

WIGTOFT



VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

APRIL / MAY 2017



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This month's cover photograph is of Arthur & Mavis Fisher who ran The Swan (Phoenix) Public House on Main Road.

The grass cutting season in the Churchyard has come around again, the mild weather recently is encouraging growth. Our regular team of old geezers cutting the grass, Colin Scrupps, Jim Greg, Keith Collingwood, Dave Stanhope and John Craggs, has been added to by a much more capable younger member - George Tunnard. On behalf of the PCC I would like to thank the team for all the work they do to keep the churchyard looking tidy.

I have recently been made aware of some scams going on in the area .

One is a group of people pretending to be from the water company to get access to your property. They apparently look fairly genuine and even appear to have some form of ID. They will come to your door and tell you that work is being carried out in the area and they need to check the water pressure in you house. Once in one will attempt to distract you and the another will look for things to steal. Do not let them in, if in doubt contact your water company via the number on your last water bill, for Anglian Water this is 0800 145145 before you let them in.

Another scam is someone coming to your home or contacting by phone or email saying they are from a Smart Meter company or your energy supplier and want you to buy a smart meter. Tell them to go away, politely or not, you do not pay for smart meters for your electricity or gas, they are provided by your energy company free of charge (well they make the money up on your gas or electricity bill in one way or another as nothing is "free").

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

On behalf of the PCC I would like to give a brief update on the Church Roof Repair Project.

We now have definite confirmation of two grants totalling £97,000 to fund the majority of the work needed to make the Church roof watertight again. This together with £8000 of Church funds, raised from events over the last two years, and £1000 donated by the newsletter will hopefully cover the costs of the project. However once work gets under way you can never be certain what extra necessary repairs will be uncovered so we still need to continue with fundraising.

We are restricted on the times of the year the repair work can be carried out because of the resident bats. The breeding season is the period we cannot carry out the work and this runs from April to September. So unless the Bat Conservation people give us permission to carry out some of the work earlier, we should be able to get a start during September and hopefully get it all completed by the end of the year.

Coffee mornings start again in the Church after the Flower, Art & Craft weekends, the first one being Saturday May 6th. Prior to that there will be three Bacon Butty Mornings held in the Village Hall in aid of the Church during April.

Church Lottery Winners January 2017

1st..... Mr Alan Bell (£20)
2nd Mr John Johnson (£10)
3rd Mr N Banfield (£5)

Drawn at the Bacon Butty Morning, Feb. 25th

Church Lottery Winners February 2017

1st..... Mrs J Collingwood (£20)
2nd Mr Pete Ulyyatt (£10)
3rd..... Mrs A Scrupps (£5)

Drawn at the Bacon Butty Morning, Feb. 25th

Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

Church Lottery Winners March 2017

1st..... Mr J King (£20)
2nd..... Mrs S Smith (£10)
3rd Mrs J Collingwood (£5)

Drawn at the PCC Meeting, March 20th

The Haven Group Church Services For April

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
2 nd				10.30am Group Service	
9 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
13 th		10am Holy Communion			7pm Holy Communion
14 th		2pm Good Friday Service	11am Jelly Church	2pm Good Friday Service	
16 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.45am Holy Communion
23 rd		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	4pm Evensong
30 th		10.45am Joint Service at Methodist Chapel	9.15am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion

The Haven Group Church Services For May

7 th			10.30am Group Service		
14 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Family Church	10am Holy Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion
21 st	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Family Church	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.45am Holy Communion
28 th		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evensong

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

April 2017

May 2017

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

Village Hall News

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting was held on Monday 13th February and committee members were re-elected en-bloc with the exception of Mrs C Wright who resigned the post of secretary due to moving from the village. Therefore we have a vacancy for secretary, unfortunately it is a voluntary position. Anyone interested in the post please come along to the next meeting on Monday 24th April at 7.30pm in the hall.

Residents in the village will have noticed that the hall wall was knocked over, hopefully as we go to print repairs will have started.



Sadly the bacon butty mornings have now finished in the hall raising funds for the Village Hall, but they will continue in April for 3 weeks raising money for the Church, please continue to come along and support it.

