas Tree displays when you have time.



The Editorial team wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Thank you!

The PCC wish to thank the generosity of the Parochial Charity. This year they have kindly donated funds for our new lawn mower and helped towards the new church carpet. We are most grateful.

Have you noticed???

That is, have you noticed the new notice board that is now standing outside Saint Peter and Saint Paul's Church?

This was generously made by Jim Gregg who attends Bacon Butty mornings and events at the Church. He recognised our need and set to work. Thank you Jim from the PCC and Friends of the Church.

Remembrance Day

Those who attended Saint Peter and Saint Paul's Church on November 11th remembered those of this village and further afield who lost their lives from the first and second world wars. The service was well attended. Our offering on the day was donated to the Royal British Legion.

Crib Service

The Crib service will take place on December 24th at 4pm. All are very much welcome from the young at heart to those who are young in years.

Church Yard

It has come to our notice that some people may have reserved burial plots in the church yard. Unfortunately we do not have records of these. So I am writing with the hope of finding out if anyone has indeed reserved such and if you have the required documentation. If you think you have done so or, you would like to, please would you contact a member of the PCC.

Jane Barkham, PCC secretary

Wigtoft Church Flower Arranging

Flower arranging in the
Church is being done
in January by Sue Tunnard

Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

The Haven Group Church Services For December

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
2 nd				10.30am Group Service	
9 th	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion 4pm Christingle	10am Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	6pm Christingle	8am Communion
16 th	9.15am Communion	3pm Carol Service	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	10.45am Communion
23 rd		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	4pm Evensong
24 th	4pm Crib Service	11.30pm Midnight Mass	9pm Candle Lit Communion	11.30pm Midnight Mass	
25 th					9am Christmas Communion
30 th		10.30am Joint with Methodists			

The Haven Group Church Services For January

6 th			10.30am Group Service		
13 th	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	10am Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Communion	3pm Plough Service
20 th	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	10.45am Communion
27 th		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	4pm Evensong

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

December 2018

Sat	1		
Sun	2	10am	"The Gathering"
Mon	3	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tue	4		
Wed	5		
Thu	6		
Fri	7		
Sat	8	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Sun	9	10am	"The Gathering"
Mon	10		
Tue	11		Private Party
Wed	12		
Thu	13		
Fri	14		
Sat	15	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Sun	16	10am	"The Gathering"
Mon	17	7pm	Gardening Club
Tue	18		
Wed	19		
Thu	20		
Fri	21		
Sat	22	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Sun	23	10am	"The Gathering"
Mon	24		
Tue	25		
Wed	26		Private Party
Thu	27		
Fri	28		
Sat	29	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Sun	30		
Mon	31		Private Party

January 2019

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

Village Hall News



The Saturday bacon butty mornings have once again started in the hall every Saturday from 10-12. Once again they are always well attended with everyone enjoying a butty, cake and a good old chat. There is always plenty of laughter. Why not come along one week, everyone is always made to feel very welcome.

The hall held their Christmas Fair in November, the hall looked very festive with a variety of stalls. Every one was feeling the Christmas spirit. There was a good turnout, and we raised £180. The raffle is still on going and tickets are available at the hall every Saturday morning and will be drawn on Saturday 22 December at the butty morning. All proceeds are going to towards work on the car park. We are still applying for grants to help with the cost, but will keep you updated in the newsletter.

The committee would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and say a big thank you to all who help and support the hall.

The photograph shows the official handover of the defibrillator at the village hall by the representatives of Scania, who funded the installation of the device.



From left to right :-
Barry Poll, General Manager,
East Region.
Geoff Bell Aftersales Director.
Paul Coles, Sales Director,
together with Geoff and Wendy
McCombie representing the
Village Hall Committee

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

To book the Village Hall, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005
or e-mail villagehall@wigtoft.com

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

Topical Talk

Attic clearance – this is something that many of us do, or threaten to do, over the years, but often gets left “for another day”. If we ever get round to it we can usually find things which we had completely forgotten about but we probably rarely find anything of great value.

This is not the case at Rugby School in Warwickshire. This establishment is one of the oldest independent schools in the country, having been established in 1567, and is the birthplace of Rugby Football. They have decided to have a “bit of a clear out”, but it looks like being a bit more lucrative than you or I would experience.

To start with they have had Christie's in to do a valuation – that must tell you something! A conservative estimate has been given of around £3 million for their unwanted items: these consist of vases, forgotten drawings and paintings that have not seen the light of day for many years. One item alone, a drawing by Lucas van Leyden, is expected to sell for about £1.5 million – another painting has an expected value of about £180,000 and there is also a 14th century travel book with an estimate of £100,000 to £150,000 – also a pottery container (amphora) from 520 BC expected to fetch about £60,000; not bad for “stuff” you had forgotten about.

The school has stated that it will use the proceeds from the sale to open a museum to exhibit its collection of memorabilia relating to the invention of rugby. It insists that it is not selling the family silver but was disposing of the works to avoid the cost of insuring and displaying them. Much of the collection was donated to the school by Matthew Holbeche Bloxam, a 19th century antiquarian and former pupil. Not bad for stuff you had “forgotten” about. The sale will be held at Christies in London on Dec 4th.

