

# WIGTOFT



## VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS *APRIL—MAY 2016*



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This month's cover photograph shows the old post office on Main Road. This is from the days when there were enough shops in the village to be able to get all your every day needs. On page 24 there is also a photograph of Stuart and Pat Knowles who used to run one of the shops and a café in the village.

This is the first of our bi-monthly issues and we hope that it works out OK. If you have any ideas on how we can improve the magazine please get in touch. We would like to thank all of the advertisers who support the magazine for renewing their adverts for the coming year. We thank also those who generously give donations towards the production costs of the magazine.

Lincolnshire Police have been running a Pet Theft Awareness Week in March which aimed to educate pet owners on how vulnerable their pets can be and how to take basic measures to protect your animal from theft.

One example that has been sent to me involves a woman who was out walking a dog. She was approached by two young men in a white Ford Transit van who asked her for directions to what appeared to be a non existent road in the area. They then turned their attention to the dog and said that they would give her £2000 for the dog. She told them in no uncertain terms that the dog was not for sale to which they laughed and said "We'll see about that" At that point she walked away and headed for home which was close by, however the van slowly followed her and then drove off as she got to her home. The van number plate was broken and partly covered with black tape so the number was not fully visible, which was suspicious.

There are many scams going on at the moment, over the phone, by e-mail , on the internet, on the doorstep and in the street so take care, and if you do see or hear anything suspicious try to get as much information about it as you can and report it to the police by calling them on 101.

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# St. Peter & St. Paul

## WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

### PCC Annual General Meeting

Wigtoft Church Parochial Church Council annual general meeting for 2016 will take place on Wednesday April 20th at 7pm in the village hall (it's a bit warmer in there).

Please come along if you would like to get involved, can offer help to look after our church or if you have any comments (good or bad) or advice that you would like to give.

We need more help to look after the churchyard, so again please come along to the meeting if you can help with this for more information.

### Coffee Mornings start back in the Church from May 7th for the summer months

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*Wendy McCombie will be in charge of flower arrangement in the Church for April and the Ladies and Gents of the Friends of the Church will be flower arranging in May*

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### Church Lottery Winners March 2016

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Mrs M Mills (£20)

2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Mr John Johnson (£10)

3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Mr D Smart (£5)

*Drawn at the Coffee Morning, March. 19<sup>th</sup>*

### Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

### Church Cleaning

*Church cleaning for April will be Wednesday the 13th and for May Wednesday the 11th from 10am both days*

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

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

## The Haven Group Church Services For April

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>10.30am</b> Group Service				
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>3.30pm</b> Jelly Church	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>8am</b> Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Breakfast Church	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>4pm</b> Evening Prayer

## The Haven Group Church Services For May

1 <sup>st</sup>			<b>6pm</b> Flower Songs Of Praise		<b>10.30am</b> Group Service
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>3.30pm</b> Jelly Church	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>8am</b> Holy Communion
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22 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>4pm</b> Evening Prayer
31 <sup>st</sup>		<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion

## Wigtoft Village Events for 2016

<b>Flower &amp; Craft Weekends</b> <i>(See page opposite)</i>	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> and 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
<b>Village Hall Spring Fair</b>	May 14 <sup>th</sup> , 11am - 2pm
<b>Cream Teas</b>	June 25 <sup>th</sup> , 3 - 5pm
<b>Jean Knight's Open Garden</b>	July 17 <sup>th</sup> , 10am - 4pm
<b>Garden Club Flower Festival</b>	September 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Macmillan Coffee Morning</b>	October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 10am - Noon <i>(Village Hall)</i>
<b>Harvest Songs Of Praise</b>	October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 3pm
<b>Harvest Supper &amp; Auction</b>	October 15 <sup>th</sup> <i>(In the Church)</i>
<b>Village Hall Christmas Fayre</b>	November 4 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Carol Service</b>	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 6pm
<b>Christmas Tree Festival</b>	December 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>

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

*Offers of help organising these events are always welcome*

# Wigtoft Village Hall

**Spring fair**



**Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 11am - 2pm**

**Garden Plants**

**Nearly New**

**Bags**

**Scraps R Us**

**Stalls Cards**

*Refreshments - Bacon Butties, fresh cream scones and a selection of delicious cakes*



# FLOWER, ART & CRAFT FESTIVAL



St Peter & St Paul Church  
**WIGTOFT**



Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Bank Holiday Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May  
10am until 4pm each day



