

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



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Well Christmas and New Year are over and things are returning to normal (*whatever normal is*), however I have heard some people starting to plan for next Christmas, *sorry but I do not plan that far ahead.....*

Virna Atkinson has just retired from the Parish Council after almost 40 years (*see page 8*) leaving a vacancy, if anyone is interested in this post please contact Mrs Mary Piper, the Parish Council Clerk, at johnmarypiper@hotmail.co.uk or go along to the next meeting in the Village Hall on February for details.

The Church roof repairs are currently going well and on schedule. Luckily no additional serious work has been identified (so far), the project architect seems to have done a good job with his appraisal of work needed. Assuming that all continues to go well and the weather remains reasonable the work should be completed in April and then we can get the inside cleaned and back to normal.

We always need articles, letters etc. to publish in the magazine, and ideas for new items, either on a regular basis or one off items would be very welcome. Also if you are able to help out with either production or distribution of the magazine please get in touch with one of the team.

The News & Views team would like to thank all our readers who donate funds so generously to help with our production costs. We would also like to thank the advertisers in the magazine, without who's support we could not keep the magazine going.

The film night that was to be held last year has been rescheduled and will now be held on Saturday March 24th at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are available at £5 each (including refreshments) from Jean Knight and Virna Atkinson. So why not brighten up your winter evening by joining us.

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL WEEKEND - December 2017

I know that we are now into the second month of 2018 but we do need to remember what a wonderful weekend we all had during the Christmas Tree Festival.

As usual everyone worked so hard to make this a success. So much help and planning goes into this event for months before and many hours are spent in the church putting trees in place and decorating them. There were, I am told, in the region of 191 trees in total, both large and small around the church. The snowflakes hanging across the pews were made for us and have been sold off to make some extra funds for the Roof Repair Fund.

We would like to thank all our helpers, the Friends of Church group, all our stallholders, those who ran the refreshment area and everyone who baked, knitted, and made items to be sold from various materials. Those of you who have sponsored the trees and garden club members who have brought plants and made wreaths for sale. We are so grateful to all our visitors who help so much to make this such a friendly weekend.

The Carol Service is an important part of this Christmas event and it was encouraging to see around 70 villagers and friends at this evening service, thanks to our readers and to Charlie and Sue for leading this service. We are delighted to report that the fund raising from this event was £2216 71. This will go into our Roof Repair Fund.

We look forward to working with you all throughout this year.

*THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH
HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.*

On behalf of Wigtoft PCC

Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

Wigtoft Church Flower Arranging

Due to the roof repair work
being carried out there will be no
flowers in the Church in
February & March.

The Haven Group Church Services For February

| Date | Wigtoft | Swineshead | Sutterton | Donington | Bicker |
|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 4 th | | | | 10.30am Group Service | |
| 11 th | | 10.45am Holy Communion | 10am Holy Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church | 9.30am Holy Communion | 8am Holy Communion |
| 18 th | 9.15am Holy Communion | 10.45am Holy Communion | 9.15am Holy Communion | 9.30am Holy Communion | 10.45am Holy Communion |
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Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

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

Village Hall News

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th of February at 7.30pm in the hall.

We are always looking for new committee members and volunteers. If you think that you may be interested please come along to the meeting.

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

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

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

Christmas Trees Galore

Our Christmas Tree festival began two weeks before Friday December 1st as Friends of the Church met each day for three hours to assemble and decorate over 190 trees. Besides the trees, windows, arches and tables were decorated in festive style with beautiful snowflakes overhead. Our thanks go to all those who sponsored trees, individuals, companies and various businesses.

Christmas gifts were on sale on 18 craft stalls for those wishing to buy their presents.

As usual the refreshments made by the ladies were well received, with some people attending throughout the day for breakfast, lunch and tea!

Visitors of all ages entered into the Christmas spirit and offered many compliments.

Our thanks of course are extended to Jean Knight and her band of helpers who once more worked tirelessly. The grand total raised over the two day event was £2,226.71. All proceeds raised were given to Saint Peter and Saint Paul's roof repair fund.

