

WIGTOFT



An older painting of Wigtoft pond

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS *OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2016*



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We have had a great end of summer, the weather has been exceptionally good with a mini heat wave thrown in for good measure. Now we have autumn to look forward to. The harvest has been gathered and some fields have already been re-planted, so it's time to celebrate! Which we will do on October 9th at Wigtoft Parish Church. (*see page 7*)

In November we are having a Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall and in December our Christmas Tree Festival, once more held in the church. This year, we hope to light up Wigtoft! (*see page 12*)

After a successful summer of Church Coffee Mornings, Bacon Butties will begin again in the Village Hall in October, so a time to eat delicious cakes and meet with friends. From now until Christmas we have a full programme of village events. Wigtoft may be small but it is big in "things to do."

The good news is the project for the repair of the church roof is making good progress and we hope to make a start on the roof in 2017. This will make a huge difference to this historic building. As I write this we have had an infant baptism and are due to celebrate another soon. Our good wishes are extended to the families.

We wish to thank the dedicated ladies who clean our church and all those who are "Friends of the Church." Without their hard work and generosity; we would be hard pressed to achieve anything.

Just to remind you, if you wish to place an article or advertisement in our magazine then please do so, everyone's considered opinion is most welcome. Remember if you wish to mention a forthcoming event you need to think ahead now that we are printing bimonthly.

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Update re St. Peter & St. Paul Church Wigtoft Roof Repairs.

Unfortunately we had to locate an alternative Architect but we have been able to do this and secured the services of Graham Cooke, who has been involved with our church before. After our contact he very promptly came to visit the church and did his initial inspection and soon had given us advice and had contacted many of the other organisations that need to be involved, one of them being Boston Borough Council, as well as our Insurance Company and the Bat Preservation Society. Graham has made a second visit and will be making reports and dealing with contracts and tenders to companies we will be approaching to do the work on the church.

We are in line to have the initial paperwork done, Graham will be presenting it at the Diocesan Advisory Committee. We are expecting to meet the deadline date for presenting our report to the Listed Places of Worship scheme so that we can receive the initial 70% of the grant to begin the work.

Graham, our architect, has been an extremely helpful, efficient and hands on person to deal with this project.

We are registered to apply for our Faculty to the DAC on line and this should be quicker than the previous system.

Hopefully we will be able to bring you more up to date in the next magazine.

Myrtle, On behalf of Wigtoft PCC

Church Cleaning

Church cleaning for October will be Wednesday the 12th and for November Wednesday the 9th 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

Wigtoft Garden Club will be in charge of flower arrangement in the Church for October and Jane Barkham will be flower arranging in November

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

The Haven Group Church Services For October

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
2 nd					10.30am Group Service
9 th	3pm Harvest Songs Of Praise	10.45am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Harvest Festival
16 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Family Service	9.15am Communion 6pm Harvest Songs Of Praise	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.45am Holy Communion
23 rd		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evensong
30 th		10.45am With Methodists	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion

The Haven Group Church Services For November

6 th				10.30am Group Service	
11 th	10.45am Remembrance Service				
13 th		3pm Remembrance Service	10am Remembrance Service 3.30pm Jelly Church	10.45am Remembrance Service	10.45am Remembrance Service
20 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Family Service	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.45am Holy Communion
27 th		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evensong

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

October 2016

November 2016

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

Village Hall News

Good news, Bacon Butty mornings start again in October, a chance to catch up with friends and have a chat with a butty and a cuppa, not forgetting all the lovely homemade cakes. There will be the usual tombola, books for sale and variety of stalls. If you've not been before why not pop along and see for yourself and if you're new to the village come and meet new friends, you'll always be made very welcome.

Butty mornings are held every Saturday morning from 10-12, at the village hall. The first Saturday in October, organised by Jean Knight, is in aid of Macmillan, pop along and support a good charity.

