

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



February / March 2019

**Village Events
In The Coming
Months**

Bacon Butty Mornings
In the Village Hall every Saturday
10am until Noon until 30th March,
then they move to the Church

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Well, it may be a little late but the Editorial Team wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year!

Last year ended on a high with the Christmas Tree Festival which was a grand event raising £2,280. Well done to Friends of the Church and all those kind people who supported them. A thank you also to all those who decorated their windows and gardens, the village looked very festive.

The Village Hall will end Bacon Butty morning on the 30th March and Friends of the Church will restart theirs on April 6th in the Church. Getting together on Saturday mornings to share news and be part of the community makes sure we support each other, in the process we raise pennies that are much needed.

Please don't forget your Church Lottery money, if you would kindly give this to **Virna** ASAP. Who knows, you just may be one of our lucky winners this year!

We welcome Graeme Wright to Wigtoft and as a new member of the Parish Council. (*See page 10 for details*) We hope that both Graeme and his family are settling into village life. The Parish Councillors work hard on our behalf and are there to support our village; we extend our thanks to them.

By the time you receive this, who knows; we will either be shovelling snow or seeing the very first snowdrops! Whichever, we wish you well.

Please send anything you wish to put into the magazine to the Editorial Team. Remember, this magazine belongs to you!

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Carol Service and Christmas Tree Festival

On Friday November 30th we held our annual Carol Service to start the Christmas Tree Festival. This was a very enjoyable evening. The service was changed this year, we still sang carols and listened to three readings, but there was also a Musical Interlude, this was arranged by Libby with the help of Ann, Rev'd Sue and Revd Charlie. We all sang the Twelve Days of Christmas, one side of the church sang the even numbered verses and the other side sang the odd numbered verses. Rev'd Charlie sang the first verse every time, but instead of singing a Partridge in a Pear Tree he sang a Parson in a Pear Tree, this caused lots of laughter from the congregation. There were about sixty people in church that evening with everyone really enjoying the get together.

The rest of the week-end followed, with the same happy vibe.

There was lots of laughter and merriment all week-end. All the visitors to the church enjoyed their visit. An impressive sum of £2280 was raised for church funds.

A big thank you goes to Sandra, Oliver and Bruce for doing the readings at the carol service. To Libby and Ann for leading the singing, also to Jean and Ann for arranging the light refreshments.

We would also like to thank everyone that helped to man stalls and serve refreshments all week-end. Also a big thank you to all of our visitors and to Radio Lincolnshire for coming with their Pirate Gold program.

Crib Service

The crib service held on Christmas Eve was attended by about fifty people, this included lots of children. Two young people read the readings, and we sang carols. About half way through the service Rev'd Charlie asked the children to go up to put the crib figures and animals into the crib.

Rev'd Charlie changed the final carol this year, instead of singing Little Donkey we sang The Calypso Carol. He told us that we could swing along to this carol. What a happy time we all had.

To finish I must thank Jean, a lady from Gosberton, who came to play the organ for us. To Oliver Tunnard and James Craven for doing the readings. Also George Tunnard for helping to do the collection.

Jane Barkham, PCC secretary

The Haven Group Church Services For February

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
3 rd		10.30am Group Service			
10 th	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	10am Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Communion	8am Communion
17 th	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	10.45am Communion
24 th		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	4pm Evensong

The Haven Group Church Services For March

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24 th		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	4pm Evensong
31 st		10.45 Joint Service with Methodists			

Church Lottery Winners December 2018

1st Mr J King (£20)
 2nd Mr J Johnson (£10)
 3rd Mrs A Marshall (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning December 15th

