

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



**Village Events
In The Coming**

Months

Bacon Butty Mornings

Every Saturday morning in the Village Hall
until the end of April and then in the Church

Flower Festival, Wigtoft Church

April 25th, 26th & May 2nd, 3rd

February / March 2020

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Well here we are in 2020, a new decade and possibly by the time you read this Brexit will have happened at last. Some fresh starts all round, including hopefully your village magazine. As you will see on page 8, a meeting was held in January to which representatives of various village organisations and residents were invited to discuss the future of the magazine. The turnout was disappointing, possibly showing that interest in the magazine continuing was low. However as you will see various things were discussed and agreed, so we will try it for another year and see how it goes.

Some events for 2020 were planned at another meeting in January, there are more to organise but those arranged so far appear on page 10.

This year the Church is planning to update the heating in the building to make it more comfortable to use in the winter. Grants are being sought to help fund the upgrade but more money will need to be raised locally, so please support the events organised by the Friends of the Church to help with this.

As you will see in the magazine, Bacon Butty/Coffee Mornings continue in the Village Hall on Saturday Mornings. Those held until the end of March are to help with funds for the Village Hall. In April they continue in the Village Hall, but in aid of the Church. At the end of April the Flower Festival take place in the Church and the Saturday Coffee Mornings will move to the Church for the summer months.

Don't forget that you may need to renew your garden waste collection service over the next couple of months, details on page 32.

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Crib Service 2019

The crib service was well attended on Christmas Eve, with about 30 people in Church. Oliver Tunnard and Bob Willis did the readings for us, George Tunnard helped with the collection. A big thank you goes to all three of them.

After the service some people commented on how short the service was (about 20 minutes). At a PCC meeting in January we decided that a new format was needed this year.

Some of us will get together later in the year to see how we can change it, we will let you know later in the year what we have decided.

Once again thank you to everyone who came to the service and also those who helped in any way.

Jane Barkham
PCC Secretary

Wigtoft Flower Festival 2020

Would anyone like to sponsor us for our flower Festival at St Peter and St Paul's Church in May The theme this year will be The Four Seasons.

You can either donate towards flowers for a window or an arrangement. If you feel creative, or have any spare time, then why not join us and help. New hands are most welcome! We stop for coffee, biscuits and much laughter, so please come along.

Raffle prizes and donations for tombola are gratefully received.

For further information please contact Jean Tel: 01205 460546

The Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

Wigtoft Church Cleaning

The next church cleaning will
take place on Wednesday
March 11, starting at 10am

*Please come along and help,
tea, coffee and a chat
afterwards*

Church Services February 2020

February 2 nd	10.30am	Group Service - Bicker
February 9 th	9.15am	Holy Communion - Wigtoft
February 16 th	9.15am	Holy Communion - Wigtoft

Church Services March 2020

March 1 st	10.30am	Group Service - Donnington
March 8 th	9.15am	Holy Communion - Wigtoft
March 15 th	9.15am	Holy Communion - Wigtoft



Wigtoft Church Coffee Mornings



Coffee Mornings, raising funds for the Church, start again in the Village Hall on Saturday mornings in April. They then move to the Church for the summer months, starting with the Flower Festival weekend on May 2nd.

*We will have our delicious Bacon Butties
and Cakes each Saturday*

Volunteers to help on a Saturday morning are welcome, please come along and speak to one of the team

All funds raised go towards the Church heating funds.

Church Lottery Winners December 2019

- 1st.... Mr P Ulliet (£20)
- 2nd.... Miss A Padley (£10)
- 3rd.... Mrs J Simpson (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning December 21st

Church Lottery January 2020

The first two draws for the new
lottery year will take place in
February

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

February 2020

March 2020

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

Village Hall News

I know Christmas seems a long time ago, but the village hall held a very successful Christmas Fair in November. The hall looked very festive with a variety of stalls to help you start your shopping early. It was well attended and we raised £257.30, so a big thank you to all who helped and supported.

So to the New Year, Saturday bacon butty mornings are still in the hall every week from 10am until noon until the end of March. They are always well supported with plenty of chat and laughter. If you've not been before why not come along one Saturday, you'll always be made most welcome. There will be an Easter raffle running through March to be drawn at the last Saturday coffee morning.