The committee would like say to a big thank you to all who have given up their time to help, donated or supported the winter Bacon Butty Mornings. It really does make a difference. We will give a final total raised in the next edition of the magazine. Money raised this time will be going towards a new fire door, repairs to guttering and facias and putting a door on the cupboard in the new extension.

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 £8 per hour, which includes heating,
lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.*

Church PCC Annual General Meeting

The Wigtoft Church Parochial Church Council will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 25th April at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Please come along to see what is going on at our village Church and to volunteer your services if you feel you can help with the Church.

Wigtoft Church Finances

Well, another financial year is over for the Church and as Treasurer I felt that it was time for an update on how we stand financially.

Firstly I would like, on behalf of the PCC, to thank everyone who has helped raise funds over the year in whatever way. This may be from collections at services, regular donations, one off donations or support at Church fundraising events. I would also like to thank the Friends of the Church group for all their hard work organising events for the Church and to the ladies of Scraps R Us for their generous donations.

We are very careful how these funds are used. Most of the money raised from events and some one off donations are put into a Fabric Fund specifically to help with repairs and maintenance of the building. The money from collections and regular donations goes to pay for things like the electric bill, insurance, clock maintenance and of course our Parish Share, the money paid to the Diocese to help support our vicar.

Below is a breakdown of our income and expenditure for 2016.

Income

Collections & Book Jars	£1019	Regular Donations	£1094
Coffee Mornings	£1029	One Off Donations	£1016
Lottery (after prizes)	£454	Investment Income	£356
Events	£4780	Special Service Fees	£367

Expenditure

Electric	£294	Insurance	£2133
Repairs/Maintenance	£291	Parish Share	£861
Churchyard Maintenance	£575	Security/Alarm	£745
Service Requisites	£81		

Over the last two years we have been able to raise over £10,000 for the fabric fund, most of which will go towards the upcoming roof repair project.

Church Cleaning

Church cleaning for April will be Wednesday the 12th and for May, Wednesday the 10th from 10am both days

We also share together in a chat (*what the rest of us call a gossip*) and a cuppa.

If you would like to help please come along, you will be made most welcome

The twilight years of the most gentle and loving canine came to an end on Sunday the 5th of February. He deteriorated rapidly in the last five days of his life and was put to sleep by his trusted vet. He was just worn out. His walks had become shorter and his sleeps longer.

The bond between us was inexplicable and had to be experienced to be believed. I am still stunned by his loss and miss him every hour I am awake.

A Fond Farewell To Our Canine Friend

We all felt sad when we heard of the passing of our dear canine friend, Max.

Over the years, through the writings of his mistress, Max has kept us enthralled. We have learned much about him, his walks, friends, the nice things he ate.

I had called in to see him and the one who loved him most, just prior to Christmas. I was met with the usual greeting and welcome as we both settled on our respective settees. Max was indeed, lovely. It is my belief that he was a rescue dog. It is also my understanding that Miss Padley had, over the years, offered several dogs a home. A home that wasn't just a place to live, it was a place to be loved, cared for and sharing of companionship.

So as one who has loved to hear about his adventures and shared, if only in part his life, Max will be much missed. Our thoughts are with his mistress. Bereavement is always sad and comes in all shapes and sizes, even the canine kind!

Miss Padley has written for our magazine for many years. Her diary of Max has brought us much joy and amusement and we are grateful. Her thoughts this month on Easter are inspirational and as one who writes on occasion I appreciate the time and effort that has been devoted to it.

Miss Padley, a hearty thank you for your lovely stories about Max and thank you for your many other contributions to our village magazine, long may they continue.

Topical Talk

We have lost another of our mature trees in the churchyard. This happened during the recent gale, when the large conifer which stood on the edge of the churchyard near the school had its roots loosened by the strong winds, resulting in it leaning over at an angle, making it necessary to have it removed for safety reasons. This tree was well over 100 years old and will be well remembered by many past pupils of the school. I recall it being a mature tree 75 years ago, as will many more.

The recent passing of Nora Hall of Sutterton will sadden many people. She was well known and respected by many people locally – a true Lady, she was very proud of her family and spoke constantly of them. Rest in peace Nora.