***The first two 2019 draws will
take place in February***

Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

February 2019

March 2019

Fri	1			Fri	1		
Sat	2	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Sat	2	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Sun	3	10am	"The Gathering"	Sun	3	10am	"The Gathering"
Mon	4	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Mon	4	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tue	5	10am	Scraps R Us	Tue	5	10am	Scraps R Us
Wed	6	6pm	Dog Training	Wed	6	6pm	Dog Training
Thu	7	6pm	Dog Training	Thu	7	6pm	Dog Training
Fri	8	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Fri	8	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Sat	9	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Sat	9	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Sun	10	10am	Private Hire	Sun	10	10am	"The Gathering"
Mon	11	7.30pm	Village Hall AGM	Mon	11		
Tue	12			Tue	12		
Wed	13	6pm	Dog Training	Wed	13	6pm	Dog Training
Thu	14	6pm	Dog Training	Thu	14	6pm	Dog Training
Fri	15			Fri	15		
Sat	16	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Sat	16	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Sun	17	10am	"The Gathering"	Sun	17		
		1.30pm	Private Hire	Mon	18	7pm	Gardening Club
Mon	18	7pm	Gardening Club	Tue	19	10am	Scraps R Us
Tue	19	10am	Scraps R Us	Wed	20	6pm	Dog Training
Wed	20	6pm	Dog Training	Thu	21	6pm	Dog Training
Thu	21	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	22	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Fri	22	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sat	23	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Sat	23	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Sun	24	10am	"The Gathering"
Sun	24	10am	"The Gathering"	Mon	25		
Mon	25			Tue	26		
Tue	26			Wed	27	6pm	Dog Training
Wed	27	6pm	Dog Training	Thu	28	6pm	Dog Training
Thu	28	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	29		
				Sat	30	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
				Sun	31	10am	"The Gathering"

Village Hall News

Saturday bacon butty/coffee mornings are still being held every Saturday in the hall from 10-12, why not come along one week. There is always plenty of chat and laughter.

We are holding the AGM on Monday 11th February at 7.30pm in the hall. All are welcome to come along. We are always looking for new people to join the committee, anyone wishing to do so please come along to the AGM. It doesn't take up too much time. If you don't like the idea of being on the committee we are always looking for volunteers.

Any fundraising we do this year will be going towards re- surfacing the car park. We will keep you up to date in the newsletter.

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.*

Wigtoft Village Hall Bacon Butty Mornings

Bacon Butty Mornings in the Village Hall continue every Saturday, 10am until noon until March 30th.

They will then move to Wigtoft Church until the end of September

*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 maintenance and
development of this village facility.*

Topical Talk

Happy New Year to all – better late than never! Weatherwise, we seem to be getting a very mild winter so far; having said that, there is still plenty of time for some of the “white stuff”. I well remember the winter of 1947 when the heavy snowfalls came very late – I believe they were in March, and we had many of our local roads blocked and as quick as the blockages were cleared the quicker they seemed to block again, as the snowfalls were accompanied by strong winds. The use of salt had not been introduced at the time and, the war having been over for less than two years, there was a severe lack of money for machinery to clear the blocked roads and most of the work had to be done by gangs of men with shovels.

My wife had a letter in November last year from the Pension Service and I quote:

“Now that you are approaching 80 you are entitled to a higher amount of State Pension. Age addition of 25p per week will be payable from your 80th birthday”.

We are still having an exciting time trying to work out how to spend it!!

You will probably remember that in my last Topical Talk I mentioned that Rugby School in Warwickshire was having a bit of a clear out of its unwanted items and that they had expected to raise about £3 million in the process. The sale took place in December and the prices realised far exceeded all expectations: a drawing by Lucas van Leyden had been expected to fetch around £1.5 million, but in actual fact it was sold for £11.5 million. In total the sale realised £15 million, far in excess of anyone’s expectations.

A recent “doggy” story is guaranteed to touch the hearts of dog lovers everywhere, and probably those of us who do not belong to the dog set. The story concerns an ex-soldier called Sean Laidlaw and a puppy called Barrie. Sean, when he was in the army, completed two tours of duty in Afghanistan with the Royal Engineers: he found Barrie while working with a bomb disposal team in Syria; the dog is a mix between a Canaan and an Anatolian shepherd and Sean found her while he was working at the remains of a school in Raqqa – the dog was cowering in the school wreckage surrounded by four dead puppies: Sean spent three days taking food to Barrie before she grew confident enough to go with him. The pair then became inseparable for the rest of the tour, until his contract expired last April. Sean had kitted the dog out with a harness fashioned from a bullet proof vest and she played with a teddy bear made from an old pair of jeans. She stayed with Sean all day, every day, she went on jobs with him, she ate with him and sat in his car with him.

When his contract expired he was determined to keep the dog, but faced many problems. He was on two weeks leave in the UK when his contract expired and he was told that he would not be returning to Syria.

He contacted a charity called War Paws who specialise in delivering war zone animals to safety; with their help the obstacles were overcome and Sean was eventually reunited with Barrie at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris. He said that one of his biggest fears was that she would not recognise him or that she would be a different dog to the one he had left behind. But he need not have worried as she knew who he was straight away and the long wait to be reunited was well worth it.