The Friends of the Church would like to thank everyone who helped clear up all the trees and decorations at the beginning of January.

The "old fogies" of Wigtoft (*editor's note - not my words but...*) would especially like to thank George and Oliver Tunnard who helped to get all the Christmas trees back into storage in the Church bell tower.

At the end of December Christmas celebrations came to an end and we began to plan for 2018. We reflected on the trials and problems of 2017 and hoped that a new start would fulfil our every need. Where will the new year take us? After the pain and regret that some of us experienced and mistakes we made, a new year gives us fresh hope. We can begin again with new resolutions whatever the last year brought. How many of us have managed to keep the rules we made in January?

One day in December we awakened to see a fine covering of snow in all its purity. This pristine covering melted away quite quickly - just like our promises of last month.

We have been plagued by mists, fogs and rain most days and we all moan. Did we stop to admire the sparkling frost crystals which formed during overnight freezing conditions? Every twig, tree and bush was outlined in silvery white.

The mild winter will bring early growth to the plant world and soon we can look forward to bursting buds of bulbs and trees.

Fair Maids of February will brighten our days and we can expect wind, rain, sharp frost, snow and even sunshine. Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday will add interest to the shortest and sometimes coldest month.

If "March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb" this sometimes proves to be true.

We can expect glorious sunshine and the first warm days of spring. Wild flowers appear in sheltered spots and birds become very active - there is a chorus of voices from every hedge and tree.

The sun has more power now and the birds begin to build their nests confident that warmer days will bring forth food for their nestlings.

March can be a very cold month but is dry on the whole and sunny. The few bright days are a foretaste of summer.

... .. Happy Spring

The Snowdrop

by Lord Alfred Tennyson

Many, many welcomes,
February fair-maid,
Ever as of old time,
Solitary firstling,
Coming in the cold time,
Prophet of the gay time,
Prophet of the May time,
Prophet of the roses,
Many, many welcomes,
February fair-maid!



Retirement From Wigtoft Parish Council



The Parish council met on the first Monday of December but this was no ordinary meeting as we said goodbye to our longest serving councillor.

After the usual meeting had been conducted, the remaining members presented Mrs Virna Atkinson with a card, a bouquet of flowers and a gift voucher to say thank you for her long service to Wigtoft Parish Council. After very nearly 40 years of service, Virna decided that the end of 2017 would be the right time to step down from her duties. We

celebrated the occasion with mince pies and a glass or two of fizz!!

On behalf of the Parish Council we would like to thank Virna for all that she has done for the village of Wigtoft.

Having wished Virna well it now means we have a vacancy on the Parish Council, if anyone is interested in this post please contact Mrs Mary Piper, the Parish Clerk, at johnmarypiper@hotmail.co.uk

Once again a huge thank you to Virna and we wish you a long and happy retirement.

New to The Village

Several new people have come to reside within the village over the past couple of months. We wish to extend a warm welcome to you all, looking forward to seeing you at our various village events.

Topical Talk

Though not exactly topical in the sense that it has happened recently, what I want to write about this time happened 100 years ago, more or less. This story was pointed out to me recently, mainly because it involves a Lincolnshire family.

The family is the Beechey family. The Rev Prince William Reeve Beechey lived in the vicarage in the small village of Friesthorpe with his wife Amy and their very large family of eight sons and six daughters. Unfortunately the Reverend was diagnosed with cancer and died in 1912. The family then moved to a terraced house at 14 Avondale Street in Lincoln. Of her eight sons, all of whom served in the first world war, five never returned home, all killed in action. As the war progressed Amy lived in fear of the knock on the door and the telegram that started "It is my painful duty to inform you"

The sons who never came back were:-

Harold - He, along with his brother Chris had emigrated to Australia before the war hoping to make a life as farmers, but when their harvest failed due to drought, he ended up doing military training as an Anzac in Egypt and then fighting against the Turks in Gallipoli in 1915. He was involved in hand to hand fighting as well as fighting dysentery: he was sent back to Egypt in 1916 and then on to France and the Western Front. In August of that year he was wounded by shrapnel, but after a few months he recovered and was returned to the front. After surviving a freezing winter his luck finally ran out in April 1917 when he was hit by a shell in the trenches – he was 26 years old.

