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VILLÆGE NEWS & VIEWS

JUNE - JULY 2016





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Welcome to the June/ July edition of the Wigtoft News & Views, hopefully summer is with us by now.

Now I don't normally plan very far ahead for anything (ask my wife, a day or two is usually enough), and I do not have any particular political views. But with things that are possibly happening in the coming months I think that it would be wise to start making arrangements for the end of the year.

What is the event I'm planning for? - it's the American Presidential election. If a certain Mr Trump wins the election and becomes president of the USA then I think that the only safe place to be will be far away from here. Forget Great Britain or even Australia as being far enough away, I'm planning to emigrate to the moon initially and then on from there to somewhere out of his reach or control. I know that the move will be a bit more difficult than when I moved to Wigtoft, but I think that it could be necessary.

Going by his performance and comments up until now what else can we do, unless you are white, American and Male you could literally be on his radar. My views are not necessary based on politics - I stay away from them, but as a person, he does seem a bit extreme!

Road Closure In Wigtoft

Please note that Main Road in Wigtoft will be subject to closure between the 6th and 8th of June (subject to weather conditions) for repairs. During these closures access to the village will still be possible but you will need to speak to the "banksman" who is responsible for access during this period for safety reasons.

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Cream Teas Saturday June 25th 3-5pm Wigtoft Church



Cream Teas, Raffle, Tombola & Stalls



Church Lottery Winners April 2016

1st......Mrs A Scrupps (£20)

2nd......Mrs D Sketchley (£10)

3rd Mrs J Collingwood (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning, April 30th

Jean Knight will be in charge of flower arrangement in the Church for June and Judy Collingwood will be flower arranging in July

Church Lottery Winners May 2016

1st...... Malcolm Franklin (£20)

2nd...... Bruce Leggott (£10)

3rd...... Margaret Mills (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning, May 21^{2t}

Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

Rev. Charles Robertson

Myrtle Holliday ----- Secretary

Virna Atkinson Jane Barkham

John Craggs ----- Treasurer

Colin Scrupps

Malcolm Franklin

Church Cleaning

Church cleaning for June will be Wednesday the 8th and for July Wednesday the 13th 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 Haven Group Church Services For June							
Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker			
5 th				10.30am Group Service				
12 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion			
19 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Breakfast Church	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.45am Holy Communion			
26 th	The Ordination of Sue Hentley and Jane Robertson will take place at Lincoln Cathedral at 10.30, there will be no services in the Haven Group. A coach will be going to Lincoln for this service, should you want a seat on this please contact Myrtle Holliday on 01205 460208.							
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24 th		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evening Prayer			
31 st		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion			

Wigtoft Village Events for 2016

Cream Teas June 25th, 3 - 5pm

Jean Knight's Open Garden July 17th, 10am - 4pm

Garden Club Flower Festival September 24th & 25th

Macmillan Coffee Morning October 1st, 10am - Noon

(Village Hall)

Harvest Songs Of Praise,

Supper & Auction

October 9th, 3pm

Village Hall Christmas Fayre November 4th

Carol Service December 2nd, 6pm

Christmas Tree Festival December 3rd & 4th

More details of each event will be published nearer the time.

Offers of help organising these events are always welcome

Flower, Art & Craft Festival 2016

A Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Flower, Art & Craft festival weekends such a success. The marvellous sum of £1655.59 was raised in total.

We had many nice comments about how friendly and welcoming people were and how beautiful the Church looked.

Friends of Wigtoft have worked very hard over the past two years to raise money for the Church. There are more events planned for this year and I would ask for your support to make them as successful as this one.

More helpers are always needed, if you can spare an hour or two it will be most appreciated, especially by me as I'm getting older "the mind is willing but the body is not".

To the Friends of Wigtoft and everyone else thank you once again for your support.

Our next event will be held on Saturday 25th June at Wigtoft Church, where we will serve Cream Teas from 3pm. Please come along and bring a friend, you can be assured of a warm welcome.

Virna Atkinson



Sam Snail's Gardening Jobs for June

The borders are filling out beautifully now with plants appearing overnight in the most unexpected places. This is also the time of the year when weeds grow so rapidly it's a job to keep them

under control, isn't it.