The money raised from the village hall butty mornings will go towards maintaining the hall and to purchase a new fire door

I think you will agree that the extension to the hall of disabled toilet and entrance looks fantastic. Remember it was through your support at the Bacon Butty mornings and donations that made it possible. We are going to hold an open night on Tuesday 1st November for anyone to come along and see what was done. We are also hoping to have updated the ladies toilets by then. To show our appreciation the hall will be open from 6.30 - 8.00pm for you to join us for wine, tea and coffee and light refreshments. Do come along to see us.

We have decided this year to hold the Christmas fair on a Bacon Butty morning on Saturday 12th November 10-12. As well as it being the usual bacon butty morning there will be extra stalls, you might be able to pick up a few items for Christmas. We will also start our Christmas raffle on this day.

Finally the village hall committee are still looking for new members and a treasurer. Although it is voluntary it doesn't take a lot of time up. We only hold about four meetings a year. Anyone interested please come along to our next meeting in the hall on 10th October at 7.30pm.

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.*

St Peter & St Paul Church Wigtoft



Harvest Celebration

Sunday October 9th



Harvest Songs Of
Praise Service 3pm

Ploughman's meal followed by
Auction of produce from 4pm

Tickets - £5 5-12 years - £2.50

Children under 5 years - Free

Available from Virna and Jane

*All procced towards
Church Repair Funds*



Wigtoft Village Events for 2016

Macmillan Coffee Morning <i>(Village Hall) (see page 10)</i>	October 1 st , 10am - Noon
Harvest Songs Of Praise, Tea & Auction <i>(Church) (see page 7)</i>	October 9 th , 3pm
Village Hall Open Evening <i>(Village Hall)</i>	November 1 st , 6.30pm-8pm
Christmas Fair & Bacon Butty Morning <i>(Village Hall)</i>	November 12 th , 10am-Noon
Carol Service <i>(Church) (see page 25)</i>	December 2 nd , 6pm
Christmas Tree Festival <i>(Church) (see page 25 and below)</i>	December 3 rd & 4 th , 10am - 4pm


*More details of each event will be published nearer the time.
Offers of help organising these events are always welcome*

Christmas Tree Festival

This will begin on Friday December 2nd (See advertisement on page 25) and continues during the following days. There will be a variety of Christmas stalls combined with displays of trees and decorations provided by those in the local community. If anyone would like to sponsor or donate a tree or Christmas decoration then please contact Jean Knight, Tel: 01205 460546.

This event has been a great success in past years and is growing in attraction. It provides people with much to see and buy providing an opportunity to meet friends old and new. All this is served with delicious refreshments made by our famous cake makers!

Please put the date in your diary and come and join us, it's an opportunity to buy your Christmas gifts!

- 10th Jul Visitors arrived during a thunderstorm. Why do humans make such a fuss about the elements which are outside of their control? I like the bright flashes of light and the thunder's wrath
- 11th Jul A friend called around 4pm. I love her! 
- 12th Jul The usual Scrabble™ enthusiasts each won one game so are equally happy
- 14th Jul A charming gentleman called today. I had not met him before but he seemed to appreciate my genius
- 16th Jul Girlies came today. I wish they would walk round me instead of jumping over my prostrate form
- 20th Jul Blazing heat again. Owner and I dozed off. The humidity was more bearable when we awakened
- 22nd Jul Heat wave continuing. Gardener went home after 1½ hours
- 23rd Jul Gardener walked me but it was too hot to work
- 27th Jul Caring relative brought the ancient one some slices of cooked ham. I was allowed a yummy taste
- 28th Jul Rain at last. We are both more comfortable
- 31st Jul The talkative one did some garden pruning which was much appreciated. I supervised
- 2nd Aug Chiropodist said 'Goodbye'. I shall not miss her!
- 3rd Aug 3 children visited. They left a hole in the wooden fencing
- 6th Aug Popular nephew cut the hedges and mended the fencing. I had fun with his girl dog. Girlies kept forgetting to close the doors so we canines took advantage
- 9th Aug Our new dog behaviourist neighbour volunteered to take me for walkies today. On return she told the grumpy one that I am PERFECT
- 13th Aug Boston visitors again. They brought garden produce for the old one and I had the usual steady walk
- 15th Aug Elderly friends called. It was great to see them again after a long absence
- 19th Aug Tormented by toddler. Poor me!