Another school in the news recently was Parkend Primary in Lydney in Glos. This story is not about finding riches but is about the destruction of the school playing field – not by vandals but by wild boars. These live in the nearby Forest of Dean and there are about 1500 of them, the largest population of the animals in England. They became established after some of the animals escaped from a farm in the 1990's. They have rooted up the playing field surface and bent the goal posts to such an extent that, at the moment, the field is unusable; the boars are even seen in the car park and show no fear of people at all. The Forestry Commission has called for half their number to be culled. Meanwhile the school needs to renew the boundary fence and re-seed the field but says that it has no money in the kitty to do this.

Charles Harrison, farmer and equestrian, died on August 20th this year, aged 91. He was born at the Great Northern Hotel in Surfleet in 1926 – his parents were Charles and Mary who were the publicans. As a teenager he worked as a caddy at the nearby Spalding Golf Club and managed the Club's rowing boat on the nearby River Glen.

His first contact with farming came at the age of ten, when he would cycle down the road to the Bealby family's farm in Surfleet to help to sell their vegetables.

He went to Donington Grammar School at the age of eleven and left when he was fifteen, cycling the 7 miles each way every day.

When the Bealbys bought the local vegetable merchandising business of M. Kitching Ltd Harrison was offered the job of managing it for them – later he was encouraged to buy it from them. He located it to new premises and it did very well, enabling him to buy his first small farm in Surfleet in 1959. Ten years later he sold M. Kitching Ltd to the Ross Group and this enabled him to expand his farming activities.

Hunting was something that Harrison took seriously and in 1980 he became joint master of the Belvoir Hunt for 7 seasons. He had the opportunity to run the Belton Horse Trials and this he did with great success.

In his role as chief horse steward of the Lincolnshire Show he was well known for speaking his mind, often telling stewards off for what he considered "improper" dress.

His son, Simon, continues to manage the Surfleet farm.



Colin Scrupps

Light Up Wigtoft This Christmas

Those living in the vicinity of Asperton Road, Church Road and Main Road are encouraged to put a light either in their window or to light a tree in their garden.

It is an opportunity for us all to work together to celebrate our festival and of course Christmas itself. So, let's all join in the fun!

Wigtoft Church Cleaning

There will be no Church cleaning in December but a big clear up is planned after the Christmas Trees come down starting on Wednesday January 2nd from 10am.

All who would like to help out are welcome

Christmas is coming and we should be looking forward to another celebration of the coming of Jesus.

As children we anxiously awaited the presents that had been promised. The Christingle service in a cold church was magical, walking and singing at the same time was exciting.

Advent begins at the beginning of December and it is difficult not to think Christmas is already here as Santas have already arrived in shops and garden centres. Christmas cards and crackers are on display in the stores along with a plethora of gifts.

Shall we for a few minutes look forward to the light and sense of hope that Christmas brings? Let's concentrate on the darkness of the world and how much the love of Jesus is needed.

God sent his son as a very special gift on the first Christmas day. As we get closer to 25th December we shall have many services in churches and through the media, which will help us to remember the Bethlehem story. From crib services to Midnight Mass all ages can share the glory.

It is fun to share gifts, parties and family meals. When we enjoy ourselves we must remember those who are less fortunate. Mary must have been worried in a cold stable, in a strange country but she was thrilled by her tiny baby. There is no better time than Christmas to ask ourselves what we can do to help the needy.

The festival of Nine Lessons and Carols from Kings College in Cambridge is my favourite programme on TV. Each year this renews my hope.



♪♪ *"O come all ye faithful
joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord"* ♪♪

Happy Christmas Everyone - Avis M Padley

Obituary

Mary Clare (nee Sharpe)

Sadly, Mary passed away in Woodlands Court Nursing Home at Kirton on Tuesday October 16th – she was 84 years old.

The widow of the late Denis, they lived in Burtoft Lane in the village for many years, before moving to Rosebery Avenue in Boston. She was born and brought up in Swineshead. She leaves son Stephen and daughter Susan.

Wigtoft Harvest Celebration

Wigtoft Church was full for the Harvest service. Chris Tunnard read one of the lessons and Max Craven and Hazel Craven read the second lesson together. It was so nice to hear a young person doing one of the readings. Our thanks go to all three readers.

After the service sixty people sat down to a very enjoyable meal. This was prepared and served by Friends of the Church led by Jean, Ann and Virna. Thank you for all your hard work.

Chris Tunnard did the auction for us, with the help of his wife Sue and Grandson George. At times there was quite a lot of laughter!!

The whole event raised £884. for Church funds.

We would like to thank everyone who came and those who helped in any way.

Jane Barkham, PCC Secretary

Wigtoft Christmas Tree Festival

The theme this year is The 12 Days Of Christmas

Open days

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December

10am until 4pm

Refreshments available



If you miss the Festival weekend you can visit the Church between 10am and 3pm any day in December to see the Christmas Tree displays

**Do all the good you can
To all the people you can
In all the ways you can
As long as ever you can!**

We shall indeed be busy if we choose this as our New Year's resolution.