Don't underestimate the benefit of a good ground cover plant under hedges and around large shrubs where the dry often compacted soil makes weed removing difficult. Perennial semi evergreen Geraniums, Euphorbias and Vinca Minor (Periwinkle) do the job well.

It looks like its going to be a year of bumper crops of dandelions so you can either work like the proverbial devil on removing them or accept that a few missed ones are good for pollinating insects.

Remove faded flowers from Rhododendrons to improve the look of them. Tall bearded irises may need supporting especially if they are in full bloom, after flowering cut back the stems. Tie climbing plants to their climbing structure regularly to try to avoid them becoming a tangle and flopping forward, Roses, Clematis, Jasmines and Sweet Peas need this treatment. Don't be tempted to plant out tender annuals until the risk of frost is well and truly over, it only takes one to spoil them, although even that is a lottery these days.

Keep mowing and edging the lawn, this is a sure way to improve the look of your garden on a weekly basis.

Regards, from Sam



WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN GARDENING?

YES. THEN WHY NOT JOIN LIKE MINDED PEOPLE AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF OUR CLUB. WE MEET ON THE 3RD TUESDAY AT 7pm WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June 21st	Sue Stephenson - A return visit with her plants
July 19th	Tom Holland - Selection of Perennial Plants
August 16th	Club Produce Show

WE ALSO ARRANGE VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:

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

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

June 2016

July 2016

Wed	1			Fri	1	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	2			Sat	2		
Fri	3	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sun	3		
Sat	4			Mon	4	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	5			Tue	5		
Mon	6	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Wed	6		
Tue	7			Thu	7		
Wed	8			Fri	8		
Thu	9			Sat	9		
Fri	10			Sun	10		
Sat	11			Mon	11		
Sun	12			Tue	12	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	13			Wed	13		
Tue	14	10am	Scraps R Us	Thu	14		
Wed	15			Fri	15	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	16	2pm	Welcome Club	Sat	16		
Fri	17	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sun	17		
Sat	18			Mon	18		
Sun	19			Tue	19	7pm	Gardening Club
Mon	20			Wed	20		
Tue	21	7pm	Gardening Club	Thu	21	2pm	Welcome Club
Wed	22			Fri	22		
Thu	23	7pm	EU Referendum Day	Sat	23		
Fri	24			Sun	24		
Sat	25		Private Party	Mon	25		
Sun	26			Tue	26	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	27			Wed	27		
Tue	28	10am	Scraps R Us	Thu	28		
Wed	29			Fri	29	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	30			Sat	30		
				Sun	31		

Village Hall News

Good news, the new build is almost finished. The work is all but done. Many thanks to all who have supported the hall and made it possible. Keep a look out in the newsletter for when we will be having an official open night.

The Saturday bacon butty mornings were again a great success and we raised a total of £2405.62. A big thank you to all who donated, helped and supported.

On Saturday May 14th the hall held a bacon butty morning and Spring fair, once again many came along to support and we raised £220.36. All money raised will go towards completing the extension.

The AGM was held in February and Mrs Sally Smith announced that she wished to step down as role of treasurer. Anyone wishing to give a bit of their time to take over please see a member of the committee. Sadly the position isn't paid. Sally is willing to work along side of anyone during a takeover period. It isn't difficult.

Booking the Village Hall

To book the Village Hall, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005 The hire charge is £8 per hour, which includes heating, lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.

Gardening Club Outing To Coton Manor

The Gardening Club outing to Coton Manor on the 10th May was judged a good day by all the participants, despite the very wet weather. The bonus was it was warm and calm so it could have been worse.

The bluebell wood there was truly stunning and just at the right stage for colour and scent. The lime green of the spring leaves of the beech trees a perfect contrast, a photographer's dream.

There was still a good show of tulips in several unusual varieties and the water and bog garden area with its ducks, ducklings and flamingos! yes, flamingos, was very pretty and lush.

There was a good selection of plants in their nursery area all of which you could see in situ in the garden, which is always a nice indication of how they look with other plants around them. It is a garden that would be worth a return visit in mid-summer when all the herbaceous perennials and shrubs are in full bloom.

All in all a relaxing day with a friendly atmosphere, what more could you ask for.