Time for change in the hall, the Chairman, Mr Pete Smith and vice chairman, Mr Shaun Taylor are both stepping down from the committee, so a big thank you to them both for all the years they have supported the hall and for all their hard work. Mrs Sally Smith is also giving up the position of treasurer but will stay on the committee. Mr Maurice Cowling is very kindly taking over the post of treasurer again a big thank you to him for joining the committee.

The AGM is being held on Tuesday 11th February at 7.30 in the hall, this is when all new committee members will be elected. Anyone is welcome to come along to the meeting, especially if you feel you would like to join the team, you would be most welcome. We are always looking for new people to join the committee or to help out at events. At the AGM we are hoping to arrange all events for the coming year, so keep a look out in the newsletter to see what will be happening in the hall.

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

To book the Village Hall, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005

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

Annual Parish Meeting

On Monday March 2nd at 6.30pm Wigtoft Parish Council are holding a special Annual Parish Meeting. This is a meeting to which residents of the village are invited to hear the Chairman's annual report and to ask questions or make representations to the Parish Council.

Please come along to hear what the Council have been doing and to make your views known.

Remembering Our Dear Friend Barbara Banfield

Barbara passed away on 14th December 2019. Her funeral demonstrated how Barbara had lived her life by the many people who attended her funeral on the 16th January 2020. She will be sorely missed.

Barbara was one of the first people I ever met when we arrived to live in the village. From that very moment we became friends.

She warmly invited us to Gardening Club, not being “gardeners” we thought it would be beyond us, but in true Barbara style she persuaded us otherwise. Here, she held the role of Treasurer. What Barbara didn’t know about plants wasn’t worth anyone else trying to find out! If she wasn’t sure she would certainly know by the next time you met with her. One of her roles was helping to arrange speakers and many day trips which everyone enjoyed enormously. On occasion we were invited into her lovely garden in the evenings for tea and cake. We would walk around her extensive garden as she pointed out plants of interest. She was indeed a brilliant hostess.

As a Friend of the Church, Barbara helped regularly to clean and her ability for flower arranging was well known and appreciated. She often used greenery and flowers from her own garden and could make just a few flowers look spectacular. This skill, along with her jam making, she used during Flower Festivals and various church events.

As for Bacon Butty mornings, well, for many years Barbara worked every Saturday, nonstop, her speciality was making scones and apple cake, their reputation lives on to this day! She worked tirelessly to raise funds for the Village Hall without complaint enjoying all the fun in the kitchen which was often accompanied with much laughter.

“Scraps-R-Us” also played an important part in her life. Using up oddments of wool and material, to make gloves, aprons, table runners and cushions to sell was a gift she had. There are many people near and far who own something that Barbara has made.

During her illness Barbara was stoic and never complained. We will miss her beyond measure. Not just for what she did but for her ability to put people at ease, her kindness, listening ear, generosity and most of all, her friendship.

Barbara was not just our friend but a friend of Wigtoft, Sutterton and others who live in surrounding villages.

Thank you Barbara for times shared and well spent.

Thoughts contributed by Friends of Barbara

Wigtoft News & Views - Changes is on the way

On January 13th the News and Views held a meeting in the Village Hall to discuss the magazine's future. All groups had received invitations and likewise an invitation had been extended to the whole village in the preceding month's magazine. Those who attended were:-

The News and Views Editorial Team: - John Craggs. Virna Atkinson. Sally Smith. Ann Mulbret. Colin Scrupps.

Blisbury Trust - Sue and Chris Tunnard.

St Peter and St Paul's Church - Jane Barkham & Malcolm Franklin

Scraps - Jean Knight.

Bowls Club - Nigel Smith.

Gardening Club - Jean Knight.

Friends of the Church - Ann Dawkins & Libby Craggs.

Village Hall

Parish Council

Discussions were held about the necessity of having a Village magazine. It was thought that it was of great value within the village and to those who live at a distance. Three hundred copies are delivered and sent bi-monthly. Logistics were discussed, such as articles sent on time, dates received, printing and compiling and the delivery.