Until quite recently I stayed awake on 31st December right up to midnight. It was wonderful to see each New Year come in.

Will January bring the snow, which makes our feet and fingers glow? If so we can look forward to the pure white snowdrops putting up their spears to welcome February's rain and longer days.

Soon the starlings will show beautiful green, purple and violet splashes in their feathers. The blackbird seems to have dipped his beak in gold. The quarrelsome sparrows are still wearing their black bibs.

Tree buds are noticeable in winter and we can identify trees by these alone. How many of us have felt the stickiness of a chestnut bud or the sharp prick of a beech bud?

It seems a very long time since there was enough soft white snow for children to build a giant snowball or even a snowman!

Will New Years' day be bright and cold with hard frost or can we expect gales of wind and rain? Either way will cause us to grumble. Why do we always moan about the weather? Usually the cold gets stronger as the days get longer.

Please don't forget the birds on the darkest of days. The robin will be watching for us with his bold, black eye, and the shy little hedge sparrow awaits the seeds or crumbs dropped by his bolder cousins. The tits love to hang from the peanut feeders, upside down. We may catch sight of a colourful finch whilst the starlings jostle each other and gobble their food, and the blackbirds patiently await their turn. If you are fortunate you may spot a shy wren. Your reward will be a short sweet song.



South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2011-2036

The South East Lincolnshire Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State in June 2017 for examination. The 'Examination in Public' commenced in October 2017 and was completed in April 2018.

The examination resulted in some changes being required to the plan and in response to the comments received to the consultation held in the summer we are consulting on further changes and an updated Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment. Therefore, we will be undertaking a six week consultation on the 'Further Main Modifications' to the Plan from **30th November to 14th January 2019**.

Comments can only be made on the changes to the plan and, like the previous consultation, must focus on whether they make the Local Plan 'sound' and compliant with legal and procedural requirements. As a consequence there will not be any public exhibitions at village halls.

We will be publishing the following documents for consultation on our web site (<http://www.southeastlinclslocalplan.org/further-main-modifications/>) from 30th November:

- South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2011-2036:
Further Main Modifications Schedule;
- Sustainability Appraisal;
- Habitats Regulations Assessment;
• Equalities Impact Assessment; • Guidance Notes; • Response Form.

Paper copies of all the documents will be available to view at reception of the council offices in Boston and Spalding. However, owing to the size of the Sustainability Appraisal, about 1600 pages, we are not printing copies of it for the area's libraries and mobile libraries, although the other documents will be available in paper form. They will be available in the Council Offices and Libraries during normal office hours.

There are two ways in which comments can be submitted:

- By emailing a comment form (*available from the website*) to the Programme Officer, Elaine Henton at programme.officer@southeastlinclslocalplan.org
- By post using the comment form (available at the above locations) to: Elaine Henton, The Programme Officer, South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, Boston Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, PE21 8QR.

Comments must be received by 5pm on 14th January 2019. All comments received will be submitted to the Planning Inspectors for their consideration

For further information, please contact the Programme Officer, Elaine Henton at **programme.officer@southeastlinclslocalplan.org** or telephone: **01205 314385 or 07976 589885**

Wigtoft Church Lottery

Just a reminder that the Church Lottery year starts again in January. Please support our Church, and stand a chance of becoming richer, by joining or renewing your lottery subscription for the coming year.

Proceeds are split 50/50 between prize money and supporting the Church repair funds. Please contact a member of the PCC for details.

Church Lottery Winners October 2018

1st Mrs Sally Smith (£20)
2nd Mrs A Scrupps (£10)
3rd Mrs B Pickwell (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning October 20th

Church Lottery Winners November 2018

1st Mrs Sandra Smith (£20)
2nd ... Mrs A Taylor (£10)
3rd ... Mrs B Banfield (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning Nov 17th



Wigtoft Village Hall Bacon Butty Mornings

Bacon Butty Mornings in the Village Hall
continue every Saturday, 10am until noon

*** * * * * Please Note * * * * ***

***There will be no Bacon Butty Morning on Saturday
1st December due to the Christmas Tree Festival
being held in the Church***

*** ***

We will have our delicious Bacon Butties and
Cakes each Saturday until next spring

*All funds raised go towards the maintenance and
development of this village facility.*

Your chance to get involved

Have you ever ...

- Wanted to get something done for your community?
- Thought that the council could spend money better?
- Wanted to improve public services?
- Thought that you could do a better job given the chance?

Well now's your chance.

All 30 seats on Boston Borough Council will be up for election on May 2, 2019.

If you are over 18 years of age and have a connection with the borough, such as being on the electoral register or having lived here for at least a year, then you are eligible to become a councillor.

All sorts of people can become a councillor, all that is needed is a willingness to make a contribution to running the council. No specific skills or qualifications are required.

Training on roles and responsibilities will be offered to all new councillors, together with continuous support provided by council officers to give the background knowledge and understanding needed to help councillors with their duties.

There is a basic allowance for being a borough councillor, and additional payments for extra responsibilities, such as being a committee chairman. Allowances are paid monthly and can include expenses incurred while acting as a councillor, for example mileage allowances for travelling to and from council meetings.