Topical Talk

A story emerged recently about a dog that can rival that of "Lassie Come Home". A sheepdog, brought up on a farm in mid Wales, near Aberystwyth, along with 14 other sheepdogs, Pero was given, as a trial, to a Cockermouth (Cumbria) farmer who wanted a dog that could round up sheep and follow a quad bike. The Welsh farmer Alan James, was rung up by the Cumbrian farmer a short time later to say that the dog had disappeared while rounding up sheep and was nowhere to be seen. Alan did not worry too much as he expected the dog to be found by the farmer quite soon. However, 12 days later, the dog appeared at Alan's farm in Wales, a journey of 240 miles – he had travelled an average of 20 miles a day. He looked relatively well fed and it was assumed that he must have been fed by members of the public, or found food from somewhere.

Alan Jame's wife Shan said that they were so taken aback by the dog's loyalty that they had now decided to keep him – she said that the dog was very excited to be home and went crazy when he saw her husband again.

A similar story was recorded in 2012 when a 3 year old Labrador named Bucky travelled 500 miles from Virginia to California to be with his owner Mark Wessells. Mark had left the dog with his father in Virginia because dogs were banned in the area where he lived in Myrtle Beach (California). Mark said that he found the dogs return "very emotional".

Sir Paul McCartney found it difficult to hide his amazement recently when he and his party were turned away by a bouncer at a post-Grammy Awards party; he said "How VIP do you have to be".

Do you have puddles outside your home when it rains? I know that it sounds a daft question because we all suffer from standing water. Dame Joan Collins seems to think that she is the only one to suffer from this terrible problem.

She has complained repeatedly to Westminster Council about a puddle that appears outside her home when it rains; she has also been posting about it on social media, saying that a lake front view is nice, but not outside on the road, accompanied by a photo of her standing, in high heels, next to the puddle (try wellies Joan). When she orders a taxi she has to instruct it to drive past the puddle so that she does not get splashed!! Westminster City Council spends £2.7 million a year tackling the pot hole problem, repairing the most-in-need ones as a priority – they say that they encourage the local people to use the "report-it" tool on their website to let them know of potential problems.

Boston May Fair has come and gone again. I remember that when we were young we saved our pennies for months before-hand to finance our trip to town to enjoy all the fun: our grandmother also helped us out with a small "donation".

We went to town on the bus (Lincolnshire Road Car Co) which ran a service through Wigtoft or, if that was not convenient, we had to walk (or bike) to Sutterton and catch a bus there. The important thing about the trip was to remember to save your bus fare home while you were there – it was a 7 mile walk home if you didn't! I remember one particular Saturday night (not fair time), while I was still school age, catching the bus to Sutterton from the Market Place in Boston: it was winter time and dark – the bus stopped in Kirton and the conductor called out "all off"; I had caught the wrong bus, it only went as far as Kirton. It was a long old walk, for a young lad, down Fishmere End to Wigtoft in the dark. I was much more careful about which bus I caught after that.

I'm afraid that we have not been to the fair for many years now; we used to take our kids when they were young and we have also taken our grandchildren when they were that age, but we don't have an excuse now – anyhow, I don't think a few shillings would go very far on a Saturday night and neither would we get fish and chips for the price that we used to. What is now Tates fish restaurant in Red Lion Street was there in those days and it was as good then as it is now and was always a popular stop. At that time it was owned by a Mr Evans and he used to sit on a chair by the door and you paid him for your "take away" on the way out.

One last word on the May Fair – I was always partial to the nutty nougat that was always on sale there, and when, later in life, we had stopped going, family members sometimes turned up with a small helping in a paper bag; it still tasted as good as it did all those years ago!!

I think I am going on a bit.

Colin Scrupps

Open Garden

Sunday July 17th 10am - 4pm

Jean Knight's Garden Station Road, Sutterton

Come along to see a beautiful garden and get some ideas for your own

Cream Teas, Jacket Potatoes, Bacon Butties

John Bowles

Some of you may remember that a year or two ago we wrote a few articles about John Bowles, who lived between Wigtoft and Sutterton.

On May 16th 1916 he was involved in an accident at Algarkirk railway station with his horse and cart, in which he suffered fatal injuries – he died the following day, May 17th 1916.