- 20th Aug Bath day today. Now I smell like a baby. Wish I could roll in the dirt. I did enjoy the attention from three caring people. She washed my bed so I refused to sleep in it. I didn't like the fresh clean smell.
- 21st Aug Friendly vet called today along with his charming daughter. He said it was a courtesy call not a call-out, so he trimmed my nails for free. We are friends again
- 30th Aug Owner ignoring me today as she is busy doing strange things with plums brought yesterday.
- 31st Aug Good girls came today. They built me a stylish home with wooden blocks. I went to sleep within the walls
- 3rd Sep 6 visitors today. I slept for 4 hours when we were alone at last

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

Macmillan Bacon Butty Morning

On Saturday October 1st, 10am until Noon, our annual Bacon Butty Morning will take place in Wigtoft Village Hall.

Tea, coffee, bacon butties, cakes, raffle and stalls

Please come along and support this worthy charity.

For further information please contact
Jean on 01205 460546

Topical Talk

You may have read recently about the death of Richard Budge: he was a Boston born and bred businessman. His father had a house building business and was well known in the area. Richard's brother Anthony, who was 8 years older, had started his own construction company.

At Boston Grammar School Richard excelled at maths and art and at the age of 16 he was able to sell his paintings for 25 guineas. He started a fine arts course at the University of Manchester but gave this up after a few months. He then joined his brother's company, A F Budge, on road building projects. I remember seeing the company in action when they were building the Bowes bypass on the A 66 in Durham.

In 1972 the company moved into open cast coal mining as a licensed contractor and in 1992 Richard took over this part of the business from his brother and went it alone, calling the new company RJB Mining.

After the miner's confrontation, led by Arthur Scargill, had been crushed by Mrs Thatcher the company paid £900 million to acquire all the English and Welsh coal mines from the state – he became known as King Coal. However, as the need for coal diminished, the company struggled to survive. After various other investments, including buying Hatfield Colliery near Doncaster, the business began to fail. He was diagnosed with prostate cancer and in 2013 he was declared bankrupt. He died in July 2016 aged 69.

More than a dozen runners who took part in a “mud run” in Nottingham recently are complaining that they suffered diarrhoea and vomiting after the event due to “dirty water”. I don't know if I am missing something here but I always assumed that if you took part in a mud run then it involved dirty water. One competitor, named as Samantha, said that she had to take time off work as she suffered stomach cramps, back pain, headaches and fever, as had some of her friends. It reminds me of a saying, “Play with fire and you get burnt”.

I was reading recently about a Stamford man called Colin Furze: apparently he has constructed a 360 degree swing in his garden which is 18 feet tall – maybe not earth shattering news, but it is not the first time he has been in the headlines. He has been making “whacky” gadgets since he was very young. At one time he was given a mobility scooter by a friend in the town who told him “See what you can do with that”. He stripped it down and put a 125cc motorbike engine in it – when he had completed his “renovation” he tested it on a runway and went on to claim the world record for the fastest mobility scooter – a staggering 71.59 mph.

Another of his crazy ideas was his armoured Tuk-Tuk. This is a three wheeled

vehicle used extensively in the Far East and India. He fitted it with machine guns and other armaments (imitation of course) and finished up with a machine that would have done James Bond proud.

He also holds the world records for the fastest pram, the fastest toilet and the world's longest motorbike, all using scrap items and items discarded by others.

Probably some of you will have noticed that we have just about managed to eradicate the mole problem in the churchyard. The mole hills were becoming an increasing problem when it came to cutting the grass, damaging the mower blades. The work has been carried out by a local pest control officer and he appears to have done a good job (fingers crossed).

We recently had a trip, along with members of our family, to Lincoln Castle to view the ceramic poppies that were on display, which appeared as a "wave". This display was part of that which had been at the Tower of London as part of the First World War remembrance. The display was very good and well worth the visit (it is now closed). The castle itself is well worth a visit, having recently had a major overhaul, giving it an all round castle wall walk, plus the Lincoln copy of the Magna Carta is on display. There is a good car park fairly close to the castle itself – also, as a bonus, the Cathedral is just across the road.