A new greenhouse has just been built at Bramford, near Ipswich – not just your ordinary, run of the mill glasshouse; this one covers 14 acres and is purely for the production of tomatoes; it will produce around 150 million tomatoes a year. A quarter of a million plants have been planted and they will start producing fruit next month.

This project is the most technologically advanced farming of its kind in Britain; having said that, bees will still be used for pollination. The plants will be grown without the use of soil or compost, the fertiliser being incorporated in the water – this water being from the farm's own reservoir which collects rain water from the roof of the glasshouse. The heating system is operated by two 6000 Kw boilers.

This is a three year project that will cost £3 million and will eventually cover 42 acres and produce nearly 1600 tons of tomatoes each year.

A spokesman for the company said that, even though this is production on an epic scale, the flavour of the tomatoes will be “superb”.

Colin Scrapps

Wigtoft Church Flower Arranging

Flower arranging in the Church will be done in February by Wendy McCombie

There will be no flowers in the Church in March as it is Lent

Wigtoft Church Cleaning

The next cleaning of the Church will take place on Wednesday March 13th

All who would like to help out are welcome

Wigtoft Christmas Tree Festival 2018

I would like to say a very big Thank You to everyone who helped put trees up and take them down! Also stall holders, those who assisted with the catering, washing up and more besides. Not forgetting those who gave kind donations and sponsored Christmas trees. Without each and everyone this festive celebration would not take place.

It was a happy event and the church looked really lovely.

Friends of the Church did a wonderful job. **We raised £2,280.**

Thank you all so much. We look forward to this year's Christmas Tree Festival!!!

A Happy New year to you all. Jean Knight.

A Letter of Thanks

Well done "Friends of the Church" for a wonderful Christmas Tree Festival. What a fantastic display! I believe well over 200 Christmas Trees! The church looked so lovely with decorations and stalls. A warm welcome was given to all visitors who appreciated the varied refreshments. It was good to see people coming from far and wide. I would like to say thank you to Jean Knight who leads a team of willing helpers, she does a grand job which is much appreciated.

More of the same please.

A Wigtoft Resident

A Request

If anyone has any items they don't want, please could you kindly donate them to Jean Knight who will make good use of them for Tombola prizes to help raise funds for the Church.

Thank you.

The Gathering

The "Gathering" continues to meet on Sunday mornings in the Village Hall at 10.30am. All are welcome to join with us.

Daphne and Bridget. Tel; - 01205 723259

Farming Report January 2019

As it is almost a year since I wrote a farming report for the magazine, I will now give an update on the land.

By early January most of the winter wheat has been drilled. With the weather being so mild, most of the crop looks very well and has a good colour. The oil seed rape is also looking good having so very few frosts so far and little pigeon damage. If we get some sharp frosts in January/February the situation can change quickly as we all know.

As most of the locals understand there is a huge amount of vegetables grown and packed in the Boston/Spalding area, so the outcome of Brexit we are hearing so much about on the news will have a big bearing on all Lincolnshire farmers! Big haulage companies like "Fresh-Link" and "Turners" move a large amount of packed vegetables every night from Dover to Calais and also to Belgium on the ferries. So, if they change the export levies they will all be badly affected. I don't wish to see more food being imported from other countries, particularly if it produces lower standards.

The UK has some great food products so keep looking for the "Little Red Tractor" as you do your shopping!!

Hare coursing continues to be a problem in this area. They are now driving across a lot more fields causing considerable damage to the crops. The people involved often have links to other criminal activities. I urge anyone who sees active hare coursing taking part in the area to report the incident to the Police on either 101 or 999.

Hopefully I will write another report in the summer to give you an update on the crops and how they are growing.

Chris Tunnard

Wigtoft Bowls Club Annual General Meeting

Wigtoft Bowls Club are holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday February 14th 7pm for 7.30pm. at Boston Indoor Bowls Club, Rosebury Avenue, Boston.



If you would like further details please contact Nigel on 01775 840894

Richard Budge was a Boston born entrepreneur who became known as King Coal. He was an ex Boston Grammar School pupil who, whilst he was still at school, had a gift for art: by the age of 16 he was painting landscapes and selling them for 25 guineas. On leaving school he embarked on a fine arts course at the University of Manchester, but he only lasted 3 months, after which he left.