Today, May 17th 2016 his granddaughter Mary Whenham and her son Terry came to place a flower on the gate of the old railway station where the accident happened, to commemorate the centenary of the event. They also placed flowers on his grave in Wigtoft Church Yard.

The accident left 6 children and 2 step-children orphans, the two youngest being placed in the Boston Workhouse – the youngest, who was disabled, died in the institution.

Rest in peace John

Blisbury Charity Student Grants

Every year the Blisbury Charity has a small sum of money which is available to help students to buy books, equipment, travel etc. Students eligible to apply for this grant must be continuing in Further Education, eg Sixth Form, College or University and residing in Wigtoft. If successful the grants will be paid towards the end of September.

Please apply by letter giving full particulars by the 11th September 2016 and send to:

Blisbury Charity, Five Bells Lodge, Five Bell Lane, Wigtoft, Boston Lincs. PE20 2PX

Royal British Legion Sunset Service

The Kirton & District branch of The Royal British Legion are holding a Sunset Service at the War Memorial in Kirton on the 30th June at 9.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

If you need any further information please contact Roland Reece on 01205 722501



Mrs M Piper Clerk to Wigtoft Parish Council 11 Church Mews Sutterton Boston PE20 2LE

STREET LIGHTING TRANFORMATION PROJECT

As you may be aware, through the recent LCC budget process, we can no longer afford to continue to operate our street lights in the way that we do. It currently costs the county council around £5m per year to operate and maintain the county council's street lights, with almost £3m of this spent on electricity.

We are therefore transforming the way we provide street lighting in Lincolnshire to save over £1.7m per year, reduce LCC's carbon footprint by over 6,000 tonnes of C02 and reduce light pollution. The project will start to deliver changes from April 2016) and is due to deliver the full benefits by the end of March 2017.

Whilst not all parish councils have LCC lighting within them, we thought it was important that you were made aware of the changes.

Please familiarise yourself with the information about our project at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk by searching 'street lighting'. Please feel free to share this with residents in your local community. Frequently Asked Questions can also be found on this page.

You will see that as part of the project we are working with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to determine if it is safe to switch off up to 3,000 street lights on rural roads away from main towns and villages. You will receive a further communication from us if these particular changes affect your area.

If you have any other queries, once you have read the details on the website, please contact streetlighting@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Richard Hardesty for Group Manager (Design Services)

Today we are able to flick a switch or press a button and a whole room is flooded with light. We moan when a temporary power cut robs us of this convenience. I remember clearly the days before electricity covered the countryside.

Light has always been an important part of our church services. At baptisms God parents sometimes hold a lighted candle as a symbol of Christ, the light of the world. During a

Christingle service a candle reminds us of the power of light over the dark of the world.

When my brother, sister and myself were very young we had an oil lamp, called an 'Aladdin' lamp in the main living room. This had a delicate mantle which could collapse, when touched, after it had once been alight. My mother filled the lamp with oil and lit it herself. We were forbidden to touch it.

Bedrooms were lit by candles. They were fixed into enamel candle holders which are now of interest to antique dealers. We went to bed each night clutching a lighted candle. We were allowed ten minutes of privacy then a parent would collect the candles in case we got into mischief. Brass candlesticks were kept on the mantelpiece above the fireplace in case of emergency. They were polished regularly and gave a warm glow.

The electricity board asked the local farming community to guarantee an income to help them bring electric power to the isolated farmsteads. The farmers were still recovering from the depression of the 1930's and couldn't afford this so were unable to comply.

In the 1950's we left Wigtoft and for the first time in my life we had electricity in the home. Many people had already had it for many years. Now we had a real gleaming white bath instead of a tin one. Choosing lamp shades was a pleasure, I loved my new switch and could put the light on and off without getting out of bed. Soon a standard lamp helped when knitting, sewing or reading. We now had a television set, electric cooker, vacuum cleaner and an efficient hot water system.



Electricity changed our way of life completely.

South East Lincolnshire Local Plan Consultation 15 July 2016

You may remember that I contacted you last year regarding the draft Local Plan consultation that was conducted in January and February this year.