An open meeting for anyone interested in becoming a councillor was held on Tuesday, October 16th, in the Committee Room, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, which provided information on the election process and an overview of the role and responsibilities of being a councillor.

If you would like more information on becoming a borough councillor check the council's website at www.boston.gov.uk or contact Lorraine Bush, Democratic Services Manager on 01205 314224 or e-mail lorraine.bush@boston.gov.uk



Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

This year the garden is still throwing up all sorts of surprises. My Yucca has six wonderful flower spikes on it that will unfortunately be doomed not to open in the winter chill.

Considering it likes warm dry positions it failed to do anything in the summer, explain that if you can! I am at a loss. Snapdragons, Kaffir lillies and pot Marigolds are lighting up the borders, even on dreary November days. The autumn colours have been glorious in the gardens and countryside this year. How lucky we are to live in a country that has four seasons, so different from each other, to enjoy.

As we are always being urged to reduce our carbon footprint as gardeners we can do our bit.

The RHS suggests that planting anything green can capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and that the best way to ensure captured carbon stays in the soil is to mulch with organic matter, such as garden compost, horse manure or bark chippings and avoid too much digging. Every little helps.

Remove fallen leaves from around alpine plants to prevent rot and limit slug and snail damage.



Keep paths, paving and patio free of leaves as they pose a very real threat of slipping, especially if we get a frost. Safety should always be a priority as most accidents happen in our homes and gardens.

So keep safe and warm and enjoy what this season has to offer us.

Regards from Sam

The Gathering

The "Gathering" will be delivering "HOPE" through your door this Christmastime which we know you will find interesting. Hope, in better things to come, motivates and inspires us to keep going through the difficult days we all experience from time to time.

Hope placed in the Christ child born in Bethlehem will never be disappointed and our hope is that the life stories that are read will inspire you to find Jesus who is alive today and inviting you to walk with Him through the year ahead.

The "Gathering" meets on Sunday mornings in the Village Hall at 10.30am and we welcome you to join us.

We send Christmas and New Year greetings to everyone.

Daphne and Bridget. Tel; - 01205 723259



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	New Year's Eve					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i>		Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Christmas Eve 4pm Crib Service <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	Boxing Day		Blue Bin 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>

Age Calendar

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bank Holiday New Year's Day	2 10am Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i> 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i>	3	4	5 Green Bin Collection 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
6	7	8	9	10	11 Blue Bin 6.30pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	12 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
13	14	15	16	17	18 Green Bin Collection	19 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
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27	28	29	30	31		
	2pm Friends Of The Church <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>					

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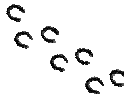


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Local Worthies

Bishop Richard Fox (1448 - 1528)

Richard Fox was the son of Thomas Fox and his wife Helena, who lived at Ropsley, Lincs. Thomas was a yeoman farmer: this type of farmer was generally a man holding and cultivating a small landed estate, a freeholder. He would not normally have less than 100 acres and he was qualified to serve on juries and to vote for a Knight of the Shire. This type of farmer was often described as a farmer of the middle classes.

Very little is known about the first 35 years of Richard Fox, but he is believed to have received his early education at Boston Grammar School. He is also reported to have studied at Magdalen College, Oxford and Pembroke College, Cambridge – he became a Bachelor of Canon Law and also became ordained.

It appears that he was in Paris studying for his Doctorate when he became acquainted with the Earl of Richmond, who later became King Henry V11. When Henry came to the throne he made Fox Lord Privy Seal and employed him in various embassy jobs. In 1487 he was created Bishop of Exeter and finally, in 1500 he was created Bishop of Winchester. He was godfather to Henry V11's son, who later became Henry V111.

During his lifetime he built and endowed the Grammar School at Grantham, and this school, the Kings School, remains one of England's leading educational institutions. He also founded Corpus Christi College at Oxford. He was also created Dean of Lincoln.

During the middle years of his life he was involved in much diplomatic manoeuvring, but as he grew older he retired to a much quieter religious type of life. In his last ten years he became blind; even after he became blind he continued to oversee work on Winchester Cathedral. In 1528, just three days before his death, he completed his endowment of the Grantham Grammar School.

John Harrison (1693 - 1776)

John Harrison was a self educated English carpenter and clockmaker who invented the marine chronometer – a long sought after device for solving the problem of calculating the time whilst at sea.

He was not entirely a “local worthy”: he was actually born in the West Riding of Yorkshire, where his father was a carpenter on the Nostell Priory estate. John was the eldest of five children and whilst he was still young the family moved to the Lincolnshire village of Barrow-on-Humber. He followed in his fathers footsteps and became a carpenter; he built and repaired clocks in his spare time. He built his first clock in 1713 when he was just 20: he made the mechanism entirely of wood.

In 1720 he was commissioned to make a new clock for the turret at Brocklesby Park, North Lincs – this clock is still working. Like his previous clocks the mechanism is made entirely of wood. He used oak and a wood known as lignum vitae (also known as guaicum, this is a tropical American evergreen tree that has a hard, heavy, oily wood)

What John Harrison is really famous for is for the invention of the marine chronometer. The definition of a chronometer is “a clock or instrument for measuring time accurately in spite of motion or variation in temperature, humidity or air pressure”.