Charles - He was a school teacher, but by 1916 he was fighting in the trenches in France. By Christmas of that year he was in hospital with kidney disease. After his recovery he was shipped out to what is now Tanzania, where there was fierce fighting against the Germans. He wrote home in September 1917 but only a month later his mother received a letter telling her that he had been shot in the chest and that there was little hope: he died a few days later and is buried in a war cemetery in Dar es Salaam.

Frank - He also was a teacher who loved motorcycles and was also a keen sportsman, having played cricket for Lincolnshire. He joined up in 1914 and was sent to the front in May 1916 as a signaller. His job was to maintain and service the communication cables that existed between the trenches. His mother received a telegram in November 1916 from the war office. Frank had crawled out into no-mans land on a foggy night when contact had been lost with the troops – he was hit in both legs while trying to take out a cable and telephone to restore communications. He died of his wounds the next day aged 30, and was buried in a French war cemetery.

Barnard - He was also a teacher before the war and was a gifted mathematician. He was also fighting in France. Writing to his mother in September 1915 he told her that he had just spent three days in the trenches and that it had rained most of the time: soon after this he was killed in action on September 25th at the Battle of Loos. There is no marked grave for Barnard, Amy's eldest son.

Leonard - He was a studious type and before the war he was a railway clerk at London's Euston Station. He signed up in 1916, when he was 35 years old, in the London Irish Rifles, where a lot of the recruits were only half his age. By Christmas of that year he was in France and for the next year was in and out of the trenches. During 1917 he was gassed near the city of Rouen in France: he died from the effects of the poison gas on December 29th 1917 aged 36 years.

Amy's other three sons survived the war.

Sam - He joined up in the last few months of the war and was sent to France as a gunnery officer but he returned unscathed.

Chris - He had emigrated with his brother Harold to Australia. He had been an Anzac and was a stretcher bearer in Gallipoli; he was badly injured in a cliff fall and was sent back to Australia where he lived with his life-changing injuries until the age of 85; his mother never saw him again.

Eric - He never saw action. Spending the war as a dental technician, first in Malta and later in Greece. Writing home to his mother in July 1917 he said "I know how you feel losing such fine boys as my brothers and continually wondering if the same fate is for any more of us – yet they died men and your name is firmly fixed amongst the roll of brave mothers who have given their sons to the nation."

Of Amy's six daughters, five of them survived into adulthood.

In recognition of their sacrifice, crosses for the five fallen sons have been crafted from Lincoln Cathedral limestone and placed at locations around the world, from Europe to East Africa and Australia.

Harold - His cross has been placed in his adopted home of Western Australia, in Perth's Anglican Cathedral.

Charles - His cross has been placed in the war cemetery in Dar es Salaam where he is buried.

Frank - Frank's cross has been placed in a French war cemetery where he is buried.

Barnard - He was killed in France but has no marked grave. His cross has been

laid on the grave of a Lincolnshire soldier “known only unto God” in a French war cemetery.

Leonard - He also died in France and is buried in a war cemetery there, where his cross has been placed.

When Amy was presented to King George V and Queen Mary in April 1918 the Queen thanked her for her sacrifice. She replied “It was no sacrifice Ma'am – I did not give them willingly”.

Colin Scrapps

Please remember that the Gardening Club now meets on the third **MONDAY** of each month



Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

2018, who can believe it! While the weather is so inclement I find myself lured towards the gardening books to think about later in the year.

If you have a good structure of trees, shrubs and hardy perennials in your patch, something will be showing itself every month.

It is the little tweaking and trying new things out that vary the garden's appearance every year.