Having considered the comments and responses received during the public consultation on the draft Local Plan, we will soon be undertaking a fourth round of consultation which will focus on our **preferred** sites for new housing, employment and retail development. This consultation period will be between Friday 15th July and Friday 12th August 2016. It will again see a number of 'dropin' sessions held across the area where residents will have the chance to come along between 15.30 and 19.30, except for the Spalding South Holland Centre which is 11.00 – 15.00, and talk to the officers involved in the preparation of the Local Plan. The dates are:

Community Centre

Wednesday 20th July Long Sutton Market House and Kirton Town Hall

Thursday 21st July Holbeach Community Centre

Friday 22nd July Swineshead Village Hall

Monday 25th July Cowbit Village Hall and Butterwick Village Hall Tuesday 26th July Spalding South Holland Centre and Sutterton

Village Hall

Thursday 28th July Crowland British Legion Hall

Friday 29th July Wyberton Parish Hall

Tuesday 2nd August Gedney Hill and District Memorial Hall

Wednesday 3rd August Pinchbeck Library

Friday 5th August Sutton Bridge Curlew Centre

Monday 8th August Surfleet Village Hall

The document and maps will also be available on the website from the 15th July: http://southeastlincslocalplan.org/consultation Notices will also be placed in the Boston Standard, Lincolnshire Free Press, Simply Boston and Simply Spalding.

I would be grateful if you could inform your readers of the consultation in your next editions. Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely **Peter Udy**Forward Planning Officer

Wigtoft Welcome Club

The Welcome Club meets at Wigtoft Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday at 2pm every month.

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From the Film Industry

Barry Spikings

Barry Spikings was born on November $23^{\rm rd}$ 1939. He is a British film producer who worked in Hollywood – he is best known as the producer of the 1978 film "The Deer Hunter" which won 5 academy awards.

He was born in Boston, Lincs. and after leaving Boston Grammar School he joined the local newspaper, the Lincolnshire Standard as a trainee reporter; later he joined the Farmers Weekly where he won an award for a 15 minute film that he produced and directed himself.

He then moved into the entertainment world; initially he promoted pop music festivals and later films. In the 1970's he became the co-owner of British Lion Films – he later joined EMI when it took over British Lion. For the 1978 film The Deer Hunter Spikings won an Academy Award for Best Picture; the film also garnered awards for several of its actors.

In 1985 he formed a Canadian company called Nelson Holdings, with a partner, to purchase entertainment films.

Today, Spikings is one of the most influential Brits in Hollywood.

His father Maurice used to take Barry to the local cinema on a regular basis; he was a farm manager at Fishtoft.

Jim Clark

Jim Clark was born in 1931 in Boston (Lincs.): he is an editor, director and actor. He is best known for the films "The World is not Enough" (1999), "The Jackal" (1997) and "Charade" (1963).

As a boy he always had an ambition to work in films; when he was 10 years old his father bought him a film projector – he said that it turned out to be the "great toy of my life". He experimented with it, with different "angles", read all he could about the cinema and also established a school film society. Jim worked in his father's printing business for three years.

He developed links with the film industry by regularly attending festivals and National Film Theatre screenings and gradually got to know new and aspiring film makers. He did a brief stint as a runner in documentary film production; then he had an unexpected invitation to join Ealing Studios as a cutting room assistant.

Gradually, with the right connections, he worked his way up the ladder and in the 60's and 70's was involved in directing several films, but said that he found editing his most satisfying role. During that period he enjoyed directing some documentaries for Granada TV.

He considers his Hollywood project "The Day of the Locust" as one of his most memorable pieces of work. He also won an Oscar in 1985 for editing "The Killing Fields".

Sadly, since this article was first written Jim has died, aged 84 (in March of this year).

Douglas Twiddy (1919-1990)

Douglas Twiddy was born in Boston but few personal details seem to be available. He was involved in the film industry – he was the production manager on the film "The Shining" and also on the "House of Horrors". He was also production supervisor on "Raiders of the Lost Ark". He is credited with being production manager on 21 films in total; he died in 1990.

Gerry O'Hara

He was born in Boston (Lincs.) in 1924 and is a film and TV director. He describes himself as a "writer who did a bit of directing" in his usual modest way.