I was reading recently about a man by the name of Raoul Wallenberg. He was Swedish diplomat, born into a wealthy family near Stockholm in 1912. His father died 3 weeks before his son was born and Raoul was brought up by his mother and grandmother. He did well at school, getting top grades in Russian and art. After he had done his compulsory military service he spent a year in Paris before going to the US to study architecture at the University of Michigan, hitch hiking around America during his holidays. He returned to his native Sweden in 1935: working for a Swedish company he travelled extensively in South Africa and in Palestine. He eventually returned to Stockholm where he worked for a company that did business in Europe and by the early years of the war he was making regular trips to Germany and occupied France. In July 1944 the Swedish government, which was officially neutral during the war, asked him to go to Hungary – by the time he arrived in Budapest an estimated 440,000 Hungarian Jews had been deported to the Nazi death camps with about 230,000 remaining. His government described him as a “special envoy” and he is reported to have bribed officials, halted deportation trains and used all manner of tricks to help the unfortunate Jews. One of his tricks was to issue temporary Swedish passports to Jewish people – then, as citizens of a neutral state, not only were they exempt from wearing the yellow star that identified them as Jews, but they were also able to leave the country in safety. He rented dozens of houses in Hungary and crammed them with Jews and declared them as being under the protection of the Swedish flag. On one occasion he intercepted a train that was about to leave for the Auschwitz extermination camp laden with Jews – he climbed onto the roof and handed passes through the doors and despite shots being fired he continued to do this until his documents ran out: he then climbed down, located the train commander and demanded that those in possession of the passes be released – it is said that his courage even impressed some of the SS guards.

On another occasion when Jewish prisoners were being force marched 20 miles a day to the Austrian border in November 1944 he drove alongside the column, delivering food and water to those who had not succumbed to the cold or starvation. The Nazi official Adolf Eichmann, whose job it was to destroy all

Hungarian Jews is reported to have tried to have Wallenberg killed, but failed. Some estimates suggest that Wallenberg saved in the region of 100,000 lives by his actions.

When Russian troops entered Budapest in 1945 they were inspecting papers at one of Wallenberg's "safe" houses when the man himself was present. The officer in charge asked him to accompany him to headquarters, and they left. Raoul himself was expecting to be back in a few hours – he was never seen again ??

Reports of Wallenberg's work reached the West in early 1945 and Stockholm confirmed his actions. There were various reports of his fate, including that the Nazis had killed him or that he had made his way back to Stockholm, but the truth seems to be that he "disappeared" into the hands of the Russians who believed him to be a US spy. Various reports from Moscow suggest that he died of a heart attack when he was in one of their labour camps, former prisoners saying that they had spoken to him.

Eventually his half sister requested that Wallenberg be officially declared dead; the Swedish government published search notices for him but received no new information on his whereabouts. Finally, in October 2016 a Swedish official from the department that registers deaths announced that his death was officially on July 31st 1952.

He was honoured by the US with the award of the Congressional gold medal and the Israeli Holocaust Memorial declared him to be one of the "righteous among the nations".

In a recent interview Stanley Johnson, father of Boris Johnson (Foreign Secretary) tells how, after he had been recruited by MI6 as a spy and saboteur, he was sent on a training mission. He was to blow up a power station on the Northumbrian coast and then head over the moor to Hexham. After completing the first part of his task (in theory) he headed out over the moor: as he did so he came across a young woman with blonde hair and a short skirt, leaning over the open bonnet of a red sports car. "I can't seem to get it started" she said; he gave the key a turn in the ignition and it roared into life. She thanked him and then offered him a lift, which he accepted. He says that, in retrospect, it was obviously a plant, because a mile or two from Hexham they ran into a road block, with blue flashing lights everywhere – he spent the next 10 hours being "grilled". He realises now that the woman was a "plant" but also says that in his instructions nowhere did it say that he had to walk to Hexham.

When they deprived him of his trousers at the police station and he was left just to walk about in his underpants, shirt and socks, he took the easy way out – the police rang a phone number that they found in his clothes and everything was sorted out; he admits that he finished up taking the "easy way out". There is no record of how successful he was at being a spy !!