**Stalls, crafts, books, raffle  
Homemade cakes & refreshments**

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Virna - 01205 460259 or Jean - 01205 460546*

All proceeds towards Church fabric fund



# Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

## April 2016

## May 2016

Sat	2	10am 1pm	Bacon Butty Morning Jerry Green Dog Rescue	Sun	1		
				Mon	2		
Sun	3			Tue	3		
Mon	4	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Wed	4		
Tue	5	10am	Scraps R Us	Thu	5	7am	Election
Wed	6	7pm	Dog Training	Fri	6	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	7	7pm	Dog Training	Sat	7		
Fri	8	11am 6.30pm	Jerry Green Dog Rescue Bird Auction	Sun	8		
Sat	9	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Mon	9	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	10			Tue	10	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	11			Wed	11	2pm	Friends of the Church
Tue	12			Thu	12		
Wed	13	7pm	Dog Training	Fri	13		
Thu	14	7pm	Dog Training	Sat	14		Spring Fayre
Fri	15			Sun	15		
Sat	16	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Mon	16		
Sun	17			Tue	17	7pm	Gardening Club
Mon	18			Wed	18		
Tue	19	10am 7pm	Scraps R Us Gardening Club	Thu	19	2pm	Welcome Club
Wed	20	7pm	Dog Training	Fri	20	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	21	7pm 2pm	Dog Training Welcome Club	Sat	21		
Fri	22	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sun	22		
Sat	23			Mon	23		
Sun	24			Tue	24	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	25			Wed	25		
Tue	26			Thu	26		
Wed	27	7pm	Dog Training	Fri	27		
Thu	28	7pm	Dog Training	Sat	28		
Fri	29			Sun	29		
				Mon	30		
				Tue	31		



# Village Hall News

The Village hall AGM was held in February and all committee members were re-elected. The minutes and accounts are available if anyone wishes to see them. The Chairman thanked all committee members for their continuous hard work and also thanked everyone else who as helped and supported the hall.

Anyone wishing to join the Village Hall Committee would be very welcome, we are always looking for new members and volunteers.

The Saturday Bacon Butty Mornings finished for the summer at the end of March (The Church will carry on running these for 3 weeks in April) and we would like to thank everyone who helped, donated and supported. The total sum of money raised will be published in the next magazine. All funds raised will go toward the completion of the disabled entrance and toilet. I'm sure you will all agree with us when we say how good and spacious the extension looks. We will be holding an official open night when all the work is completed, keep a look out for the date in the magazine.

The hall will be holding a Spring Fair on Saturday 14th May at the hall from 11 - 2. There will be all the usual stalls, cakes and bacon butties. Please come along and support us.

## Booking the Village Hall

To book the Village Hall, please contact Virna Atkinson on 01205 460259  
*The hire charge is £8 per hour, which includes heating, lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.*



## WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

**DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN GARDENING?**

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

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April 19 <sup>th</sup>	David Woolacott - Fuscias
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Gadd - Beekeeping
June 31 <sup>st</sup>	Sue Stephenson - A return visit with her plants

*WE ALSO ARRANGE VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST  
FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:*

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

## Topical Talk

It was sad to see in the local paper recently that one of my “Local worthies” had died. Jim Clarke was born and raised in Boston: his father was a co-founder of the Fisher-Clarke printing and label business, later to become Norprint. This label business was at one time the largest employer in Boston, employing hundreds of people. Jim worked in the business for a time, but eventually left to pursue a career in the film industry. He worked his way up through the industry and was well known for his work on such films as “The World is not Enough” (1999), “The Jackal” (1997), and “Charade” (1963). He also won an “Oscar” for editing “The Killing Fields” in 1985.

*A true “Local Worthy” He was born in 1931.*

I was reading recently about an “accidental American”. This was a person who was born in the US, whose mother was British but whose father was American. She went to live in America in 1952, where she had four children. She separated from her husband in 1964 and returned, along with the children, who had dual nationality, to Britain. In 1974 she took out British citizenship for them. One of the children, a son, who is now 60, was contacted recently by his bank, Barclay's, who said that the US Internal Revenue Service wanted details from all British banks of customers born in America – they say that he may be liable to pay US income tax and if he wants to renounce US citizenship it will cost him around £1400. It seems that the son has been caught in a nasty trap that has ensnared many others; some in his situation were even conscripted into the American forces when they were eighteen.

It seems that the US passed a law in 2010 aimed at catching US citizens who were stashing money away in off shore accounts to avoid tax. It also seems that our Government signed an agreement with Washington to exchange information – it is the old story – the Americans definitely get their information from the British banks, but it is not very clear if Washington is honouring their side of the bargain.