I think that this year I am going to set another sink garden with succulents, because the one I planted last year did very well. I used two different house leeks, a small Saxifrage a peach coloured Lewisia that repeat flowered several times and the black leaved lily turf Ophiopogon. This year I might try small herbs too. All topped with fine gravel and placed in a sunny spot.

It is nice to see the variety of succulents and small alpines, so contrasts are no problem.

I hope you keep well and enjoy what bright days we do get.

Regards from Sam

A Lonely Christmas, due to illness and accidents, gave me lots of time to miss my four legged companions. For the first time in ninety-three years I had no canine fellow to share the dark days

I love Labradors for their companionship, trust and unconditional love. I am not surprised that the Labrador is the most popular breed in the UK and the world. They will eat anything but not everything. Moulded hair appears around the house in spring and autumn and causes problems. They almost talk when the biscuit bowl is running low and will 'hoover'™ spillage from the floor. Sometimes they will eye visitors hoping the friends will drop a chunk of food worth taking. Labradors will communicate easily with humans and other dogs. They have hypersensitive hearing and sit upright when neighbours make the slightest unusual noise. Their strong scenting instinct tells them which dog has marked their territory and they strongly object.

Growing up on a smallholding we usually had two farm dogs and I always spent a lot of time with them. Their wet noses and sharp ears told them what was going on in the world. They were happy go lucky, bouncy and tail wagging.

The first Labradors came from Newfoundland. Perhaps the first Newfoundlands came from Labrador?

If I was a castaway on a desert island I would take a dog and a supply of dog food.



Wigtoft Village Hall Bacon Butty Mornings



Saturdays, 10am until Noon

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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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | Shrove Tuesday | Valentine's day Ash Wednesday 6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall | | Green Bin Collection | 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall |
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Age Calendar

March 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Mothers Day 9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i> | 7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> | | 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> | | Green Bin Collection | 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 25 Clocks go back | | | 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> | 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> | Green Bin Collection Good Friday | 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> |
| Palm Sunday | 3pm Newsletter Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> | | | 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> | | |
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Local Worthies

Joan Plowright (b Oct 1929)

Joan Plowright was born in Brigg (Lincs): her father was William Ernest Plowright and her mother was Daisy Margaret Plowright (nee Burton). He was a journalist and newspaper editor.

She went to Scunthorpe Grammar School and trained for her acting career at the Old Vic Theatre School: after completing this she made her stage debut at Croydon in 1948. She has appeared in many, many productions, both on the stage and in films.



She was married to Roger Gage from 1953 to 1960: at around this time she met Sir Lawrence Olivier when they were working together – he was married to Vivien Leigh at the time and she was still married to Gage. After they both obtained their divorces they married in 1961; they have three children. They remained married until the death of Olivier in 1989.: he was made a life peer in 1970, so she became Baroness Olivier.

Joan was appointed a CBE in 1970 and in 2004 she was appointed a DBE.

On her marriage to Olivier her official title became Lady Olivier although she never used it in her career.

In 1964 they moved to New York where they both appeared on Broadway, in different productions.

She retired officially in 2014 due to her failing eyesight. She received many awards during her acting career. The Plowright Theatre in Scunthorpe is named in her honour.

Patricia Hodge (b Sept 1946)



Patricia Hodge was born in Cleethorpes (Lincs): her father was the owner and manager of the Royal Hotel in the town – her mother was Marion. She attended Wintringham Girls Grammar School in Grimsby. On leaving she went to St Helens School in Norwood, before going to Maria Grey College to train as a teacher. On completing her training she taught English and drama in Hertfordshire. While she was here she applied to the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art; she was accepted and went there when she was twenty two. After

graduating she concentrated on theatre work, but has since branched out into TV work and has played many memorable roles, both on TV and in the theatre. She appeared in the TV series of "Rumpole of the Bailey" (1978-1992). From 2009-2014 she starred in the BBC sitcom "Miranda", as Miranda's mother.

She married music publisher Peter Douglas Owen in 1976 - they have two children.

She is joint President of Grimsby's Caxton Theatre.