Colin Scrupps



Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

Well it is officially Spring now with all the promise that it brings with it. It will be nice to garden without layers of clothes on to restrict your movement and get in the way. If you want to plant or move evergreen shrubs or trees this is the best time to do it. Take care not to plant into ground that is still very soggy, either dig in some organic matter or wait a little longer. Every garden is so different, it is difficult to generalise. My own borders and lawns are still a little wet to work so I am cutting back and reshaping overgrown late flowering shrubs. The Forsythia and early flowering Ribes (flowering current) are budding well, after they have finished flowering, prune the Forsythia quite hard and remove some of the older stems down to the ground to encourage regeneration. The flowering current can be pruned the same to keep it in shape and fresh, removing about a third of the old stems each year.

If you grow tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers they should have been sown and placed in the greenhouse or indoors and covered with plastic lids or glass to germinate. You can't beat the home grown one for taste, probably because they are not chilled like shop bought ones.

Here's hoping for some nice weather soon.

Regards, from Sam



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 18 th	Black Pig Fenders - Rope Work
May 16 th	Maurice Braden - Old Boston
June 20 th	Tom Holland - Visit With Plants

WE ALSO ARRANGE VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:

Chairman, Malcolm - 01205 460635 or Treasurer, Barbara - 01205 460400

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Virna - 01205 460259 or Jean - 01205 460546

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**Christians on this happy day
Haste with joy your vows to pay;
'Christ is risen', today we cry;
Now he lives no more to die.**

Belief in Jesus Christ depends on believing the Easter story. A Christian is not just someone who lives a good life and attends church on Sundays. Jesus offered us a life as a member of God's family, through his death on the cross.

In a wonderful age of science and technology how can intelligent people still believe that Jesus rose from the dead? Jesus was poor and ordinary but came to save those who love him. He died for us but came back to save those who love him. He died for us but came back to life. We cannot prove without any doubt that Jesus returned from the grave as we were not there, but have to make up our own minds.

No Jew or Roman was able to find the body of Jesus although an armed guard had kept a 24 hour watch on his tomb, which was sealed by a large rock. After his death disciples told anyone who would listen that Jesus was alive. Some were beaten or even killed for delivering the message.

Writings by Roman and Jewish teachers agree with Jesus' life and death on the cross. Jesus' followers could have stolen his body from the tomb and misled millions of people but would they have risked their lives for this? Did he really walk out of the grave? His life didn't end with the resurrection. In John 14 Jesus tells us *"Trust in God and also in me. I am going to prepare a place for you. You will be with me where I am"*. He promises a new life with him and a permanent home with God.

Happy Easter

Sutterton Methodist Church

The Church with the yellow door

Come along to our Coffee Mornings



These are held on the first and third Wednesday every month 10am until noon.

Coffee served with plenty of friendly chat

A warm welcome given to all

New Laws For Dog Owners

As you already may be aware, Boston Borough Council recently introduced a new Public Spaces Protection Order aimed at dog owners.

You risk a £100 fine if you :

- ◆ Do not clean up after your dog
- ◆ Fail to have the means (a bag) to clean up after your dog
- ◆ Fail to put a nuisance or dangerous dog on a lead when asked to do so by an authorised officer
- ◆ Allow your dog into an enclosed children's play area

These rules will apply to any area that the public has access to within the Borough of Boston.

Please do not do as many people seem to, just throw the bag on the ground or hang it on a tree, please take the bag away with you and dispose of it properly.

We have recently had complaints about dog mess within Wigtoft Churchyard among the graves. Please note that these new rules apply to the Churchyard as well, so please clear up after your dog.

Scraps A Us Report For 2016

The ladies who knit, sew, chat and make various craft items to sell have once again done a grand job.

In 2016 they made a total of £1,048. 80p.

This money was made selling their crafts at various shows, coffee mornings and events throughout the year. The proceeds were donated to Wigtoft Church, Welcome Club, Ladies Club and Sutterton Methodist Chapel.

We would like to thank them for all their hard work and generosity. Jean Knight would like to offer her appreciation to all those who have supported Scraps by giving various materials. Also, to thank those who have attended events throughout the year and the donations of raffle prizes and tombola. If anyone would like to offer materials or indeed join these hard working ladies, then please contact Jean Knight on 01205 460546.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10am - 4pm Art & Craft Festival <i>Wigtoft Church</i>						1 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning in aid of Church funds <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7 Blue / Brown Bin	8 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning in aid of Church funds <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
	7 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i> 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	6.30pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	
9 Palm Sunday	10	11	12	13 Maundy Thurs	14 Good Friday Green Bin Collection	15 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning in aid of Church funds <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
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9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	21	22 3pm Newsletter Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	23 7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	24 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i>	25 Green Bin Collection	26 10am - 11.30am Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
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Please come along for a friendly chat and light refreshments which now include bacon butties and home made cakes.