In 1730 Harrison designed his clock or chronometer to compete for the “Longitude Prize”, a reward being offered by the authorities to anyone who could produce an instrument for time calculation whilst at sea.

He spent many years working on this instrument, but he faced many critics over this time. He eventually gained an audience with King George 111 and enlisted his help to further his claims that the instrument worked. Eventually Parliament conceded and in 1773, when he was 80 years old he received a reward of £8,750 from the government for his work, just three years before his death.

He died in London, where he lived for many year and he is buried in the graveyard of St John’s Church, Hampstead.

In 2014 Northern Rail renamed its train that runs between Barton and Cleethorpes as the “John Longitude Harrison”.

Colin Scrapps



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Continuing.

The Town Wall

Ancaster's town walls appear to have been built between 225 AD – 280 AD, although there is very little evidence left of the walls themselves. Finds of coins and pottery during excavations have put the date on them. The average height of these defensive walls would have been 6-8 metres and the width would have been quite substantial: they would consist of an earthen and gravel rampart piled up against the stone wall, possibly with a ditch on the outside of the wall. The rampart was probably 8-10 metres wide and the wall about 2 metres wide.

The town wall enclosed an area of about 9 acres – this area would contain buildings, many of stone, with streets and shops and would have been a bustling centre for trade and commerce. The reason so little is visible today is the fact that, over the centuries, stone would have been taken from the ruins and reused to build later houses and farm buildings.

In 1961 a limestone slab was found covering a medieval grave; this slab had a Roman inscription on it.

Another limestone sculpture was found in 1963, also used as a grave slab over a Roman grave. It was of a man wearing a cloak, possibly a depiction of the Roman god Jupiter. This was found in the area of the church and churchyard, which shows that the church site has had a religious importance from these early times.

A hoard of Roman coins were found in the ruins of the fort – these coins and other finds are now in the Grantham museum.

In 1773 the common fields around the village were enclosed as was the custom generally was in this period; the land was described as being wild and barren heath.

The village gave the title “Duke”, now extant, to the Bertie family of Uffington.

In 1643 there was a battle in the neighbourhood between the Royalists and the Parliamentarians – the Royalists won.

The Church

The Ancaster church of St Martin's was named after a Roman soldier who converted to Christianity and later became Bishop of Tours and a saint. The

church probably stands on the site of a former Roman temple. The church was first documented in 1200 AD. Two Roman sculptures were found in the east walls of the church in the 1960's.

In the field opposite the church grass covered banks now mark the line of the town wall and associated ditch.

Ancaster Stone

All of the statues and stone sculptures of Roman origin found in the village have been made from the local stone, known as Ancaster stone. This has been used from as far back as the Iron Age when, in this period it was used to make quern stones, used in the grinding of corn. This stone has been found to have been used over a very wide area and suggests that it supported an industry and craft that produced these sculptures and domestic items: quarrying is still taking place here today.

Ancaster stone was used to build Newark Castle, Woollaton Hall in Nottinghamshire and Belvoir Castle in Rutland – it was also used recently in the construction of the new Lincolnshire museum at Lincoln.

To be continued

Colin Scrapps



Sutterton Methodist Church Services for Dec / Jan

2nd December 10.30am - Mrs Liz Steel

9th December 10.30am - Rev. Alan Barker

16th December 3.00pm - Rev. Alan Barker, Carol Service

23rd December 3.00pm - Service at 3pm

30th December 10.30am - Mr Roy Saxby

6th January 10.30am - United Service at Holbeach

13th January 10.30am - Rev. Bob Prichard

20th January 10.30am - Rev. Alan Barker

27th January 10.30am - Lieut. Cols. Peter & Sylvia Daizial



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th August 2018

Present: Cllr. S. Collingwood; Cllr. P. Craven; Cllr B Leggott; Cllr. M. Scrupps;

Also Present: Lincs County Councillor Mike Brookes

Public Forum: One member of the public attended to advise the Council that, as the minutes are now taking up more space, the cost for printing the “Wigtoft News and Views” has escalated. It was asked if the Council would consider donating towards the increased cost. The Chairman advised the resident that this would be considered at the next meeting in October.

Chairman’s Remarks: The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllrs M Tunnard and S. Baxter sent their apologies. It was resolved to accept their apologies and reasons for absence. Borough Councillor M. Cooper and Ward Councillor Aaron Spencer sent their apologies.

To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

None

Police report

There was no Police presence or report received.

Notes of the meeting held on 2.7.18 to be approved and signed as minutes.

It was resolved to accept the above notes. The notes were confirmed and signed as minutes by the Chairman, Cllr SC.

Accounts for payment, budget figures and financial report.

Invoice date	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	Overall total
15.7.18	Pay	240.00		
15.7.18	PAYE	60.00		
15.7.18	Clerk use of home as office	20.00		
13.7.18	Printer Cartridges	24.16	4.83	
2.7.18	Printer paper	4.17	0.83	
15.7.18	Clerk travel claim	16.87		
30.6.18	Payroll Services	15.00	3.00	
	TOTAL	380.20	8.66	388.86

Finance report

There are no up to date balances for the Bank Account available as the statement up to the end of June has not been received.