It was decided that the content may require a slightly different stance appealing to a younger age group. Although we live in a "mature" village there are a considerable number of younger people and more children than first comes to mind. Therefore new and different articles, which would appeal to the younger villagers would be gratefully received. They would enhance those articles which are supplied by our regular stalwarts.

The new format we hope would consist more of: -

A children's page, a review of books read or film seen, local news, a puzzle page, recipes, craft ideas and poetry. To achieve this we require your help. If you have any fresh, new ideas or would like to contribute something to the magazine we would love to hear from you, so please contact a member of the Editorial Team.

All articles and dates must be in by the 14th of the month.

The team work extremely hard to put the magazine together. However, if contributions and help are not forthcoming, at the end of this year the magazine could cease. It was felt this would be a great loss on many fronts. We can all prevent its demise by helping in some small way.

All your views would be gratefully received.

Thank you.

Christmas Tree Festival 2019

We started preparing for the Wigtoft Christmas Tree Festival in the church on the 10th November. This seems a bit early but we had well over 200 trees! We had a wonderful team of people to help put them up and to decorate them. It all took nearly three weeks to complete but was well worth the effort.

The church looked festive and ready for the approaching celebrations. This was rewarding by so many lovely comments from visitors both local and those who had travelled some distance to be with us.

Thank you to everyone who gave their time, baked cakes, sponsored trees and lit up the village for Santa and his helpers, they did a great job.

We raised £2,301 during the weekend which was a fantastic amount and well worth all the hard work.

Happy New Year to you all.

Jean

Santa Came To Wigtoft

An adult asked "Who is Santa?" well of course, it was the real one, helped along by a well known farmer and his rather "younger" elves. The decorated trailer and tractor went throughout the village of Wigtoft with Santa waving to all. People and children came out to greet him and to share in the fun.



Santa and his elf

It was such a success that Santa has been asked to come again next year and perhaps have a grotto in the church. There isn't anything like planning ahead - only eleven months to go!!!!

Scraps R Us

Scraps creative mornings are February 4th and 18th and March 3rd and 17th. New ideas and folk are most welcome. We meet at 10am to mid-day. Tea and coffee are served.

Wigtoft Events Planned For 2020

Flower Festival, Wigtoft Church

April 25th, 26th & May 2nd, 3rd

Afternoon Tea In A Garden In Wigtoft

June 21st, 3pm – 6pm

Sponsored Walk From Boston Stump To Wigtoft Church

July 18th

Garden Club Event in Wigtoft Church

September

Harvest Supper, Wigtoft Church

September 27th, 3pm service, then Auction and Meal

Christmas Tree Festival, Wigtoft Church

December 4th, 5th & 6th

Carol Service Friday December 4th at 6pm

Several other events are still in the planning stage and details will be published over the next few months

Many of these events are organised by The Friends Of Wigtoft Church, if you would like to help with any of these please speak to a member of the group at one of the Saturday coffee mornings.

Thank You

A special THANK YOU to all those who supported St Peter and St Paul's Church Wigtoft in 2019.

Thank you for all your generous donations of money, cakes, tea and coffee, tombola & raffle prizes.

A big thank you to Friends of the Church for giving their time and hard work to make all the events such a success. The grand total raised in 2019 by these events and coffee mornings was **£7,300**. This will hopefully go towards an update of the Church heating in 2020.

If you would like to join us and get involved with Friends of the Church then please contact Jean Tel:- 01205 460546 or a member of the PCC.

All help is welcomed and gratefully received.

Topical Talk

Good news for people who are fed up with the spiralling number of potholes in our roads. An Italian company, who have patented the process, are currently trialling the material in this country: the material is similar to the asphalt currently used but with an additive – the additive is graphene. Trials have been carried out in Rome and the road surface has lasted two and a half times longer than conventional surfacing. The trial being carried out in this country is taking place in Oxfordshire, through the village of Curbridge, west of the city.