Colin Scrapps

Wigtoft Website

As mentioned in the last edition of the magazine we would like to find someone with the appropriate ability to redesign and maintain the village website. It would be good practice for someone who is trying to develop their skills and it would be a great help to the village. Please contact one of the newsletter team if you are interested.

Lighting Up Wigtoft This Christmas

Our Christmas Tree Festival will once again take place at Saint Peter and Saint Paul's Parish church beginning on December 2nd with a Carol service at 6pm to which all are welcomed.

We are inviting all those who live in the vicinity, Asperton Road, Church Road and Main Road 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!



Does an apple a day really keep the doctor away or is this yet another 'old wives tale'? True or false, apples are a popular fruit enjoyed by most people.

Trees or bushes are widely grown in Great Britain and the many varieties are far superior to those grown abroad and ripened under temperature control.

The well-known round or oval fruit has given rise to names of many special subjects. The apple of one's eye is a much cherished object. To upset a person's applearc is to spoil his plans. We all love apple pie, apple tart and apple crumble made from the delicious ripened red, green or yellow apple.

Long ago, when we had 'boarders' at our local grammar school, I remember making apple pie beds. This was accomplished by folding the sheets so that a person was prevented from getting into bed; 'apple pie order', in contrast, is a thoroughly good order.

In Shropshire and Herefordshire tons of apples are grown for Bulmer's™ cider.

Some years ago many farmsteads had an orchard and we had a never ending supply from our own or neighbour's trees.

Then we began importing tons of apples and many orchards were abandoned and destroyed. The number of English apples fell and we had to buy the less edible ones on offer. As we are to leave the EU this may change.

Now trees are much smaller and can even be grown in pots or on a patio.

Adam and Eve enjoyed an apple before being cast out of the Garden of Eden. Snow White was poisoned by an apple and fell asleep.

Apples contain vitamins E and C and are beneficial to our wellbeing. Apple bobbing and toffee apples are both enjoyed. Baked apples, stuffed with sultanas are delicious and a pork joint is more enjoyable with apple sauce.

I like apple sauce with pork sausages. Eve's pudding is stewed apple in a dish topped with a baked sponge mixture.

Without the humble apple our lives would be much less interesting.



Church Coffee Mornings

The Wigtoft Church Coffee Mornings over the summer months have once again proved a great success.

This year £1030 has been raised for our Church. This is a measure of the hard work of all the ladies who have supplied cakes and served refreshments on Saturday mornings throughout the summer months. We wish to thank each and every one of them and also all those who come along. It was indeed a friendly and enjoyable time.

Wigtoft Village Hall Bacon Butty Mornings



**These start again for the
winter on Saturday October
1st 10am until Noon**



**The first one is to raise money for
Macmillan Cancer Support.**

**After that all funds raised will go towards
the Village Hall maintenance and repairs**

We will have our usual stalls of plants, garden
produce, bric-a-brac, books and Scraps-R-Us.

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So come along and enjoy!!!!!!



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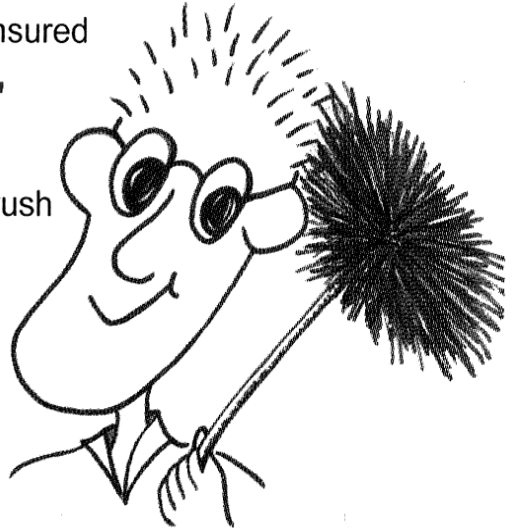
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Clocks go back 31						1 10am - Noon Macmillan Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft 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>	Blue / Brown Bin	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
3pm Harvest Songs Of Praise, Tea & Auction <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	Village Hall Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		10am Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i> 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>		10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> 7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i> 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	2pm Welcome Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	Blue / Brown Bin	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
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		1 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> 6.30pm Open Evening <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	2 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutton Methodists</i> 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	3 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	4 Blue / Brown Bin	5 Bonfire Night 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
6	7	8	9 10am Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Parrish Church</i> 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	11 Green Bin Collection 10.45am Remembrance Day Service <i>Wigtoft Parrish Church</i>	12 10am - Noon Christmas Fair & Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
13	14 7 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	15	16 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutton Methodists</i> 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	17 2pm Welcome Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	18 Blue / Brown Bin 6.30pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	19 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
Remembrance Sunday		20 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> 7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	21 22	23 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	24 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	25 Green Bin Collection
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parrish Church</i>	3.00pm News & Views Editorial Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	28 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	29 7pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	30		10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
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Lincoln Castle