At the time of writing (2016) her husband is in care, suffering from dementia; she says that there are times when he hardly recognises her.

Colin Scrupps

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Your village magazine would love to receive any letters, article or views on anything pertaining to the village of Wigtoft and surrounding area. We are happy to print your thoughts. It goes without saying all comments must be politically correct!

Please contact a member of the editorial team or email
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Sutterton Methodist Church Services for Feb/March

4th Feb. 10.30am - Mrs Liz Steel
11th Feb. 10.30am - Circuit Service at Broad Street
18th Feb. 10.30am - Mr David Baldwin
25th Feb. 10.30am - Mr Barry Chapman



4th March 10.30am -
11th March 10.30am -
18th March 10.30am -
25th March 10.30am -

Readers Letters & Comments



A big thank you to everyone who helped to make the Christmas Tree Festival so welcoming and so stunningly beautiful.

As you opened the door the warm, welcoming atmosphere hit you. It was like walking through an enchanted forest, so many trees all beautifully decorated. Hidden amongst them were the Christmas stalls packed with homemade produce and homemade crafts. The handcrafted snowflakes up above us and the silvery decorated discs on the pew ends added to the atmosphere.

Add to that the delicious smells coming from the pop up kitchen which tempted everyone to enjoy delicious food and cakes. We really enjoyed it. The best yet!!!

We hope you all have a peaceful New Year.

Thank you, Pat and John



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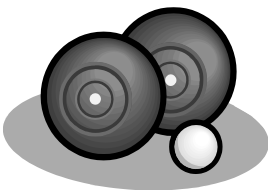
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| February 19 th | Claire Hart - Glazed Expressions glass work |
| March 19 th | Annual General Meeting |
| April 16 th | Adrian Isaac - Boston Woods Trust |

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Wigtoft Bowls Club



Wigtoft Bowls Club will begin again in April 2018. Prior to this they will hold an Open Day to welcome existing and new members. This date is yet to be arranged, details will be advertised in the next magazine. If you would like further details please contact Nigel on 01775 840894



Nostalgia Film Night

Wigtoft Village Hall

Saturday March 24th

6.30 for 7 start

*The show will be put on by
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MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (314)

HELD ON MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2017 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT M Scrupps, S. Baxter, S. Collingwood, M. Brookes, B Leggott,
A. Spencer, V. Atkinson, M Cooper & M. Piper (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

P. Craven & M. Tunnard

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests

4. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 4th September 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2017 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Collingwood at the next meeting.

5. POLICE MATTERS

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

6. HIGHWAYS

Pathway between Holly Lodge & Dewsbury House very overgrown Clerk trying to locate Mr Lady de Ville.

7. PLAYGROUND

Man and some dogs seen in playground, this matter seems to be resolved.

Gap in fence in playground needs attention Cllr. Craven to look into. Re: Wicksteed report it was agreed that the suggested work should be carried out. Clerk to contact Wicksteed.

Greenscape had put forward a quotation to carry out tree work in the playground.

It was agreed to give them the go ahead.

8. FINANCIAL

C/A £11236.04 D/A £2261.09

Cheques for Premier Pest £450.00 & Greenscape Trees £660.00.

Clerk to contact LALC re subscriptions

Clerk to prepare financial outlook regarding the precept

9. PLANNING

There were no planning applications

10. CORRESPONDENCE

LALC.

11. A.O.B

It was reported that a post box had gone missing in Burtoft Lane. Clerk to contact Boston Office

Clerk to contact D. Smart re: seat in wildlife garden which needs attention.

Wigtoft PC will sponsor Christmas tree for church £10.00.

Alternative arrangements had to be made for Christmas lighting

Boston Borough Council has invited three members of the Parish Council to attend a planning training session at Boston.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 4th December 2017 at 8.00pm.

The next meetings will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 5th February and Monday 5th March 2018 at 7.30pm

All are welcome to attend

Garden Waste Collection Service 2018



Brown Bin Collections

Garden waste collections are due to start again in March.