Graphene was discovered by scientists at the University of Manchester in 2004; it is a honeycomb sheet of carbon atoms and is the worlds strongest material and has been used in a range of applications. The new surface works by adding a small amount of a graphene-based additive to a partially recycled asphalt, the surface used on most roads. The product, called Gipave, is said to be less likely to soften in warm weather or harden and crack in colder weather. If the test is successful the material will be used over other locations across Britain. The cost is about 20% more than conventional asphalt but, with the longer lifespan, should be more economical in the long run.

This is a “greener” material than other road surfaces because it can be recycled, as well as laid at lower temperatures, saving energy and reducing CO2 emissions. The process also disposes of 20 tons of plastic per kilometre of road which would otherwise be burned or buried.

What would you do if you won £105 million on the lottery? For most of us I bet it would be to pack up working and enjoy the loot! But one man, who this has happened to, is carrying on working. This man is Steve Thomson who is a jobbing builder living in West Sussex. He won this amount recently, in the Euro-millions lottery, but vowed not to leave any of his customers in the lurch because of it. The father of three is still taking on work and has also treated himself to a fresh van, although he refused to buy a new one, but purchased a second hand VW, saving himself £10,000 in the process. He says that he is just a “normal guy” and does not want the money to change him and he also says that he will not let his customers down who have trusted him with their work. He only bothered to check his winning ticket last November when he was waiting to be picked up by a work mate.

He has said that they plan to buy a new house so that their three children can all have their own rooms. A neighbour of the family has said that Steve is the “salt of the earth” and he would never let anyone down.

Nazi police files have now been made public after 75 years regarding the occupation of the Channel Islands. They show that islanders as young as

fourteen were locked up for offences such as painting V for victory signs, listening to radios and hiding weapons and prisoners. During the occupation, from 1940 - 1944, the file reveal that 506 people were deemed to have committed crimes against the German authorities. Two of the youngest prisoners were Kathleen Duckworth, aged 15 and Beryl Wickings aged 14, who were convicted of political offences - they were released after a night in custody. Philip Ozard, a window cleaner aged 53, received the most severe punishment for the unauthorised possession of weapons: he was sentenced to five years penal servitude and deported to France in June 1942. He moved between prisons and finished up in a forced labour camp in Germany. In 1944 he was put on a forced march and ended up in Landsberg prison - here he was liberated by American forces in 1945 and returned to his home in Jersey. One of the saddest cases is that of Louisa Gould, a widow with two sons, who died in the gas chambers of Ravensbruck concentration camp in Germany in February 1945 after neighbours in Jersey had informed the Nazi authorities in May 1944 that she was hiding a radio and passing on news - she was also hiding a Russian prisoner of war and her sentence was two years in prison, but she paid the ultimate price.

Colin Scrapps

Sutterton Methodist Church



Due to renovations at Sutterton Methodist Church Sunday worship for the coming weeks are being held at Kirton Methodist Church.

Our usual coffee mornings are now at **Rainbow Restaurant every Wednesday at 10am to midday** where you will receive a very warm welcome.

Please come along and join a happy band of people!

Litter Picking

If you should see some ladies out in the village with litter picking sticks, please don't be alarmed. They have decided to clear Wigtoft of bits of paper, sandwich wrappers and cans.

The message is, please keep our village tidy!! Thank you



- 22/10/19 The humans were engrossed in their usual game when I noticed a picture of a black Labrador on the wall. I barked and barked and barked. I will not be usurped by a common breed of canines
- 28/10/19 Found a rat while exercising. Rigor mortis had taken place so I was spared a kill
- 03/11/19 Attended a rowing event with owner. Wiggled free of my harness. Humans panicked!
- 07/11/19 Rain, rain, rain! Walk postponed until afternoon
- 12/11/19 Windy and cold. Owner forgot my coat. Ouch!
- 14/11/19 Rain began a short way from home so I refused to continue the walk. Humans do not comprehend our discomfort!
- 16/11/19 Rowing club again. Fussed by many people. Appreciated at last!
- 23/11/19 Heavy rain again. I refused to leave my indoor cage
- 30/11/19 Cold and frosty. Wiggled out of my coat. Mum quite shocked when she noticed it lying on the road
- 03/12/19 Vaccinations at the vets. I was hurt. He then found my two sore toes and wiggled them. I almost nipped him but he evaded damage
- 11/12/19 Cold and frosty. Owner forgot my coat. I shivered!
- 12/12/19 Went to the village hall. My lead held by a friend while mum went to vote in something called a polling station
- 17/12/19 Big spikey green trees at home and in the old one's home. Both have bright lights. I wonder why?
- 25/12/19 A specially pleasant day. I was given a new fluffy toy, a plastic toy and a snuffle mat. I had to find the hidden treats in the mat. I'm not sure why I had so many pressies as I have had my birthday this year.
- 31/12/19 The females were immersed in their Scrabble™ so I amused myself by disembowelling my fluffy rabbit. I tried to eat the stuffing but it was unappetising so I scattered the bits on the old one's carpet. Like Queen Victoria, she was not amused!