Another case of this sort of thing happening is the case of Boris Johnson, the Lord Mayor of London. He was born in New York to British parents but left there when he was five; unfortunately the American Internal Revenue Service caught up with him recently because he had sold his London home and made a profit. In this country this profit was exempt from tax, but by US law it was taxable. Because he did not want to be arrested when he visited the US he was forced to stump up what he described as an “outrageous” sum in American taxes, rumoured to be around £100,000. one of the quirkier sides to this situation in the case of Boris is the fact that, as a UK citizen, he is able to run as a British Prime Minister, but he is also eligible to run for the White House.

News of another “Local Worthy” - Carl Hudson is a 32 year old who has “made it” in the world of music. He was born and raised in Boston and is a keyboard artist. In February he performed at the Forum Arena in Los Angeles, America, with the “Culture Club” as part of their US tour.

He has been passionate about playing the keyboard ever since he was very young: he says that he has a picture of himself, sitting on a potty with a toy piano in front of him, put there by his mum. He is an ex Boston Grammar School pupil and used to play for the Boston Youth Jazz Orchestra – he did so well that he was teaching the keyboard to others at the Pen Street Organ Centre when he was just fourteen. He went on to study music at Colchester University and later played at Glastonbury; he has also done stints at the “Party in the Park” in Boston. Last year he produced his own album and this summer he will be playing at the Hollywood Bowl as part of the “Culture Club” ongoing US tour.

Don't we love good, old fashioned, plain English! Do you suffer from Onychophagia? This is how I recently saw it described.

*“Most commonly it is understood as a parafunctional activity and an oral compulsive habit related to an underlying psychological and emotional state, usually anxiety or boredom. It becomes an entrenched habit and often undertaken unconsciously and therefore difficult to break. In the mental health diagnostic manuals it is described as an impulse control disorder and is classified under obsessive-compulsive and related disorders”.*


What are you suffering from? Surely it is quite obvious!!! You are a nail biter.

**Colin Scrupps**

## Sutterton Methodist Church Services for April/May



3 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.30am	- Own Arrangement
10 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	- Miss Pat Gooding
17 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	- Revd. Alan Barker
24 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	- Revd. Trevor Hancock
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1 <sup>st</sup> May	6pm	- Revd. Alan Barker, <i>Flower Festival</i>
8 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	- Mr John Hewitt
15 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	- Revd. Maurice Perry
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.30am	- Mr Geoff Clear
29 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30am	- Revd. Davis Howarth

- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Favourite in-law came today. She brought a bunch of daffodils for the old one. She gave these to me with the command "Take these to your Mum". I do sometimes mouth deliver letters or newspapers. This time I had a better idea. I placed them at the feet of Uncle J as he had 2 rich tea biscuits in his pocket. Sadly he didn't respond and I still had to wait until he left for my titbit.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb Big sisters visited in the afternoon. They refer to me as the spoilt dog.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Too wet and windy for a stroll today.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Feb Girlies came for tea - I was exhausted by the noise.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb It is assembling a jigsaw with a picture of a border collie with puppies. I was not amused so scattered the pieces.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb Frosty nights still giving me cold trotters when I am let out early each morning.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Feb I felt chilly during the early hours so managed to dislodge the chair put on the human's settee and climbed aboard. It was warmer and more comfy than my bed. The inhuman was not impressed the next morning.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> March New hairdresser again. She doesn't cuddle me or bring me a banana to share.
- 6<sup>th</sup> March The helpful one lost his mobile. It had slipped between my back and the dog's settee. I didn't woof a word. The old one was having a quiet read so I offered a paw. Unfortunately I caught the button on her Lifeline™ bracelet alarm. A concerned voice asked "Are you alright Miss Padley?" The boss replied "My dog was the culprit". Laughter from the other side of the system suggested she was not believed.
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- 7<sup>th</sup> March Two welcome visitors made me very, very, very happy today.
- 9<sup>th</sup> March Doggy lady brought some fresh eggs. I like mine scrambled.
- 10<sup>th</sup> March Scrabble™ again. The lovely lady allowed me to give her multitudes of wet-ones and shared her cake.
- 12<sup>th</sup> March Only one visitor today so I snoozed most of the time.



March did not come in like a lamb or a lion. It rained really hard until noon then the sun shone for a while.

Many small creatures are awakening after hibernation. The odd sunny day gives them confidence to forage.