His father was a bookmaker in the town; Gerry went to St. Mary's Catholic School but left when he was 14 years old. He got a job on a local paper, the Boston Guardian as a cub reporter, but this was to close and he went to work for the Lincolnshire Standard. Here he was doing deaths, weddings, charity dinners, etc. In 1941 he was sent to interview a film director Michael Powell who was shooting the film "One of our Aircraft is Missing": this was being shot near the swing bridge in Boston and he went down on his bike – he got his interview.

This was during the war, but he decided that he wanted to be in the film industry, so he wrote to Michael Powell about a job, and much to his surprise he received a reply and was invited to go and see the man if he was in London. However, when he went to London, instead of going to Pinewood Studio's where he should have done, he went to the office in the city which was the office of the accountants for Pinewood: taking pity on him, they directed him (age 17) round the corner to a film company who made documentaries, this was Verity Films. He got a job there at £3-7-6 a week: he started at the bottom, just as a runner and errand boy in the assistant directors office, and worked his way up from there.

His career in film work continued into the mid 1990's.

Stuart J Parkins

He was born in Boston on September2nd 1980. he has 15 credits to his name as a writer and 20 credits as a film director. He was educated at the university of Lincoln and the London Film School. At present (2015) he is Senior Tutor at Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts

Tim Killick

Tim Killick was born in Boston (Lincs) in 1958. He went to Bootham School, York and then to Nottingham University where he studied politics. He has appeared in many TV productions including "The Bill", "Further Up Pompeii", "Lovejoy" and "Auf Weidersehen Pet".

He is the older brother of theatre director Jenny Killick and the BBC's Cathy Killick and is married to actress Kate Gielgud.

Amanda Drew

She was born in Boston on December 21st 1969. She was one of four children – her mother was a nurse and her father was a vicar. Her parents moved to Leicestershire when she was a child and she was educated at Beauchamp College at Oadby – it was here that she joined a youth theatre.

She graduated from RADA (Royal Academy of Dramatic Art) in 1992; then had several roles in West End Productions. In 2001 she joined the Royal Shakespeare Company. She has played many roles but is perhaps best known for her role in EastEnders where she played the role of Dr. Mary Wright.

Amanda was the Outstanding Newcomer of 2003 London Evening Standard Awards for her performance in "Eastwood Ho" at the Gielgud Theatre. She has appeared in films, stage performances and TV.

Some of her better known appearances for TV were in "Men Behaving Badly", "Spooks", "The Bill", "Silent Witness" and "Soldier Soldier".

Colin Scrupps

Sutterton Methodist Church Services for June/July



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26th June 10.30am - Mr Roy Saxby

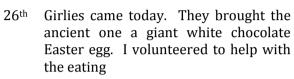
3rd July 10.30am - Mrs Deirdre Moden
10th July 10.30am - Mrs Elizabeth Steel
17th July 10.30am - Own Arrangement
24th July 10.30am - Gosberton Worship Group
31st July 10.30am - Revd. Alan Barker

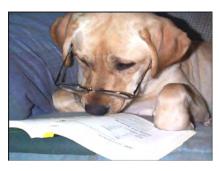
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Avis M Padley

March

25th Today really was Good Friday for me. My teenage friend, who has a golden Labrador, also called Max, took me for a fun walk. 3 phone calls and each caller asked about me, I replied by making strange noises close to the handset





27th Don't know much about Easter but we had a happy day with interesting visitors

April

- 3rd Warmer today. I curled up and slept in a patch of sunshine. Such bliss!
- 7th The servant's former hairdresser, who is recovering after an accident, visited today. We were delighted to see each other again and the good lady remembered to bring a banana
- 9th Full house today. The nephews replaced coving in the hall. The women made tea and had a long gossip
- 12th Scrabble player brought me a juicy marrow bone. I needed help to remove all of the marrow
- 13th Gardeners came. They always get rained off
- 16th Girlies brought the old one a huge iced cake with pink roses. Is icing sugar good for dogs?
- 18th Many visitors today with piles of cards and pressies. Everyone was happy including me
- 24th She dared to go visiting flower festivals today so I was abandoned for a while
- 30th How I wish she would stop washing my bed covers. I prefer the smell of dog to that of detergent

May

4th Left alone for an hour again today. How cruel can owners be?