Due to the above, the quarterly bank reconciliation had not been completed. This will be done as soon as the statements are received.

Once again, there are problems with the change of Bank Mandate. This will be discussed under agenda item 12.

It was resolved to accept the above accounts for payment and the budget figures for the year to date.

Planning applications:

None.

Correspondence

E mail from BBC with copy of the latest Parish Council Newsletter. E mailed to Councillors 30.6.18

E mails from NALC containing weekly newsletter. E mailed to Councillors weekly

E mail from LALC with copy of the latest newsletter. E mailed to Councillors 3.7.18

E mail from NALC regarding 5 start Councils Award. E mailed to Councillors 4.7.18

E mail from BBC publicising signing up on the Voter's Roll. E mailed to Councillors. Added to website 11.7.18

E mail with link to Police Commissioner update. E mailed to Councillors. Added to website 14.7.18

E mail with a copy of the latest Wigtoft News and Views attached. E mailed to Councillors 30.7.18

E mail from Community Engagement Team, LCC about new funding for innovative projects to build stronger communities. E mailed to Councillors 30.7.18

Councillors Reports

Cllr SC reported that he has been advised by LCC Highways that the condition of the footpath at the side of the Church is at an acceptable standard. He also reported that there has been some garden waste dumped on the path in one corner. **ACTION: Clerk to report as fly tipping to Boston Borough Council.**

Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that:

An invitation has been received for the Clerk to attend a meeting at Boston Borough Council with Michelle Sacks, Chief Monitoring Officer on 19.9.18. I am unable to attend so I have sent my apologies. There will be a meeting for Clerks and Parish Councillors on the 29th November at 6pm. I am able to attend this meeting. It would be useful if at least one Councillor could attend also.

Regarding the weekly newsletter from NALC, do Councillors want me to send it out every week or only send out if there is any relevant content?

A section explaining about the Transparency Code has been added to the website.

Cllr SC volunteered to attend the meeting on the 29th November. Councillors asked for the NALC newsletter to be sent only if there is any relevant content.

To discuss the next actions required for the Bank Mandate changes and to progress the application for online banking and a debit card for the clerk.

The Clerk advised that a letter has been received from Nat West to say that the paperwork sent by the Boston branch for Cllr. BL has been lost and new paperwork will need to be submitted. Cllr BL said he would be able to go into the local branch to complete the process but not for a couple of weeks. It was resolved to wait for this to happen rather than complete a new mandate without Cllr. BL as a signatory. It was resolved to apply for online banking and for a debit card for the clerk. The application forms for on line banking and for a debit card were completed. **ACTION: Cllr BL to advise Clerk when he has completed the process at the Nat West. Clerk to forward other application forms to Nat West.**

An update on Highways issues and to decide whether to join the Community Speedwatch Scheme.

The Clerk reported that a response to the request for an on-site meeting with Highways regarding the poor visibility at the two A17 junctions with Boston Road and Burtoft Lane South had not been received. After following this up with a further e mail, a response had been received about the Burtoft Lane South junction. Councillors asked County Cllr. MB for advice. Following a discussion about the Community Speed Watch scheme, it was resolved to join the scheme at a cost of £40. Cllr PC offered to complete the form allocating potential sites for the 30 and 40mph advisory signs. **ACTION: Clerk to forward e mail correspondence to Cllr MB who will speak to a member of the Highways team for advice and to forward application to Community Speed Watch.**

An update on the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and to formally adopt the policies and procedures.

Further policies and procedures had been prepared by the Clerk, namely: Data Breach Policy; Records Retention Procedure; Subject Access Procedure and a Security Compliance Checklist for Councillors to complete. Cllrs PC, BL and MM completed the checklist. It was resolved to adopt the above policies and procedures. The Clerk advised the Council that checking all paper and computer records for personal data is still work in progress. **ACTIONS: Clerk to ensure Cllrs SC, MT and SB complete the checklist. Clerk to publish the remaining policies and procedures on the website. Clerk to complete the check of paper and computer records by the next meeting in October.**

To decide whether to repair/paint the Noticeboard.

Following a discussion, it was resolved to ask Smart Gardens, a local company, to quote for re-varnishing and repairing the beading and adding a clasp and padlock to the noticeboard. It was resolved to spend a maximum of £200 for this work. **ACTION: Cllr SC to make contact.**

To review and adopt the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council.

The draft Financial Regulations had been sent out by the Clerk in advance of the meeting. A discussion was held on options for any variables within the document. After the above decisions had been reached, it was resolved to adopt the Financial Regulations. **ACTION: Clerk to update with the amendments and post on the website.**

To decide whether to have an accompanied or unaccompanied playground inspection by Wickstead.