In the garden the daffodils have flowered along with the snowdrops, aconites, and celandines are already raising their bright yellow faces to the sun.

Buds on the trees and hedges are swelling quickly and a promising green sheen is replacing the stark twigs and branches of winter.

Our resident birds have fed at the bird tables through the longer winter months. Soon they will be joined by the migrants. Almost every bird is singing joyously and it is pleasant to match the birds to their songs. Birds' nests are being built in the strangest of places and eggs will soon appear.

Lambs, chicks, ducklings, calves and kids arrive and we all like to watch lambs frisking in the spring sunshine. Hares really go mad in March and watchers can see their sudden jumps and bounds into the air. Bats flit through the evening air again. Grey squirrels are awake and are appearing in most gardens with trees. Moles are busy spoiling our lawns - though we see the mole hills more often than the moles which are underground creatures.

Hedgehogs wander around again in search of beetles, snails and the odd worm - often pulled from it's hole by the tail. Snails are everywhere, leaving their silver trails behind them.

Butterflies may be seen, but not many until warmer days. Queen wasps look for a hole in our gardens which can be used for a new home. Earwigs and tiresome ants appear again but ladybirds seem to be less common.

How fascinating is nature's wonderland.

## HOW FIGHTS START

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.....

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1 April Fool's Day</b> Green Bin Collection	<b>2</b> <b>10am - Noon</b> Bacon Butty Morning Raising funds for the Church <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Blue / Brown Bin	<b>9</b> <b>10am - Noon</b> Bacon Butty Morning Raising funds for the Church <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
<b>10.30am</b> Group Service <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	<b>7.30 pm</b> Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>10am</b> Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>10am - Noon</b> Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i> <b>7pm</b> Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>7pm</b> Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>6.30pm</b> Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>10am - Noon</b> Bacon Butty Morning Raising funds for the Church <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
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<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Blue / Brown Bin	<b>23 St George's Day</b> <b>10am - 4pm</b> Flower, Art & Craft Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>		<b>10am</b> Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> <b>7pm</b> Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>10am - Noon</b> Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i> <b>7pm</b> Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>2pm</b> Welcome Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i> <b>7pm</b> Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>6.30pm</b> Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>10am - 4pm</b> Flower, Art & Craft Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
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# Age Calendar

May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10am - 4pm Flower, Art & Craft Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	2 Bank Holiday 10am - 4pm Flower, Art & Craft Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	3	4 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutton Methodists</i>	5	6 Blue / Brown Bin 6.30pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	7 10am Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
8	9 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	11 10am Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i> 2pm Friends of Church Meeting	12	13 Green Bin Collection	14 11am-2pm Spring Fayre <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
15	16	17	18 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutton Methodists</i>	19	20 Blue / Brown Bin 6.30pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	21 10am Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
22	23 9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	24 7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	25	26 2pm Welcome Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	27 Green Bin Collection	28 10am Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
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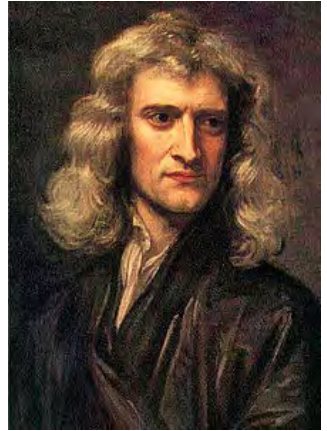
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Isaac Newton was born on January 4<sup>th</sup> 1643 in Woolsthorpe, near Grantham: his father was a prosperous farmer who owned property and animals which made him a wealthy man, but he was completely uneducated and could not even sign his own name. He died three months before his son was born.

Isaac's mother remarried, this time to a wealthy, elderly clergyman from the next village, by the name of the Rev. Barnabas Smith: Isaac was left in the care of his grandparents – when he was born prematurely it was said that he could be fitted into a quart pot.



After 8 years his mother was again widowed and she came back to Woolsthorpe bringing with her three small children. Soon after this Isaac was sent to Grammar School at Grantham where he lodged with the local apothecary (chemist). The plan was that at the age of 17 he would come home and look after the farm, but he turned out to be a total failure as a farmer.

His uncle, a clergyman, persuaded his mother to send him to Trinity College, Cambridge, which she did. Isaac paid his way through college for the first three years by waiting on tables and cleaning the rooms of wealthier students. In 1664 he was elected a scholar, but unfortunately this was at the time that the plague was spreading across Europe and it reached Cambridge in 1665; the place closed and Newton returned home. It would be during those two years at home that the famous story about the apple dropping on his head came about and he formed the theory of gravity.