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LOCAL & RELIABLE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
10.30am Group Service Bicker Church	7 pm Parish Council Meeting Wigtoft Village Hall	10am Scraps R Us Wigtoft Village Hall			Blue Bin Collection 7pm Bird Auction Wigtoft Village Hall	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9.15am Holy Communion Wigtoft Parish Church		7.30pm Village Hall Annual General Meeting			Green Bin Collection Valentines' Day	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9.15am Holy Communion Wigtoft Parish Church	7pm Gardening Club Wigtoft Village Hall	10am Scraps R Us Wigtoft Village Hall			Blue Bin Collection 7pm Bird Auction Wigtoft Village Hall	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall 2pm Family Gathering Wigtoft Village Hall
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Shrove Tuesday	Ash Wednesday		Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall

Age Calendar

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
10.30am Group Service <i>Donnington Church</i>	6.30pm Annual Parish Meeting Followed by Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>			Blue/Brown Bin 7pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>		2pm PCC Meeting <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	10am Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Parrish Church</i>		Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
10.30am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	2pm Friends of the Church meeting <i>Wigtoft Parrish Church</i>		Blue/Brown Bin 7pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> 2pm Family Gathering <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Mothering Sunday	3pm Newsletter Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>				Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
29	30	31				
British Summer Time begins <i>Clocks go forward 1 hour</i>	7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>					

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Nicholas Parsons is a TV and radio personality who is recognised by practically everyone. He was born in Grantham in 1923 – he has two siblings, an older brother and a younger sister. His father was a general practitioner who, Nicholas says, delivered Margaret Thatcher. Unusual for someone in the acting profession he was born with a stutter, but he managed to control this as he grew older – he also suffered from dyslexia. He excelled at school and his preferred career was to be an actor; however, his parents were against him in this as they wanted him to become an engineer, as he had repaired grandfather clocks as a hobby when he was young and was good with his hands.



When he left his public school his parents packed him off to Clydebank in Scotland, where they had arranged an apprenticeship for him at Drysdale's, a maker of marine pumps. He found that going straight into the working class environment of Glasgow was a great shock to his system; he says that he heard swear words that he never knew existed. He admits that he had a very pompous attitude and way of speaking, but says that he was able to make friends, although he feared that they would crucify him.

He finished his apprenticeship and became a fully fledged engineer: he was offered a position in the merchant navy during the second world war but was never able to take it up due to illness.

Whilst he was doing his apprenticeship he was also pursuing his ambition to be an actor in his spare time: he worked himself into the ground and was ill for five months. He returned home after his illness and his parents asked him what he was going to do – he said he was going to be an actor; they said “But you are a qualified engineer now”, and he replied that he did that to please them but that now he was going to please himself.

His acting career “took off” when he was “discovered” by the Canadian impresario Carroll Lewis and appeared in his radio show as an impersonator – he also gained experience by appearing in amateur concert shows.

Over the years he has appeared in many guises, from West End plays, a stint as the resident comedian at the Windmill Theatre, as the straight man to comedian Arthur Haynes, the London Palladium, the Ed Sullivan Show in America, the Benny Hill Show, the quiz show Sale of the Century and in Dr Who.

He was the subject of "This is your Life" in 1978 when he was surprised by Eamon Andrews. He was awarded the OBE in 2004 and the CBE in 2014 for his charitable work, especially in regard to children's charities. He was also awarded an honorary degree by the University of Lincoln in 2014: for a time he held the Guinness Book of Records title for the longest after-dinner speech (11 hours) which he undertook for charity.