The Clerk advised the Council that the cost for an unaccompanied inspection is £45 and an accompanied inspection is £71. There is also an option to have a detailed analysis of risk for £15. It was resolved to arrange an unaccompanied inspection with the detailed risk report. **ACTION: Clerk to order inspection.**

To discuss the next steps regarding the vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

Following a discussion, it was resolved to continue to advertise the vacancy on the notice board, website and in Wigtoft News and Views. A question was asked about the consequences of not filling the vacancy. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Wigtoft News and Views to request the advert be left in until further notice. Clerk to contact Boston Borough Council to find out if there are consequences to an unfilled vacancy.**

To discuss the article from LALC's latest newsletter (page 6, sent out on 3.7.18) regarding the difference between the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish meeting and to decide on any actions required.

The Clerk drew the Parish Council's attention to the article. Following a discussion, it was resolved to decide whether to have an Annual Parish Meeting or not in 2019 at the next meeting on the 1.10.18. **ACTION: Clerk to add to agenda.**

To decide if the Council wish to send a representative to the LALC AGM on the 17th of October 2018.

It was resolved not to send a representative.

To discuss the SE Lincs Local Plan main modifications consultation.

The Clerk presented a folder which gave details of any modifications to the plan in Wigtoft. The only alteration was the addition of a parcel of land noted as a POTENTIAL site for development. Once Cllr PC realised that he is the owner of this parcel of land, he declared an interest in the discussion and left the room at 21.15. Councillors discussed the changes and resolved that they did not wish to make any comments on this to the consultation. Cllr PC returned at 21.20.

To decide if the Council wishes to reinstate the annual meeting with Algarkirk, Sutterton and Fosdyke. (email from Algarkirk Clerk 24.7.18)

It was resolved to register an interest in reinstating this meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Algarkirk Clerk.**

To decide if the Council wants the Clerk and a Councillor to attend the "Councillors and Clerks networking day" at the Bentley Hotel, South Hykeham on 27.9.18 and also if a Councillor would volunteer to accompany the Clerk to a Clerks and Councillors Parish Liaison meeting at Boston Borough Council on 29.11.18 at 6pm.

It was resolved not to attend the networking day. Cllr SC agreed to accompany the clerk to the Parish Liaison meeting. **ACTION: Clerk to advise BBC at the appropriate time.**

To discuss and confirm the Clerk's probationary review with full Council.

The Clerk left the room at 21.22. It was resolved to confirm the review. The clerk returned at 21.27 and was advised of the above resolution.

Meeting closed at 21:30

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1st October 2018

Present: Cllr. S. Collingwood; Cllr. Matt Tunnard; Cllr B Leggott; Cllr. M. Scrupps;

Also Present: One member of the public

Public Forum: None

Chairman's Remarks: The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr P Craven sent his apologies. It was resolved to accept his apology and reason for absence. County Councillor Mike Brookes and Borough Councillor Mike Cooper sent their apologies.

To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

None

Police report

There was no Police presence or report received.

Notes of the meeting held on 6.8.18 to be approved and signed as minutes.

It was resolved to accept the above notes. The notes were confirmed and signed as minutes by the Chairman, Cllr SC.

Accounts for payment, budget figures and financial report.

Invoice date	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaim	Overall total
15.8.18	Pay	374.95		
15.8.18	PAYE	93.80		
15.8.18	Clerk use of home as office	20.00		
15.9.18	Clerk use of home as office	20.00		
5.9.18	Stamps	10.98		
1.10.18	Mole control in play area 1.10.18 to 30.9.19	472.50		
15.9.18	Pay	192.00		
15.9.18	HMRC	48.00		
31.7.18	Payroll Services	15.00	3.00	
31.8.18	Payroll Services	15.00	3.00	
5.9.18	Joining fee Community Speedwatch	40.00		
24.9.18	Annual Audit charge	200.00	40.00	
	TOTAL	1502.23	46.00	1548.23

Finance report

The duplicate bank statement for June has still not been received. Once this is to hand, the Bank Reconciliation will be completed.

A letter has been received from HM Revenue and Customs about changes to the way VAT is claimed. The new process will be implemented immediately.

It was resolved to accept the above accounts for payment and the budget figures for the year to date.

ACTION: Clerk to chase bank mandate acceptance and to order duplicate statement.

Planning applications:

None.

Correspondence

1.8.18 Parish Council Newsletter from B.B.C. e mailed to Councillors 7.8.18

31.8.18 Parish Council Newsletter from B.B.C. e mailed to Councillors 31.8.18

3.9.18 Lincs Ass of Local Councils annual report 2017/18

25.9.18 Community Care Officer request for copy of Village Magazine. Sent 26.9.18.

24.9.18 Information about a "Be a Councillor" event e mailed to Councillors and poster placed on noticeboard 26.9.18

12.9.18 Letter for Councillors about the Gambling Act 2005 distributed at the meeting

15.9.18 Brochures from Glasdon distributed at the meeting

Councillors Reports

Cllr MS advised that the wall in front of the Church, adjacent to the highway, is crumbling. **ACTION: Clerk to report.**

Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that:

- Letters regarding the Gambling act to distribute.
- Annual audit report – no actions, all signed off as being compliant. A few further actions to undertake to complete the current audit procedure.

To agree a payment of £200 for the annual audit

It was resolved to make the payment.

To decide whether to arrange a half year internal audit

It was resolved to arrange a half year internal audit at a maximum cost of £100.