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Shodfriars Hall Boston

The Restoration of Shodfriars Hall

In 1874 the original building facing onto South Street, which had been known as the Old Flemish House and which had been the home of the Corpus Christi Guild was “rebuilt”. The theatre at the rear and now forming part of the whole was built at the same time. To make way for this three or four cottages, together with the London Tavern were purchased and demolished. An illustration in Pishey Thompson's History and Antiquities of Boston (1784-1862) shows a sketch of the house (prior to restoration). It is simply named as Old House, South Street.

When the scheme to rebuild the Hall was first put in place in 1872 the matter was put in hand by Mr S. Sherwin, whose father was H. A. Sherwin, the Boston builder.

Under the title of the Boston Conservative Building Co Ltd 5,000 shares of £1 each were offered and duly taken up. As stated, several cottages plus the London Tavern were purchased and demolished. The project was expected to yield a 4% dividend for the shareholders but, owing to the failure of the bank in which the money was invested, the investors received nothing.

In Dec 1874 the Boston Guardian and Independent reported on the opening of the refurbished and extended building and described how the upper rooms were to be used as a reading room and Conservative Club.

The 62ft theatre hall was designed to seat 650 people.

Fake

Quite a few people over the years have stated that the front part of the building was just a huge fake, a replica of a 15th century building. However, in 1985 Nigel Kerr, a historic buildings inspector said that he was convinced that the internal timbers proved that the building, although much altered, was of the age originally stated. He also stated that, in his opinion it must have been one of the two or three finest 15th century major timber framed houses in the county. He also stated that he was surprised that anyone ever thought it a fake, because, to any architectural historian it is obvious, looking at it from the outside, that the place is perfectly genuine and that it has been restored: it would not deceive an expert for more than ten minutes.

Nigel Kerr also stated that, as a building, a fundamental distinction has to be made between the old, front part of the whole building, the timber framed house, and the large, brick built part behind it.

Uses

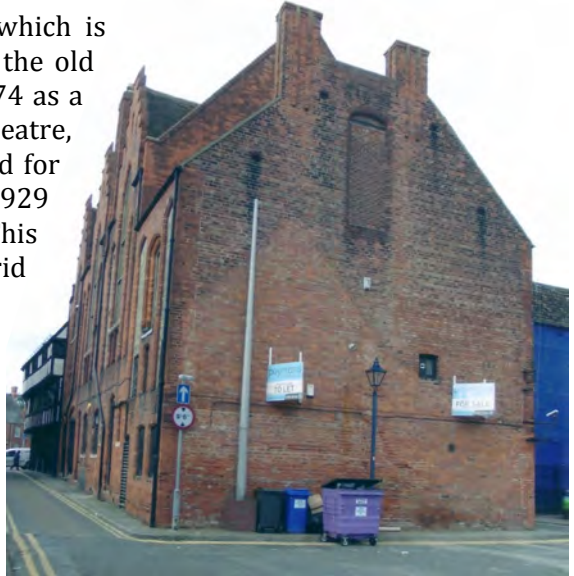
Since its restoration the bottom part (ground floor) of the old building has been used by a variety of retailers: these include two or three bakers and a hairdresser. Alfred H Read & Sons, Shipping Agents also operated from here. The first floor over the bakers shop was used by a Mr Meggitt, sail maker.

A newspaper report from 1982 says that estate agents White & Kingston are advertising Shodfriars Hall in South Street, Boston for sale. The listed building is being offered with a £100,000 price tag.

Shodfriars Theatre

This is the large brick building which is attached to and standing behind, the old Shodfriars Hall. It was built in 1874 as a theatre: it was used as a circuit theatre, dance hall, for public meetings and for concerts. It closed as a theatre in 1929 and became a billiards hall. This theatre was designed by J Oldrid Scott, a Boston architect.

Old Mother Riley (Arthur Lucan) started his theatrical career in this theatre (initially as a programme seller) and went on to become a household name with his comedy act with his wife Kitty McShane.