The Roman Fort

The first fortified position at Lincoln was the fort constructed by the Romans – there is no evidence of any earlier fortifications.

The Romans established their fort here soon after the invasion in AD43 and Lincoln became an important town in the defence of the region. The fort was needed to house the military who, in turn, were needed to defend the point where the Roman roads of Ermine Street and the Fosseway met: the rivers Trent and Witham were also major waterways for transport at this time, this being borne out by the Roman construction of the Fossedyke canal linking the Witham to the Trent and the construction of the large inland port at Brayford Pool.



As well as the Roman fortress on the hill the town itself was surrounded by a curtain wall; remains of this are still visible today: the Roman West Gate was discovered in 1863.

The Stonebow, in the High Street, although of relatively modern construction, is the site of a Roman gateway into the old town.

The present castle was constructed on the orders of William the Conqueror – the work was completed in 1068.

The site chosen was the high ground above Lincoln which was also the site of the earlier Roman fort, and was an easily defensible one. After his victory at Hastings in 1066 William found he was having difficulty keeping order in the North: after constructing castles at Warwick, Nottingham and York and gaining control, he turned his attention to Lincoln.



Bust of George III

In the first place the castle would have been of the “motte and bailey” type – that is, the motte was a high earth mound with a wooden fortress on top and the bailey was a defensive wall and fence surrounding it. This type of defence could be constructed fairly quickly.

The massive earth ramparts and the curtain wall that we see today would have been constructed in the late 1000's to replace the earlier wooden structure. It is on record that as many as 166 houses were pulled down to make way for the first Norman castle.

The castle is unusual in that it has two mottes or earth mounds – these were the inner defensive positions within the castle walls and in the earlier days would have been topped with a wooden keep, but later replaced with stone structures.

As with all buildings, the castle would have needed ongoing maintenance and the walls we see today have very little of the original left in them.

Due to the area being limestone, and thus very porous, the castle ditches never held water, so that there was no moat as such, just a very steep, dry ditch.

During the reign of Charles 1 the ditches surrounding the castle were sold off for building houses and to raise revenue for the Crown.

Buildings within the castle

Original buildings within the castle would have included living quarters, stables, workshops, kitchens, bakery, brewhouse, barns and stores for food and equipment and the great hall which would be the focal point on special occasions. There would have been a number of wells which were essential should there have been any prolonged siege or conflict.

The Lucy Tower

This is built on top of what is thought to be the original Norman motte or earth mound. The surviving walls have been reduced in height but still contain two original entrances. It dates to the early 1100's. By the early 1800's the area within the tower had become derelict and was used as a burial ground for prisoners from the jail who had either been executed or died of natural causes. One of these was Mary Ann Milner who was sentenced to death for poisoning her sister-in-law but hanged herself with her red silk neckerchief the night before she was due to be executed.

The tower was named after the Countess of Chester who was Lucy of Bolingbroke. She was married three times and her accumulated estates from these marriages made her one of the richest women in the land. She lived mainly in Chester but at different times occupied the castles of Lincoln, Spalding and Bolingbroke.

She was related to Lady Godiva who is reported to have ridden through Coventry naked on her horse.