It was his development of the reflecting telescope, made in 1668 that finally brought him to the attention of the scientific community, he was made a fellow of the Royal Society. In developing the telescope he not only designed it, but also constructed it: he ground the mirror, built the tube and even made his own tools for the job.

In 1687 Newton was elected as MP for Cambridge University and in 1696 he was appointed warden of the Royal Mint, settling in London. He took these duties very seriously; he campaigned against corruption and inefficiency. It was reckoned at the time he took this post that 20% of the coinage circulating was counterfeit, even though this practise was classed as high treason, and was punishable by the felon being hung, drawn and quartered. The authorities found it very difficult to get prosecutions.

Newton took it upon himself to dress up in disguise and frequent the bars and taverns and gathered much of the evidence himself: he had made himself a JP in all the Home Counties and he conducted more than 100 cross examinations of witnesses, informers and suspects between 1698 and 1699 – he successfully prosecuted 28 “coiners”.

It is well recorded that his temper was on a “short fuse” and he often flew into a rage when provoked, and at one time he suffered a nervous breakdown.

He was knighted by Queen Anne in 1705.

Newton never married or made many friends: towards the end of his life he lived with his niece Catherine Conduitt and her husband at Cranbury Park near Winchester. By the time he had reached 80 he was suffering from digestive problems – in March 1727 he experienced severe pain in his abdomen, blacked out, never to regain consciousness, and died the next day, March 31<sup>st</sup> 1727 at the age of 85; he was buried at Westminster Abbey.

In his later years he became one of the most famous men in Europe; his scientific studies were unchallenged. He also became very wealthy, investing his sizeable income wisely and bestowing sizeable gifts to charity.

*Colin Scrapps*

## Thoughts from the Seaside

Well the year is crashing headlong on. At this time of life, time does fly.

I have had lots of long walks on the beach. I'm trying to lose weight, gained over Christmas and New Year.

Some days the weather has been like Spring, no wind and nice and sunny.

On other days, cold and windy. I have had to dress like Nanook of the North!

We have the same problem as everywhere else in the land, some dog owners will not pick up their dog mess!

On a lighter note, Saturday night Karaoke and beer at the “Montalt Arms” is good.

It must be an age thing!

Next I will be looking for a woman, to do what with I don't know, this dementia is great!

***Yours, from someone who likes Bacon Butties and Cakes!! (Dave)***

# Torksey Castle

Torksey Castle lies 12 miles north west of Lincoln out towards Gainsborough, on the A156.

Although it is called a castle it is more of a fortified manor house, as its fortifications would not have withstood a serious onslaught. It is possible that it was built on the site of a previous castle and thus the name was retained. It was built in the



1500's by the Jermyn family of Suffolk, who owned the estate. The building (or what is left of it) was built on the bank of the River Trent: it may have been built as a stopping point for the family's travels from Suffolk to York – another theory is that it was built as a gift to one of their sons – but from a business point of view, the family had the right, as the Lords of Torksey, to collect tolls from river travellers and this would have been a valuable source of income.

The property was built of stone and brick – the ground floor was of stone and was probably the “working” area of the castle and the upper floors are mainly of brick. Bricks, as a building material, were considered an expensive type of material at this time and was very fashionable. The cost was high because they had to be made by hand and the kilns for baking them were usually constructed on-site.

The house was lived in for less than 100 years, falling victim to the English Civil War: it was seized from the Royalist Jermyn family by the Cromwell forces, but was seized back by Royalist troops from Newark – it was then burned by them to prevent it being used again.

After the Civil War, although the Jermyn family retained control of the estate, the property was not restored and it continued to deteriorate. As usually happened in these cases, it was used by the locals as a source of “free” building materials and this contributed to its demise, and what you see today is only the remains of what was a classical fortified manor.

It was built very close to the flood prone Trent and no doubt this has led to water damage to the remains – indeed, in 1961 the Trent River Board buried part of the ruins when raising the river bank.

There is the site of a Saxon village close to the castle but is currently being farmed – there is also a possible Viking camp site not far away on which some work has been done.

The site is privately owned and there is no public access – according to a local to whom I spoke this came about because, when there was public access, vandalism was taking place and this caused the owners to close the site.

The building is on the “Buildings at Risk” register. Although there is no access to the site, if you park in the cafe car park of the Torksey Lock, walk over the road and take the footpath towards the river you can see it from a distance.