His father ran a local house building firm (F. Budge); Richard had an older brother Anthony, who had started his own construction company A.F.Budge Ltd. On leaving his art course Richard joined his brother, starting at the bottom, labouring, but soon became involved in management. At the age of 21 he was put in charge of building a 5 mile length of the A19 in South Shields.

The company diversified into open cast coal mining as a licensed contractor and Richard became increasingly more involved in this. In 1992, backed by City venture capitalists, he bought out the open cast coal and plant division from his brother and re branded it RJB Mining.

When the coal industry was privatised in 1994 he bought most of the pits for £815 million. This proved to be controversial within the company and with his fellow directors and he was ousted as chief executive officer in 2001 and the company changed its name to UK Coal. He then bought Hatfield Colliery and formed the company Coalpower; but this went into administration in 2003 and Hatfield was closed. He then founded another company, Powerfuel, which he part owned along with a Russian coal producer – they re-opened Hatfield in 2007 but by 2010 it was forced into administration. In 2013 Budge was declared bankrupt.

Richard had a love of fast cars and at one time was racing himself and he was quite successful, but his wife Rosalind, his teenage sweetheart was not too pleased about the fast cars, so he was persuaded to promise her he would stick to classic cars.

In 1993 he was involved in a case with the Receiver when his brother's business went into receivership – there appears to have been a tangle of expenses, between private and business involving a bizarre range of activities, including yachts, race horses and antiques – it had even bought a Scud missile launcher and an anti-aircraft gun and there were questions about the buying of racing cars. Richard paid the Receiver £325 million without admitting liability. This did not go away as he hoped and two years later the BBC programme Panorama picked up on it and his suitability as a director was put into question.

He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2007 which clouded his last years – he was 69 years old when he died. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Kurt and Grant.

Colin Scrapps

February may be a month of ice and snow or it can be mild and sunny. Will we get another 'Beast from the East' or will nature be kinder? It is better if February is cold because a mild month often brings a sunless March and April.

2nd of February is Candlemass day. I read that animals wake up on that day to discover whether it is cold or warm. If it is a cold day they return to hibernation.

We have all heard of 'February Fill-Dyke', black or white. Will the dykes and drains be full of melted snow or just rain?

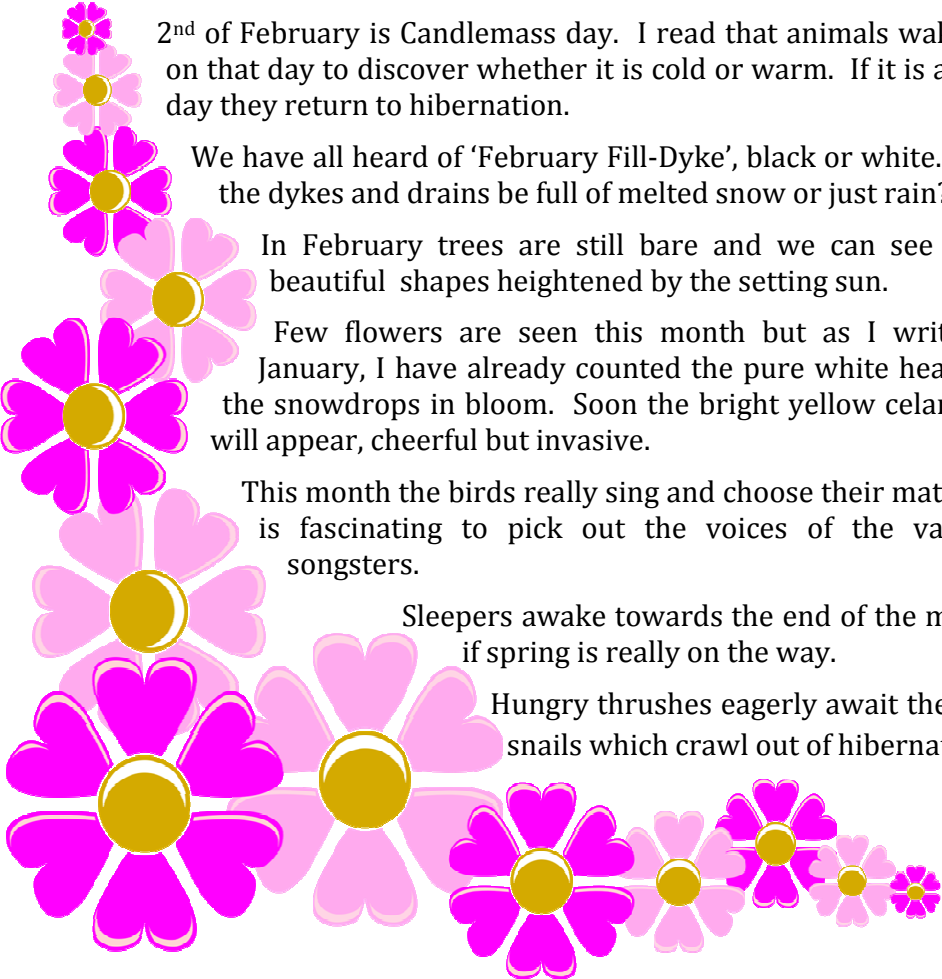
In February trees are still bare and we can see their beautiful shapes heightened by the setting sun.