The Observatory Tower

This tower is built on the smaller of the two mottes or earth mounds and is dated a little later than the Lucy Tower, dating to the early 1200's. A later addition to this tower is the “observatory” turret which was added on to the original tower in the early 1800's by the governor of the prison – he was a keen amateur astronomer and spent a lot of his spare time here with his telescope: it also proved to be valuable as a look out when prisoners attempted to escape.

To be continued.

Colin Scrupps



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Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

Just when you think it is time to start cutting back plants that appear to have finished their show, the lovely start to September has them flowering again. Even on really sunny days, autumn has a wonderful mellowness that I love.

The evenings are closing in quickly now which takes me by surprise every year. In the greenhouse take most of the leaves from tomato plants to encourage the last few fruits to ripen. We must have had more warm weather than I thought as even the outdoor tomatoes are ripening well. The apples and pears are ready to pick at any time now, pick pears when they are still very firm as they mature quickly and all at the same time.

If you like to increase your own perennials dig out any self sown plants of a good size. Pot them on or replant into gaps in the borders. Garden club is always pleased to have any that you can't use. Doing this job now gives them time to grow good roots to help them through the winter.

It is worth checking trees now for dead or damaged branches, it's much easier to identify them whilst leaves are still there, cut off small ones and mark up thicker ones to remove later.

Lets' hope the good weather lasts long enough for us to tidy up the garden to go into winter, then if we have a late spring you feel you have a head start.

Regards, from Sam



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Very little is known about the personal life of this gentleman: it appears that he died in 1626 and was a local resident and landowner – but his legacy as a local benefactor is still obvious, even today.

He was responsible for the setting up of several local charities, both for the education of the younger members of the community and for the benefit of destitute older people.

It is recorded that he was the Town Clerk for Boston in 1602 and 1614 and was also the Mayor in 1613 and again in 1620.

There is mention of him in Boston records in 1624, apparently there used to be a Falcon Inn in the town fronting onto Bargate and close by the Red Lion Inn. The Falcon was purchased by the Corporation in 1617 and part of it was used as a granary for corn storage. In 1624 the chamber of the Falcon was rented to Sir Thomas Middlecott plus an area of ground – rental was to him and his heirs “forever” on condition that they built a hospital upon the said ground for the relief of ten poor people of Boston for ever. However, it appears that this building did not take place due to the death of Sir Thomas.

In his will of September 27th 1625 he gave to the town of Boston the Alms Houses in Skirbeck Quarter plus two acres of land, to be employed for the relief of poor people. Part of the endowment was Spital Close (Skirbeck Quarter) on which the House of Correction was erected – it contained three acres: there is also mention of a piece of meadow land near Cowbridge of nearly two acres which belonged to the charity.

I believe Spital Close was close to Newtons Corner on London road in the town and is now known as Middlecott Close: the Alms Houses, which stood alongside the road, were there within living memory – they were probably taken down around the 1960's.

Several tenements were erected on the Spital site for the use of poor people, rent free.

Sir Thomas Middlecott also left property in Frampton Fen extending to over 9 acres and a field of 1 ¼ acres at Cowbridge, the rent from these to be used for repairs to the highways in Skirbeck Quarter “with stone and shingle”.

The following information on the charity was written in 1854. “Part of the pasture in Spital Close was sold to the Black Sluice Commissioners in 1837 and the money from this sale was invested in the purchase of 10 acres of land. The charity owns 9 houses which are let at 1/- (5p) per week to poor people and the rent from the land is used to supply coal to the poor just prior to Christmas”.

The entire income of the charity in 1853 was just over £56.

Kelly's Directory of Lincolnshire 1896 states that 20 acres of land, left by Sir Thomas in 1625 and let for £70 yearly, is for fuel for distribution in Skirbeck Quarter.

In Kirton a Grammar School was founded and endowed by him in 1624.