ACTION: Clerk to contact the auditor and arrange a meeting.

To decide whether to make a donation to "Wigtoft News and Views" to assist with the extra cost of printing the Parish Council minutes

It was resolved to make a donation of £60. **ACTION: Clerk to check that this will be sufficient to cover next year's cost to help with Council budget planning.**

To review the play area inspection report and decide on any actions required

There were no major concerns raised. There were some advisory points regarding future maintenance. It was resolved to ask a local firm to check over the trees in the play area to check if any maintenance required. Agenda item for next meeting to discuss further. **ACTION: Clerk to arrange for trees to be checked.**

To agree a one-year arrangement with Premier Pest Control Services for mole control in the playing field at a cost of £472.50

It was resolved to enter into a one-year arrangement at a cost of £472.50

An update on the bank mandate, on line banking and debit card applications

The final amended paperwork was sent to the Nat West on the 10th of September. No further correspondence has been received. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Nat West for an update.**

An update on Highways issues and the Community Speedwatch Scheme, including feedback from Cllrs SC and BL from the meeting with a Highways representative on the 24th of September 2018.

The Clerk reported that potholes on Asperton Road have been reported and Highways have confirmed that an order for repair has been issued.

The deteriorating road surface on Burtoft Lane South has been reported and Highways have confirmed that an order for repair has been issued. Cllr BL added that during the recent on-site Highways meeting, it was confirmed that the road is to be resurfaced. The Clerk also reported that a resident has contacted the Council about potholes at the end of their drive and also their neighbour's drive on Asperton Road. It was resolved to report the potholes of behalf of the residents.

In respect of the Community Speedwatch Scheme, the 30mph and 40mph Passive Warning Notices have been received but no confirmation has been received that the proposed sites are acceptable.

Cllrs SC and BL met with 2 representatives from Lincolnshire Highways on the 24.9.18 to discuss 3 issues: visibility exiting Sleaford road onto the A17; visibility exiting Burtoft Lane South onto the A17 and flooding issue at the junction of Mill Lane and Wigtoft Road. The representatives advised that they could see how grown up the vegetation had become along the A17 and talked about removing whole trees/bushes, including their roots to address the issues. They confirmed that they will issue an order for work at the Mill Lane junction. Cllrs SC and BL mentioned the slippery footpath outside the chicken farm. Highways advised that this was not something they would deal with as it is caused by algae from the overhanging conifers on private land. **ACTION: Clerk to monitor for confirmation of the above proposed work. Clerk to contact Community Speedwatch to confirm sites are acceptable.**

To discuss the footpath outside the chicken farm

Please see above agenda item. **ACTION: Clerk to write to the owner(s) of the chicken farm to ask if they would be prepared to act to prevent the algae building up.**

An update on the new GDPR regulations

The Clerk advised that the required policies are all now in place and available to view on the website. Due to the Clerk's recent holiday, not all of the old files have been checked for any documents containing personal data. This will be completed by the next meeting.

An update on the noticeboard repairs

Cllr SC has received a quote for £90 but this did not include repair of the internal beading. It was resolved to spend a maximum of £110 for this work. **ACTION: Cllr SC to obtain an amended quote.**

To decide whether to organise an Annual Parish Meeting for next year.

Following a discussion, it was resolved not to organise a meeting.

To decide on the application for the vacancy for a Parish Councillor

It was resolved to move into a closed session. The member of the public was asked to leave at 20.25.

One application had been received. Having met the applicant prior to the start of the meeting, it was resolved to appoint Mr Graeme Wright as the new Councillor for Wigtoft Parish Council. **ACTION: Clerk to advise Mr Wright and obtain the necessary forms for signing at the next meeting.**

Meeting closed at 20:30

Readers Letters & Comments



The following letter was sent to Wigtoft Parish Council

May I bring to your attention a problem, which has occurred in the village before and which has been resolved by a mention in the Wigtoft magazine. Over the past few weeks we have been clearing small piles of dog faeces from our front lawn. This appears to be of the size expelled by a small to medium sized dog. We have noticed that the same has been occurring on our neighbour's front lawn.

Resident of Asperton Road

Garden Waste Collection Service 2018

A additional Garden Waste collection will take place on Friday December 14th



Garden waste collections finish will then start again in March 2019

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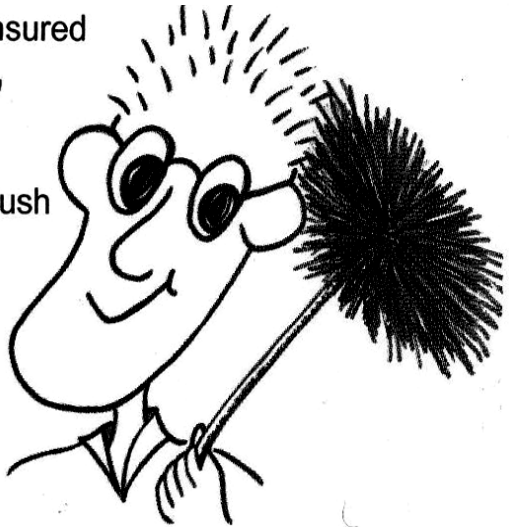
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