Few flowers are seen this month but as I write, in January, I have already counted the pure white heads of the snowdrops in bloom. Soon the bright yellow celandine will appear, cheerful but invasive.

This month the birds really sing and choose their mates. It is fascinating to pick out the voices of the various songsters.

Sleepers awake towards the end of the month if spring is really on the way.

Hungry thrushes eagerly await the first snails which crawl out of hibernation.



Your Village Magazine

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!

My black and tan wriggly four-legs ever torments me. Life would not be the same without her. Each time she visits she crashes through the doors as though jet-propelled. Sometimes I have to put a foot on her lead, to keep her still for a second or two, so that I can receive a wet face to face encounter. She is a model of devotion and her love and loyalty never cease. Once she loves and trusts she will not waver from sunrise to sunset. Her diary continues...

23 Dec Mum is giving my cage a special clean up. I wonder why? Question answered! The hateful contraption is placed on the back seat of our car. I am given a final brush then lifted into gaol. I am driven through familiar lanes and roads for a while then we reach the motorway. I feel slightly queasy. Who would wish to see beautiful scenery through bars?

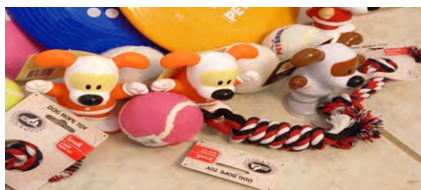
After an exhausting journey we reach our destination. We are greeted by friends I have not met before. I need a drink and a rest.

24 Dec We are joined by more friends including a boisterous dog. He is called an Airedale and is a large well-built terrier but seems more like a hound to me. He has a long coarse coat and is slightly taller than me. I get the sniffover from nose to tail and visitor number 2 declares he will be my friend. We go for walkies together, and then curl up in his bed for a well-earned nap.

25 Dec The great day has arrived! My new friend and I help by ripping open our Christmas pressies. I have a pile of soft toys and lots of eatables. We dogs hide under the table hoping careless humans will drop edible bits and pieces. We were allowed a taste of turkey in our main meal.

27 Dec The journey home was dull and uneventful. I wish I could have brought my new friend home with me!

03 Jan Scrabble today! The old one was so pleased when I visited. I took along a bag of toys and dropped them at her feet one by one. No response, so I gave her a playful nip to remind her that she has to play the retrieving game in 2019 as we did throughout 2018. My mum won two games out of three. The old one declared that she was unable to concentrate as I demanded undivided attention. What a likely story!





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Green Bin Collection	2 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
3	4	5	6	7	8 Blue Bin Collection 6.30pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	9 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15 Green Bin Collection	16 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	7.30pm Village Hall AGM <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>					
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24	25	26	27	28		

Age Calendar

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Clocks go forward 1 hour					1 Green Bin Collection	2 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10.30am Group Service Wigtoft Parish Church	7 pm Parish Council Meeting Wigtoft Village Hall	10am Scraps R Us Wigtoft Village Hall	10am - Noon Coffee Morning Sutterton Methodist		6.30pm Bird Auction Wigtoft Village Hall	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
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Roman Cemetery

From an archaeologist's point of view, one of the most exciting finds in the village was that of a Roman cemetery – this was located under what is now the modern cemetery. This, in keeping with Roman law, was located outside the town boundaries so as not to threaten public health.