Parsons has two children from his first marriage to Denise Bryer – they divorced in 1989; he is now married to Ann, who is 20 years his junior.

Colin Scrapps

This article was planned for publication in this issue some time ago. However as we go to print it was announced that Nicholas Parsons sadly passed away on January 28th 2020 after a short illness at the age of 96.

Wigtoft Village Hall



Bacon Butty Mornings

Our winter Bacon Butty Mornings continue
in the Village Hall on Saturdays
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*If you are able to help out at any time
please get in touch, the more help we have
the easier it is to organise.*



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

Garden Waste Collection Service 2020



*Garden waste collections start
again for 2020 in March
On Friday 6th and 20th*





Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

One job for the winter months is tidying up; firstly the garden, then when the weather gets colder, get under cover in the shed and greenhouse. Before the ground freezes dig over and mulch the plot to be ready for the spring/summer planting. Turning over the heavy clay soil and leaving it exposed to the frosts would help break down the large clumps and improve drainage. Where some plants need even better drainage a few shovels of sand could be added to the soil.

Any remaining fallen leaves should have been raked up as they spoil the grass if left on the lawn. So better to compost small amounts of leaves or, for larger amounts, pack them tightly in black plastic sacks and stack them out of the way to rot down and be ready to mulch in the future.

After the digging there is the easier task of pruning the late flowering rose bush. With the last cutting of the lawn a distant memory the lawn mower should have had its winter service and be ready for the first spring cut. Because grass grows over the winter it's length can make the first cut difficult. Often a couple of mows are needed to gradually shorten the grass and provide a neater cut.

If nothing is growing in the greenhouse over the winter this is an ideal time to tidy it, clean the glass and remove any signs of mould.

Finally, during really rotten weather, there are catalogues, or the internet, to study indoors, ready to plan and organise next year's planting program.

In the meantime - happy digging.

Sam Snail



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Butterflies are colourful insects covered with minute scales. How do butterflies differ from moths? Butterflies have clubbed feelers. The feelers, or antennae, of moths thicken towards the end and are often feathered.

There are many thousands of different species of butterflies in the world. Only around 70 different ones are British - including the migrants.

The life cycle of a butterfly is truly miraculous. If a butterfly egg is examined under a lens it will be seen to be ribbed and fluted. The caterpillar is a magnificent creature with diversity of shape, colour, hairs or spines. They change their skins several times. In passing to the chrysalis stage the caterpillar makes more startling changes. When the butterfly emerges the shell of the chrysalis splits and the new insect is able to free itself from the trappings. Once free the butterfly can hang from a twig and dry its wings.

The butterflies' wings are a work of art. Who can fail to appreciate their beauty? The butterfly is a beautiful work of creation.

It's migratory powers are truly stunning. How can so small a creature reach a plant which relatives found a generation or more earlier?



The Village of Threkingham - Part 2

1066

There is very little evidence available about the village after the battle between the Saxons and Danes until after the Norman conquest in 1066.

In the Domesday Book of 1086 two churches are mentioned in the village – one of these would probably have been at Stow Green and the other in the village of Threkingham: both of these were probably built on the orders of King Canute, a Danish king who had embraced Christianity and built churches where major battles between Saxon and Danes had taken place.

The years of growth.

The period between 1066 and the Black Death (1348-1350) were years of growth and prosperity for the village. A charter for a Thursday market was granted in 1328 and there was also an annual fair on June 29th which lasted for four days – this was probably moved to nearby Stow Green where it is claimed that the fair there was in existence for over 800 years. The prosperity of the village at this time was built on the wool trade, which was a major industry in the area at this time.

King John

In October 1216 King John visited the village and stayed overnight in what is now the Three Kings Inn. He was terminally ill and this would have been a break in his journey from Swineshead Abbey to Newark. He had travelled from Norfolk to the Abbey and it was during his crossing of the Wash that he lost his baggage train which contained all his belongings, including the Crown Jewels. A few days after leaving Threkingham he died in Newark Castle.