Torksey Lock is the point at which the Fossdyke Canal (a Roman construction) joins the Trent; this canal flows from Brayford Pool in Lincoln to the Trent and was built by the Romans to join the Witham to the Trent, thus giving them sea access from the Wash to the Midlands.

There are refreshments available at the small cafe at Torksey Lock (not so small actually, as there are about 30 tables) – this has car parking but I believe it is closed on Mondays and Fridays – there is also a walk along the canal.

*Colin Scrapps*



*Stuart and Pat Knowles  
They use to run the shop  
and café*

## **Garden Club Outing**

The gardening club are organizing a coach trip on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May to Coton Manor, Northampton to see the Bluebell woods and gardens.

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# The Royal British Legion Kirton and District Branch.

Hello Readers

Just a short letter from the Royal British Legion Kirton and district Branch to let you all know what the activities are for the coming year.

For those of you who may not be aware Lincoln castle will be staging the poppy wave from May to September. This is part of the ceramic poppies that were on display at the tower of London last year which are now touring the country.

We are organising a coach trip to see the display on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 leaving Kirton at 1000hrs and arriving back about 1500hrs the cost will be £7.50 if we have a full coach this will reduce to £5.00 anyone wishing to go please contact me, Roland Reece as soon as possible on 01205 722501 or [roland.reece@btinternet.com](mailto:roland.reece@btinternet.com)

Entry to the castle to see the poppy wave is free of charge but if you wish to visit the other attraction around the castle or the cathedral there is the standard entry fee. To find out more on what to see at Lincoln go to [www.visitlincoln.com](http://www.visitlincoln.com).

Future activities that the branch are hoping to organise are a Race Night, a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum, the annual fishing match which is arranged for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, we are also having a stall at the Classic Car Rally at Graves Park on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August. We will also be supporting the ladies section at the Church Flower Festival in June. If we have any surplus revenue from any of these activities it will go towards the Poppy appeal.

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June there is also a service for Armed Forces Day and this will take place at the Methodist Chapel in Kirton.

Thank you all for your support.

**Best regards**  
**Roland**  
**Poppy Appeal Organiser**





## Sam Snail's Gardening Jobs for Spring

Well we have had a mixed bag of weather in March, good for most of the plants, but not so good for the condition of the soil to work on. My own lawns are still too boggy to mow properly, with the moss as thick and springy as a luxury carpet. Prune back roses now and mulch around them with a thick layer of garden compost or even bark to suppress weeds, and to keep in the moisture for later in the year.

Prune lavenders leaving some new shoots intact as they don't regenerate from bare stems. Winter flowering heathers benefit from a light trim with shears as does Santolina (curry plant).

Dead head Daffodils when the flowers are finished but leave the foliage intact to take up nutrients to the bulbs for next year. I know they look a bit scruffy but the longer you leave them the better. Other perennials will come up around them, so they will blend in.

In the pond, plant new water lilies, or if you have over grown ones they can be lifted and divided. It's not the easiest of jobs as the main stems can become very thick and they are heavy to lift clear of the water. My problem is that for a couple of years I have waited for the water to warm up a little, wimp that I am, and then never got the job done. I now have lilies to rival triflids, so have made it harder for myself.

It's lovely to have the brown bin collection again. I know people have mixed views on having to pay to have them emptied. I wouldn't like to be without them, for all my prickly hedge cuttings of Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Berberis and such like as they rip bags to pieces and they are not suitable material for my compost bins.

Let's hope that April is a mild sunny month for us all.

**Regards, from Sam**

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**Present** S. Collingwood (Chair), S. Baxter, M. Scrupps,  
A. Spencer, V. Atkinson, M. Brookes, M. Tunnard,  
M. Cooper, P. Craven & M. Piper (Clerk)

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

B. Leggott

## **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public attended.

## **3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 7th December 2015**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2015 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Collingwood at the next meeting.

## **4. POLICE MATTERS**

Two members of the police attended , PCSO's Corssen-Davies & Smyth.  
Attempted break in Main Road .

## **5. HIGHWAYS**

Clerk to contact Council large pothole in Asperton Road.

Reply from LCC Re; Five Bell Lane Wigtoft there are no plans to repair potholes as they are not deemed to be a priority due to budgetary constraints.

## **6. PLAYGROUND**

Received quotation for grass cutting, awaiting matting quotation for roundabout

## **7. FINANCIAL**

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Receipt of 2<sup>nd</sup> payment of Precept £2900.00

## **8. PLANNING**

There were no planning applications.



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