They should be on Friday March 9th and March 23rd

Lincoln Cathedral - Part 3

On a stormy night in January 1548 calamity struck the cathedral once again. The spire of the central tower was blown down, collapsing at the point where it joined the tower; a section of it hit a part of the roof, causing a great deal of damage. Some saw this as a judgement on Henry V111 and his implementation of the Reformation.

In the same year as the tower fell there was some concern about the senior and junior vicars, who replaced the canons after the Reformation, it's clerks and the choristers, all of whom were supposedly required to give themselves to "undying study of the scriptures"; they all had to be reminded not to "haunt taverns, drink, play dice or cards, go hunting or hawking or fraternize with Lincoln's ladies".

In 1609 there was a great fire which damaged the medieval library and resulted in the loss of many of the valuable manuscripts and books.

During the Civil War there was considerable damage done by the Parliamentary troops when they ransacked the tombs and attacked the stained glass windows - it is reported also that all the brasses had been vandalised. At the restoration of the Monarchy (1660) after the Civil War all cathedrals faced a more secure future and Lincoln cathedral became much better looked after. A fund of £1,000 provided by the chapter in 1661 for repairs began to put right some of the damage caused by a century of neglect.

In 1667 Bishop Fuller made a historical gesture by placing a tomb over the site of St Hugh's body. Improvements in other areas were also made. During the Georgian period the place began to fall, once again, into a state of neglect. The west front of the building was beginning to bulge because of the weight of the towers. All three towers originally had spires but they have now all gone, the first being the one on the central tower (blown down 1549). In 1726 work was begun to remove the two remaining spires but there were many problems to this taking place - they were finally removed in 1807.

In 1761 James Essex of Cambridge was employed to survey the building and then to take on its repair. By 1769 a report states that the restoration that had been done and was much admired.

Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892) was born in Lincolnshire and was Poet Laureate between 1850-1892 There is a memorial statue to him on the East Green of the cathedral bearing the words of his poem "Flower in the crannied wall".

Maintenance and restoration work continued in the 19th century. Between 1841

and 1857 £19,073 was spent, much of it on stained glass. In 1875 the cloisters were completely dismantled and then rebuilt: also the south west tower which housed the bells needed some attention; apparently the structure was so shaky that it lurched an inch when scaffolding was removed following work on a bell cage and rebonding of the stonework.

In 1898 the new “Father Willis” organ was finished and in the 1930's there were extensive repairs to the west front, and the “Friends” group was founded: the first Friends were the Duke and Duchess of York – at its first annual report there were 1069 members.

In 1970 the Preservation Council was established to manage the fabric fund and the “Friends” role was to support the “decoration, cleaning and adornment” of the building. In 1980 it was stated that the function of the friends was to be “friendly”; (A fairly obvious statement I would have thought!)

In the latter part of the 20th century the greatest threat to the building was from the environment in the shape of air pollution from the coal fired power stations in the Trent valley. The fumes from these created sulphuric acid and, driven by westerly winds towards the cathedral, they were dissolving the limestone of which the building was constructed.

This is still true today and the work of preserving the structure is an ongoing project, complete with its own workforce of craftsmen to maintain the glass, carpentry and masonry.

The central tower, at 271feet (83m) remains the tallest cathedral tower in Europe without a spire.

In August 2005 the cathedral was used as a film set for Dan Brown's novel The Da Vinci Code. The Chapter House was made to look like Westminster Abbey, this abbey having denied access for filming – the cathedral received a reported £100,000 for the privilege. Sister Mary Michael, a Roman Catholic nun mounted a solitary vigil outside in protest against what she saw as the blasphemous use of a Holy place to film a book which she considered to contain heresy.

To be continued.

Colin Scrapps



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December 2017

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Wigtoft Church Cleaning

There will be no Church cleaning in February and March because the roofing contractors will be working on the building over this period.

Once the roof work is completed (hopefully early April) a big clean up will be organised to get things back to normal, We should have details in the next magazine and any help would be greatly appreciated

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