In the 1960's it was decided to excavate the Roman bodies as they were interfering with the use of the modern cemetery. In the first year of excavation 15 bodies were removed and in the second year 35, with a further 42 in the third year, a total of 92. Due to a lack of funds the findings of these excavations have not been published:

the bodies were a mixture of male, female and children – one had been buried with 6 bronze bracelets. The burials had been a mixture of lidded stone coffins, stone lined graves and some with just stone markers at the head and feet, and some were just simple trenches in which iron nails with wood attached



Possible Roman Tomb Lids

were found, indicating that there had been a wooden coffin at one time. Finds around the graves suggest that they were from the period 200 – 300 AD. Other graves have been found around the parish, including 9 during a development in Angel Court and 3 were discovered during the construction of a new grain silo at Ant House Farm; in the 1800's records show more finds.

A Time Team investigation in 2002 revealed a Roman burial and also uncovered Iron Age pottery, a 1st century brooch and some of the old Roman town wall.

Anglo Saxon Cemetery

An Anglo Saxon cemetery has been discovered near the modern cross roads to the south east of the village. About 40 cremation urns relating to a very early part of the Anglo Saxon period (pre 450 AD) were recorded by an Edward Trollope as having been found some time in the 1800's. These remains are currently the only evidence we have for Anglo Saxon occupation – no settlement remains have been found to date.

A conclusion by a Project Group that was set up to record the history of Ancaster came to the conclusion that the village has been robbed in the past by many groups of people, including professional archaeologists and amateurs, who came to the area, dug up artefacts and disappeared with them and may now be in private collections and museum stores, never to be seen again. Also, as previously stated, there is an urgent need for the village to be properly investigated from an archaeological point of view, and also for results of past digs to be published.

An old Roman milestone from the period 306 – 324 AD was kept for many years at the vicarage, but now resides in the Grantham museum.

In 2005 the once widespread plant known as Tall Thrift was discovered in Ancaster churchyard, one of only two locations within the country where the plant is found. A preservation regime for the plant was instituted by English Nature.

There is a town of Ancaster in Ontario, Canada that was first established in 1792 and was named after Ancaster, Lincs by a British Army officer by the name of John Simcoe: he became the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada and he was apparently “inspired” in the choice of name by Peregrine Bertie, the 3rd Duke of Ancaster.

Colin Scrupps

The Mobile Library



**The mobile library no longer calls
in Wigtoft, it will however be in
Glebe Way, Sutterton on
February 4th between 11.45 & 12.15
March 4th between 11.45 & 12.15**

Garden Waste Collection Service 2019

*Garden waste collections
start again on 8th and 22nd*



March 2019



Garden Waste Collections

Garden waste collections start again in March. The first two are covered by the payment you made in 2018. Payments for 2019-2020 should be made before April to ensure continued collections. Details of payments will be on the Boston Borough Council website in February, go to:

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Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

The welcomed sight of the lovely Hellebores is arriving now. If you haven't removed last years leaves do it now, before the stems get longer. This reveals flowers to their best advantage when blooms open also it removes the risk of leaf spot disease and takes away cover for bud eating rodents.

The leathery foliage of ground cover Bergenia develop reddish tints as the cold weather bites. They throw up their lovely pink flowers early in spring, another welcomed addition to the garden in the colder months.

Prune Wisteria this or next month, shortening the same shoots that were pruned in the summer, back to two or three buds from old wood. It looks drastic but increases flowering and maintaining shape, as Wisteria grows very quickly.

Look out for black spot on pansies, removing affected leaves, maybe even whole plants if they are badly affected. I must admit I didn't know they were prone to this. If you grow them in pots it is easy to spot.

All this depends on the weather of course, when we get more light it will help.

Regards from Sam



WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN GARDENING?

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February 18 th	Nicholas Watts - Conservation / Birds
March 18 th	Annual General Meeting - with refreshments
April 15 th	Planting Pots For Easter

WE ALSO ARRANGE VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST
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New Wigtoft Parish Council Member

Graeme Wright was co-opted in as a Parish Councillor at the October meeting. He moved in to the village at the end of April this year with his wife and three children, the eldest having just started secondary school. They have always liked the village and feel very fortunate to have moved here.

Graeme is a Head Teacher at Sibsey Primary School is looking forward to helping support the parish council, giving something back to the community and looks forward to many happy years living in Wigtoft. The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Graeme and his family and believes he will be a great asset to the Parish Council and the village.

Would You Like to Get Involved?

Have you often thought you might like to get involved in Local Government by becoming a Parish or Borough Councillor? Well here's your chance!

Elections to Boston Borough Council and Wigtoft Parish Council (and other Parishes within the Borough) are being held on Thursday 2nd May, 2019.