Dunston Pillar

Dunston Pillar was originally a "land lighthouse" situated on the A15 road between Sleaford and Lincoln. It was erected by Sir Francis Dashwood to guide travellers over the desolate heathland in the Nocton area in the days before the land was enclosed. This area was notorious for highway robbery and a number were believed to have been carried out by the notorious highway man Dick Turpin. One such holdup ended in the murder of Christopher Wilkinson who refused to hand over his money to Turpin.

The area where the Pillar stands was part of Sir Francis land and it is believed that he was urged by his wife Sarah to erect the lighthouse, whose childhood home was at nearby Nocton.

The structure was built around 1751; in its original form it stood 90 feet high with a large octagonal lantern on the top: this lantern was lit regularly until 1788 and was used for the last time in 1808 – by this time the improvement in the road over the heath made it obsolete.

The Pillar is of square structure and had a spiral staircase to take the keeper to the gallery which surrounded the base of the lantern; it was one of only three such land lighthouses ever built in England.



The area around the Pillar was landscaped with trees and a bowling green and became a popular gathering place for picnics and parties as well as a gathering place for travellers. Later a two storey dining hall was added.

In 1808 the lantern was destroyed in a storm and this was replaced, in 1810, with a statue of King George III.

In 1940 the Pillar was considered to be a hazard to the low flying aircraft approaching the nearby RAF airfield and so it was lowered by 10 metres to reduce the risk of accident – at the same time the statue of King George 111 was removed and broken up, but the surviving bust part was removed to Lincoln Castle where it can be seen in the grounds.

The Pillar is a Grade II listed building.

Colin Scrupps

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Finally, it was the heartbroken lawyer's turn. He reached into his jacket pocket, took out his chequebook, wrote a cheque for £3,000, put it into his father's coffin, and took the £2,000 cash.

He later went on to become a Member of Parliament...



MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (301) HELD ON MONDAY 7TH MARCH 2016 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

Present B. Leggott (Chair), S. Collingwood S. Baxter, M. Scrupps,

V. Atkinson, M. Brookes, M. Tunnard, P. Craven &

M. Piper (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

M. Cooper, A. Spencer

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended.

3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 1st February 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2016 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Collingwood at the next meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

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

5. HIGHWAYS

Report of fly tipping in Clover Lane & Wigtoft Bank.

Report of limited vision at A17 junction with Wigtoft Road.

Clerk to contact Highways.

6. PLAYGROUND

T Blackamore's quotation for 2016/2017 was accepted Quotation for play area safety matting.

7. FINANCIAL

C/A £7294.44 D/A £2259.82

Cheques for £250.00 Village Hall Hire, T. Blackamore grass cutting £580.02.

LALC subscription £161.30.M Piper Clerk Salary & Expenses £2190.00. Invoice to T. Blackamore for breakage of mirror in Asperton Road

8. PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Lincs Permit Scheme.

Parish Council Conference

Electoral Review of Lincolnshire

Big Boston Clean up

10. A.O.B

Received letter from concerned parishioner regarding grave yard.

Clerk to forward letter to PCC and reply to parishioner.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 4^{th} April 2016 at 7.30.pm



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MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (302) HELD ON MONDAY 4TH APRIL 2016 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

Present B. Leggott (Chair), S. Collingwood S. Baxter, M. Scrupps,

V. Atkinson, M. Brookes, M. Tunnard, P. Craven, M. Cooper,

& M. Piper (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A. Spencer

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended.

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

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

4. POLICE MATTERS

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

HIGHWAYS

Highways department to visit A17 junction/Wigtoft Road this week to inspect overgrown area.

Cllr Craven to contact highways regarding fly tipping.

Clerk to contact Highways concerning potholes.

6. PLAYGROUND

There were no playground matters.

7. FINANCIAL

C/A £4363.12 D/A £2260.21

Cheque for D Smart £400.00 playground maintenance.

Annual accounts were presented by the clerk and approved by the Parish Council.

8. PLANNING

There were no planning applications.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Street Lighting transformation project.

10. A.O.B

The Annual Parish meeting will take place on Monday 16^{th} May 2016 The meeting closed at 8.10μ m

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday $16^{\rm th}$ May 2016 at $\overline{\textbf{7.30.pm}}$

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 6th June 2016 at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend

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