From 1924 -1939 the theatre was owned and operated by the Boston Scala Theatre Company.

Colin Scrapps

Wigtoft Welcome Club

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South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2011 - 2036 Publication Version Consultation

South East Lincolnshire
Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Preparation of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan is almost complete and we will soon be undertaking a final (statutory) round of consultation on the Plan, under Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The consultation period will run from Monday 10th April to Monday 22nd May 2017 and it will be the last chance for residents to comment on the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State in the summer. This consultation will be different to previous ones undertaken in that the comments made must relate to whether the Local Plan is 'sound' and complies with legal and procedural requirements. As a consequence there will not be any public exhibitions at village halls as has previously occurred. A guidance note will be available to view on our website (<http://southeastlincslocalplan.org/>) from 10th April, which sets out advice on how to respond to the consultation.

We will be publishing a number of documents for consultation including the Publication Version of the Local Plan, the Policies Map, Sustainability Appraisal, Statement of Consultation and other supporting documents. The documents will be available to view on <http://southeastlincslocalplan.org/>, in the area's libraries, mobile libraries and the council offices in Boston and Spalding from 10th April. An online consultation portal (where we would prefer comments to be made) will also be available at

<http://southeastlincslocalplan.org/consultation> from the 10th April.

Comments must be received by 5pm on Monday 22nd May. All comments received will be submitted to the Secretary of State and considered as part of an independent Examination in Public by a Planning Inspector.

For further information, please contact the Local Planning team at southeastlincslocalplan@sholland.gov.uk or on 01775 764476.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Udy
Forward Planning Officer

Colin Furze is a plumber, inventor, stuntman and even a film maker: he lives in Stamford. He was born in 1979 and when he left school at sixteen he trained as a plumber.

Using his various skills obtained as a plumber he has invented a variety of “gadgets” - some are useful and some are a bit “whacky”. He has appeared on several TV shows in connection with his inventions and also appeared on Sky 1 as one of the experts on Gadget Geeks.

His interest in creating weird and wonderful things goes back to his childhood days when he admits to spending time taking things to pieces to see how they worked. One of his first inventions was a device for his BMX bike that allowed him to operate both brakes from the same handle.

He admits that he “messes about” in his garage and gets many of his ideas there, but he also says that, when he lived at home he was not allowed into the garage until he was 27. He also says that during his years as a plumber he worked in his bedroom and designed a few tools for his trade, even having a lathe in there at one time.

He will also admit that not all his “experiments” work.

Colin holds several Guinness Book records: the first of these he claimed on his birthday in October 2006 when he created the worlds largest bonfire, using 24,000 wooden pallets stacked together which he lit with a rocket and a blowtorch.

One of his best known records is that for the fastest mobility scooter: he was given this by a trader in the town who said to him, “See what you can do with this”. He stripped it down and decided to put a 125cc motorbike engine in it; when he had completed his “renovation” of the machine he tested it on a runway and then went on to claim the world record for the fastest mobility scooter – a staggering 71.59 mph.

Another of his crazy ideas was the worlds first jet engine barbecue – Colin would be the first to admit that not all his inventions have practical connections!.

Another of his crazy ideas was the armoured Tuk Tuk – this is the 3-wheel vehicle used extensively in the Far East and India. He fitted it with machine guns and other armaments (imitation of course) and he finished up with a machine that would do James Bond proud.

He gets much of his material from scrapyards and from people who are throwing things away, or ask him if he can make use of certain items.

Using one of his creations in 2011 led to him having a brush with the law. He had constructed a flame throwing motorbike, but was arrested for using it as he was breaking the law, but he laughs about it now.

Colin hopes he can help to inspire the next generation of inventors by proving that you do not need formal qualifications or expensive tools and materials to create – you just need the will or the drive.

Another of his devices are the Hoover Shoes, which allow the wearer to vacuum the floor whilst walking along; he trialled this one with a local hairdresser who was able to suck up his clients hair cuttings at the same time as he cut it; he is not too sure whether this one will catch on.

He also holds the world record for the fastest pram, the fastest toilet and the worlds longest motorbike!.

What's next?

Colin Scrapps

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MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (307) HELD ON MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2016 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT B Leggott (Chair), M Scrupps, V. Atkinson, M. Brookes,
S. Collingwood, M. Tunnard, S. Baxter & M. Piper (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

P. Craven, A. Spencer, M. Cooper

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended .

3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7th November 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2016 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Leggott at the next meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

CPSO Corrsen-Davies attended, there were no crimes were reported.

5. HIGHWAYS

Footway Lights: The PC all agreed that it would be a good idea for the PC to install part night photo electric cells, there would be an initial cost but would pay for itself in 2years.

Clerk to send acceptance letter to BBC.

Contractors have been appointed to carry out work at the A17 junction.

Notice of temporary traffic restrictions in Sutterton .

6. PLAYGROUND

Cllr Craven to speak to grass cutting contractor concerning loose grass, particularly around the toddler area.

Cllr Collingwood to contact Mole contractor .

7. FINANCIAL

C/A £8450.79 D/A £2260.68

It was agreed that Wigtoft PC would apply for funding for computer equipment

8. PLANNING

There were two planning applications.

Replacement of lead on Church roof and change of use at Asperton Cottage with new vehicular access.

There were no objections .

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish Bulletin

10. A.O.B

The matter of the clerks' came under discussion as had not been discussed for 4 years it was agreed that the clerks' salary should increase to £175.00. per month with a further review in Jan. 2018.

The PC thought that it would contact the Land Registry Dept. regarding land that is owned by the PC.

Clerk to contact Highways re; no Road name on Sleaford Road.

There will be no meeting in January 2017

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.00pm

Sutterton Methodist Church Services for April/May

2 nd April	10.30am - Rev David Curran
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16 th April	9.00am - Rev Alan Barker
23 rd April	10.30am - Mr Roy Saxby
30 th April	6.00pm - Rev Alan Barker
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7 th May	10.30am - Rev Alan Barker
14 th May	10.30am - Mrs Libby Craggs
21 st May	10.30am - Mr David Baldwin
28 th May	10.30am - Rev Trevor Hancock



MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (308) HELD ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT M Scrupps, V. Atkinson, M. Brookes, S. Collingwood,
M. Tunnard, S. Baxter & P. Craven

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

B Leggott , A. Spencer, M. Cooper, M. Piper (Clerk)

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended .

3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 5th December 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2016 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Leggott at the next meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

CPSO Williams attended, there was one crime reported.

Damage to a vehicle in Church Road .

5. HIGHWAYS

Dyke has now been cleaned out on A17

Contact Council to ascertain whether we are responsible for any grass cutting in Wigtoft.

Sleaford road name: contact council.

BT have stated that as the payphone in the village has very little use and it should be removed, Clerk to contact BT.

6. PLAYGROUND

Accept quotation from T Blackamore for 2017 grass cutting

Cllr Collingwood to contact Mole contractor .

7. FINANCIAL

C/A £8740.80 D/A £2260.91

Application for computer funding was successful. Received cheque for £550.00 purchased computer and printer.

Parish precept was agreed at £6434.00

Send cheque for LALC subscription £65.00

Send cheque to CAB donation £30.00

Send cheque to T Blackamore for £828.60

8. PLANNING

There was one planning application.

Extended garden to Asperton Cottage, Asperton Road

There were no objections.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Parish Bulletin

10. A.O.B

Footpath between walls near churchyard is very slippery with moss and wet leaves etc, contact highways.

Stones along length of main road and edge of carriageway, contact highways.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.00pm

***The next meetings will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on
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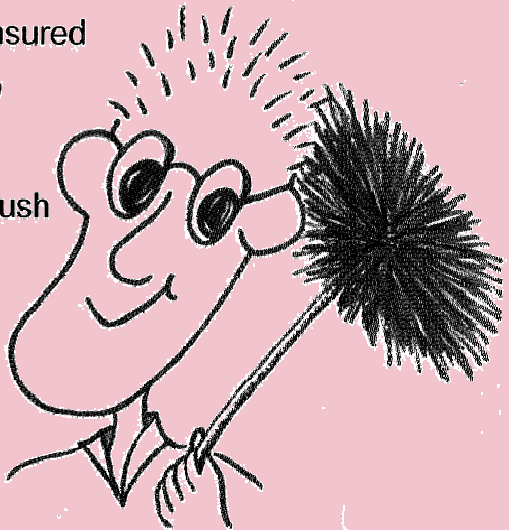
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