Fosdyke:- The brick and thatch Alms Houses known as Middlecott Hospital were built in 1625. Sir Thomas procured an Act of Parliament for the erecting of a hospital for a master and nine poor people – the master lived in one property and there were to be four tenants from Fosdyke and five from Algarkirk, usually single and aged over 40 years. The Alms Houses were located in a long row at the junction of Puttock Gate and Wash Road and were known locally as Bede Row. Inmates were to receive 8 pence per week for ever and a cloak containing 4 yards and a load of turf and half a cauldron of sea coals. Each resident had a single room and there were two earth closet toilets for all ten residents, one at each end of the building and a well at the front for fresh water for washing and drinking; regular attendance at Fosdyke Church was compulsory and if found brawling, frequenting taverns, absence at nights or other offences then penalties were imposed.

In 1837 the Alms Houses were insured with the Sun Fire Office for £500.

During the flood of 1810 the Alms Houses were flooded and had to be evacuated; the cost of repairs amounted to nine shillings and two pence. To maintain the Alms Houses and residents Sir Thomas Middlecott, in his will, endowed the charity with small farms at Wigtoft, Swineshead, Bennington and Old Leake.

Around 1980, with the property in a very poor state of repair and the last resident having died in 1978, the decision was taken by the trustees to sell the Alms Houses as the cost of renovation was beyond their means to finance. They decided to build a pair of modern bungalows in the centre of the village next to the village hall. In 1990 the trustees had accumulated sufficient funds to build another pair of bungalows in Algarkirk – these are located near the church.

In the late 1990's the trustees sold most of the land at Old Leake and Bennington and with the proceeds of this sale purchased a farm at Thorney. This farm and the land at Swineshead and Wigtoft provide the income to maintain the new Alms Houses .

The residents of these bungalows must be single, can be either male or female and resident in Fosdyke or Algarkirk – they live rent-free and all decorating and maintenance is provided for them.

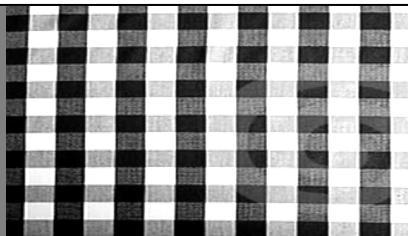
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23 rd October	10.30am - Revd. Maurice Perry
30 th October	10.30am - Revd. Alan Barker



6 th November	10.30am - Revd. Frances Ballantyne
13 th November	10.30am - Mr. Davis Sizer
20 th November	10.30am - Revd. Alan Barker
27 th November	10.30am - Mr Michael Jessop

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Drawn at the Coffee Morning, August 27th

Church Lottery Winners September 2016

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MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (304) HELD ON MONDAY 4TH JULY 2016 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

Present S. Collingwood S. Baxter, M. Scrupps,
V. Atkinson, M. Tunnard, M Scrupps & M. Piper (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

M. Brookes, M. Cooper, A. Spencer, P. Craven, B Leggott

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended.

3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 16th May 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th May 2016 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Tunnard at the next meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

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

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman: Bruce Leggott proposed by Virna Atkinson & seconded by Marian Scrupps.

Vice Chairman: Simon Collingwood proposed by Matthew Tunnard & Seconded by Steve Baxter

Clerk: Mary Piper proposed by Steve Baxter & seconded by Virna Atkinson.

6. HIGHWAYS

It was reported that there is a very large pothole in Golden Grove about 200m from A17 junction. Clerk to report to Highways.

Overnight Roadworks information can be obtained from Lincs CC.

7. PLAYGROUND

Playground grass cutting is ok and running to schedule.

Wicksteed Playscapes annual inspection to be arranged.

8. FINANCIAL

C/A £6915.75 D/A £2260.40

Cheque for Wicksteed Playscapes For £54.00

Zurich Insurance Schedule has arrived

9. PLANNING

There was one planning application

Erection of conservatory at Drove House Washdike Drove Wigtoft.

There were no objections

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Publicity for South East Lincolnshire Local Plan

LALC News

11. A.O.B

Clerk to contact resident in Asperton Road concerning overgrown frontage.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 8th August 2016 at 7.30.pm

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***The next meetings will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on
Monday 3rd October 2016 at 7.30pm and
Monday 7th November 2016 at 7pm
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October 7th & 21st
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