Lambert de Trykingham

It was Lambert de Trykingham, a local dignitary, who was granted the Thursday market in the village in 1328. This family appear to have been an important one in the area at this time. This man became Baron of the Exchequer to Edward 111 (probably equivalent to today's Chancellor of the Exchequer) and also a Justice, sitting in Boston. His brother Walter was a Knight and an MP, as was another brother Robert. A sheriffs court was held in the village in 1322.

The Black Death

The Black Death was a plague that struck between 1348-1350 and thought to have arrived in this country from Europe, probably carried by ship's rats – it spread rapidly and there was no cure. In Lincolnshire the death rate in the villages varied from 25% to 80% and many of the villages at the higher end of

this scale never recovered. From its population of over 1,000 before the plague Threekingham's population dropped to a few hundred and never recovered.



The Three Kings Inn, Threekingham

Dick Turpin

The infamous Dick Turpin (highwayman) is recorded as having visited the village on a number of occasions. There are several stories regarding his dealings in the area. One has him in the village in about 1737, visiting what is now the Three Kings Inn. In the 18th century it was called both the "Harvest House" and the "Barley Mow". He reportedly bought oats here to feed his horse and another says that he bought oats at the inn, covered these with 2lbs of stolen tea and sold the lot to a Donington shopkeeper for £11, claiming it to be smuggled tea.

During these visits he would probably be on his way to the wild and desolate area between Sleaford and Lincoln, where it is recorded that he operated, preying on stage coaches and travellers.

(to be continued)

Colin Scrapps

The Gathering

Thank you Wigtoft for being "home base" for the Gathering since we began in July 2018. We have shared our faith with many of you and God's presence has been with us as we have worshipped together Sunday by Sunday.

It is now time for Daphne and myself to move on into a less active lifestyle, so with sadness our Gathering will no longer be meeting on Sundays in your lovely Village Hall.

The family gathering however will continue on February 22nd and March 21st from 2.30pm - 4pm and each month following for children of all ages. They will hear a story from the bible and enjoy craft work and creative playtime with friends.

Please ring Janice on 01205 723902 for further details. She would love to hear from you.

Daphne and Bridget Tel; 01205 723259.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th November 2019

Present: Cllr P Craven; Cllr G Wright; Cllr S Collingwood;
Cllr S Baxter; Cllr S Brigham; Cllr S Smith

Also Present: County Councillor M Brookes; Borough Councillor M Cooper

Public forum – none.

Chairman’s remarks – none.

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllrs B Leggott sent his apology. It was resolved to accept his apology and reason for absence.

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

None

Police report

None received.

Notes from the monthly meeting held on 7.11.19 to be approved and signed as minutes.

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

Accounts for payment, budget figures and financial report.

Date of invoice	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	Overall total
15.10.19	Pay	208.00		
15.10.19	HMRC	52.00		
15.10.19	Clerk use of home as office	20.00		
31.10.19	Payroll Services	18.00		
5.10.19	Printer Ink	6.66	1.33	
3.10.19	Election costs	69.77		
TOTAL		374.43	1.33	375.76

RECEIPTS				
16.10.19	Land rent	345.00		
8.10.19	Precept 1.10.19 to 31.3.20	4624.50		
TOTAL		4969.50		

Finance Report

The precept payment for 1.10.19 to 31.3.20 has been received. £4624.50 was received into the bank account on 8.10.19.

The VAT return has been submitted to cover the period 1.4.19 to 30.9.19 to claim a refund of £190.58

The Bank Reconciliation up to 30.9.19 has been completed following receipt of the September statement. Cllr SC has completed the check.

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payment and the budget figures. It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliation prepared by the clerk and checked by Cllr SC.

ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add updated budget figures to the website.

Planning

None.

Correspondence

14.10.19 LALC weekly e-news 14.10.19 e mailed to Councillors 14.10.19

Councillor's Reports.

Cllr SB – Resident, Virna Atkinson has sent a message thanking the Parish Council for nominating her for a long service award at the recent Lincolnshire Association of Local Council's annual meeting. Unfortunately, she was unsuccessful but enjoyed the experience. Cllr SB asked if the Parish Council wished to sponsor a Christmas tree in the village this year. It was resolved to sponsor a tree for £10. There is an overgrown hedge adjacent to Holly Lodge. Councillors requested that the clerk should speak to the owner. Councillors to supply contact details to clerk.