Application packs will be available from Democratic Services, Boston Borough Council (01205 314200) in early March and completed packs must be hand delivered to the Borough Council by 4pm on Wednesday 3rd of April 2019 at the latest.

Wigtoft and District Gardening Club Days out in 2019

The Gardening Club have organised 3 days out in 2019, these are:

Tuesday March 26th - Chippenham Park near Ely

Tuesday June 25th - Fairhaven Woodland & Water Park near Norwich

Tuesday September 17th - Thorp Perrow Arboretum Bedale Yorkshire

If you are interested in coming along to any of these trips please contact one of the Gardening Club committee:

Rosemary King - 01205 460902

Jean Knight - 01205 460546

Barbara Banfield - 01205 460400

Or speak to them at one of the Gardening Club meetings

Action For Fraud Alerts

Fake TV Licensing Emails Alert

Action Fraud has received more than 5,000 reports about fake emails and texts purporting to be from TV Licensing. The messages contain links to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information.

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.

For more information about how to stay safe online, visit cyberaware.gov.uk

HM Revenue and Customs Alert

What you need to know

Action Fraud has experienced an increase in the reporting of malicious calls, voicemails, text messages or emails to members of the public purporting to be from HMRC.

The fraudsters state that as a result of their non-payment of tax or other duty, the victim is liable to prosecution or other legal proceedings such as repossession of belongings to settle the balance but can avoid this by arranging for payment to be made immediately by method such as bank transfer or by iTunes gift cards.

If the victim is hesitant or refuses to comply, the suspect makes a threat such as immediate arrest, bailiffs or in cases where the victim appears to be of overseas origin; deportation.

Often, the period for which the tax is allegedly due is distant enough to guarantee the victim will have little, if any, paperwork or ability to verify the claims. Once the money is paid the suspects sever all contact.

It is vital that the public exercise caution when receiving messages or telephone calls of this nature.

What you need to do

Always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information. Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and contact details), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Instead, contact the company directly using trusted methods such as a known email address or phone number

Listen to your instincts. If something feels wrong then it is usually right to question it. No genuine organisation will ask you to pay taxes, bills or fees using iTunes Gift Cards, or any other type of voucher.

Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. Under no circumstances would a genuine bank or some other trusted organisation force you to make a financial transaction on the spot.

Report Phishing attempts. If you receive a call, text or email of this nature and have not lost money, report this as a phishing attempt to Action Fraud

Long-term Foster Carers Needed in Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire Fostering Service has launched a new campaign urging the public to consider making their house a long-term foster home to a child or young person in need of such a placement.

The service is keen to highlight that there is a real and urgent need for people to come forward specifically for long-term fostering. This is where a child or young person stays with the same foster family until they reach adulthood.

Unfortunately, there is a shortage of people coming forward for this type of care, and so children and young people often have to wait longer for their long-term family to be found.

Many of the children who are currently waiting for a long-term foster family in Lincolnshire are part of a sibling group who need to be placed together with their brothers and sisters. It is recognized that being placed with their siblings can help a child settle into a new family and have a positive sense of who they are.

Long-term fostering can be challenging, but it is also hugely rewarding. There are numerous benefits to the child, namely having one stable family home to grow-up in for the rest of their childhood.

If you feel that you could offer a stable and loving long-term home to a child or sibling group, Lincolnshire Fostering Service would love to hear from you.

Call our friendly team on 01522 554114
or log on at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fostering



Sutterton Methodist Church Services for February



3 rd February	10.30am - Rev. Davis Howarth
10 th February	10.30am - Rev. Alan Barker
17 th February	10.30am - Mrs Libby Craggs
24 th February	10.30am - Mr Barry Chapman

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 5th November 2018

Present: Cllr P Craven; Cllr. Matt Tunnard; Cllr B Leggott;
Cllr. M. Scrupps; Cllr S Baxter.

Also Present: Mr G Wright; County Councillor M Brookes;
Borough Councillor M Cooper.

Public Forum: None

Chairman's Remarks: Councillor P Craven chaired the meeting.

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr S Collingwood sent his apologies. 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

There was no Police presence. A report had been received advising that hare coursing is happening in the area.

Notes of the meeting held on 1.10.18 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 Vice-Chairman, Cllr PC.

Accounts for payment, budget figures and financial report.