Cllr PC – offered to contact a resident who had equipment to connect the Christmas lights to the church power supply to ask if he would be prepared to allow the equipment to be used again this year.

Cllr SB – there is a hedge to the left of the playing field which is overhanging the footpath. Cllr PC offered to speak to the owner.

Cllr GW – asked whether Ward Councillor Aaron Spencer should attend Parish Council meetings or is it considered best practise. Cllr GW thanked County Councillor MB and Borough Councillor MC for their regular attendance at meetings.

Clerk's Report.

The Clerk advised Council that the Clerk's hours are currently standing at 6.5 more than the hours claimed of 4 per week. This figure is reducing. Please note however that there are 5.8 hours holiday outstanding from last year and 16.8 for the current year. A further report will be issued at the December meeting.

The Internal Audit has been arranged for the 13th November.

The tenancy agreement for the land has been sent out. A signed copy has not yet been received.

The jet washing of the equipment has been ordered. No confirmation has yet been received to say the work has been completed.

There will be an article in the next copy of Wigtoft News and Views asking for opinions on whether Wigtoft should enter the best kept village competition next year and, if so, asking for help to complete the application.

To discuss the revised quote received for mole control in the play area for the next 12 months (carried forward from last meeting).

The revised quote of £560 per annum was received to show a like for like comparison to the second quote of £450 per annum. This was reviewed by the Councillors. The cost could have been reduced to £420 by having monthly checks instead of fortnightly but Councillors felt that the checks needed doing more frequently. It was resolved to accept the quote for £450.

ACTION: Clerk to advise contractors accordingly.

To discuss the information received from Boston Borough Council about the street lights in the village and to decide whether to replace the 2 street lights at a cost of £350 (carried forward from last meeting).

The Clerk had prepared figures to show when savings would be made if money was spent on replacing the two lights. The Clerk advised Councillors that the original e mail from Boston Borough Council stated the cost would be £350 + vat however, following a query made, the cost is per light, making a total cost of £700 + vat. The current cost of running these two lights is £73.50 per annum. The running cost if the lights are replaced would be £11 per annum. This means that it would take 13.5 years to recoup the cost. On consideration, Councillors felt that it is important that these lights are kept on due to the location ((Asperton Road and Church Road). It was resolved to advise Boston Borough Council to instruct Eon to renew the lights. Funds will be taken from reserves to pay for this. Councillors asked the clerk to set up a record of the location of each light, what type of light it is and when the lamp is renewed. Councillors also asked the clerk to find out the age of each lamp.

ACTION: Clerk to advise Boston Borough Council and to set up the records.

To review the October monthly play area inspection undertaken by Cllr SB and to decide who will undertake the November inspection.

Cllr SB apologised that he had not had time to undertake the play area monthly visual inspection. He will complete the November inspection before the next meeting. The Clerk reminded Cllr PC that the next quarterly detailed inspection is due in December and Cllr PC agreed to complete this.

To continue the annual budget planning process

The clerk had partly prepared a budget based on last year's spending and other known factors. Following a discussion about several spending lines, it was resolved that the clerk should obtain 3 quotes for the grass cutting, find out how much it costs Wigtoft News and Views to print the Parish Council minutes and ask the Parochial Church Council if there is anything they may need financial help with in the next 12 months.

ACTION: Clerk to action the above. Agenda item next meeting.

**To decide what action to take regarding Flood Action
Week 11 to 17 November 2019.**

It was resolved to advertise this on the Parish Council's Facebook page and to display posters on the noticeboard.

To decide whether to purchase a wireless mouse to use with the laptop at a maximum spend of £15.

It was resolved to spend a maximum of £15 on the above.

ACTION: Clerk to purchase wireless mouse.

Meeting closed at

Next meeting is on the 2.12.19 at 19:00

Please note that the date for the April Parish Council Meeting has been changed from April 6th to Monday March 30th at 7.30pm

Garden Waste Collections 2020

The new garden waste collection season that will start on the 1st of April 2020.

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