Invoice date	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	Overall total
15.10.18	Pay	192.00		
15.10.18	HMRC	48.00		
30. 9.18	Payroll Services	15.00	3.00	
21. 9.18	Play area annual safety check	60.00	12.00	
29.10.18	Printer Ink	13.32	2.67	
15.10.18	Clerk home as office	20.00		
29.10.18	Interim internal audit	49.05		
1.10.18	Donation Wigtoft News & Views	60.00		
TOTAL		457.37	17.67	475.04

Finance report

The duplicate bank statement for June has been received. The Bank Reconciliation will be completed by the next meeting. A volunteer will be needed to check this please.

Notification has been received from Boston Borough Council that the 2nd precept payment for the current financial year of £3449 has been paid into the bank account.

The interim internal audit has been completed. No issues were identified. Please see report.

Cllr SB volunteered to check the bank reconciliation.

It was resolved to accept the above accounts for payment and the budget figures for the year to date.

ACTION: Clerk to prepare bank reconciliation and send to Cllr SB for checking. Agenda item next meeting.

Planning applications:

None.

Correspondence

- 28.9.18 Borough Council's Parish Council Newsletter. E-mailed to Councillors. Added to website and FB.
- 19.10.18 E-mail regarding Tesco "Bags of Help" community funding. Details sent to Wigtoft News and Views. E mailed to Councillors. Added to FB.
- 31.10.18 Borough Council's Parish Newsletter. E-mailed to Councillors. Added to website and FB.

Councillors Reports

No individual reports. A discussion was held about the switching on of the Christmas lights.

ACTION: agenda item for next meeting.

Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that:

The printer is not working at the moment. I am using my own printer until I can get the PC printer working again.

The letter to the chicken farm about the footpath has not yet been sent. I went to have a look at the path and there is very little algae on it. I spoke to the Chairman about it and he suggested it might be better to wait until there is algae to be seen on the path. If you wish me to write anyway, please let me know.

Cllr Scrupps mentioned that ivy is becoming overgrown on the bus shelter. Does anyone know who owns the bus shelter?

ACTION: The algae on the footpath to be monitored and a letter to be sent to the chicken farm when appropriate. As the bus shelter is owned by the Parish Council, Cllr MT volunteered to cut the ivy back.

To review the play area inspection report and decide on any actions required. An update on the inspection of trees in the play area and to consider the quotation of £300 to reduce the row of trees at the play area adjacent to the path and road.

The report was reviewed. All items mentioned were deemed to be low risk apart from bird droppings on equipment. Please see comments under minute number. Regarding the inspection of trees in the play area, Darren Rush from Greenscape has advised that there is no work required in the play area but the trees along the edge of the road/public footpath require cutting back. He quoted £300 for this. It was resolved to accept this quote.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Darren and ask him to go ahead.

To start the budget planning process for 2019/2020.

Councillors reviewed the last 2 year's expenditure. A discussion was held about any other likely expenditure during 2019/20. The majority of the reporting lines for the budget were completed. **Action: Agenda item for next meeting to complete.**

To start the preparation of a Risk Management document.

The Clerk advised Council that an e-mail had been received regarding a parish council's liability when a tree on it's land fell into the path of a bus. The outcome of this case was that Parish Councils should implement a tree management strategy and framework. Inspection timetables need to be flexible to reflect the risk. A blanket approach cannot be adopted due to the complexity of setting up a risk management document. Councillors agreed that regular checks of the play area need to be made and documented. It was resolved that Cllrs PC and GW would take away the template for this document together with the play area inspection report and report back at the next meeting. **Action: Agenda item for next meeting.**

To decide whether to participate in the County Council's Winter Self-Help and Mutual Aid scheme and to decide if any new grit bins are required.

It was resolved that no new grit bins are needed. It was resolved to participate in the Self-Help scheme. Cllr PC offered for the 1 tonne bag of pre-packed salt bags to be delivered to his premises and also volunteered to be the designated "Snow Warden". **ACTION: Clerk to advise Highways accordingly.**

To decide whether to participate in the "Emergency Text Alert" System (e mail from LCC)

This system is being trialled by Lincs County Council. It is a government backed emergency text alerting system to let strategic and tactical commanders know when the county emergency centre is activated and when it is stood down following an incident. It has been decided to include voluntary groups, town and parish councils.

It was resolved to sign up for this scheme. The primary emergency contact will be the clerk, using the Parish Council's mobile number. The secondary contact will be Cllr SC. **ACTION: Clerk to advise LCC accordingly.**

An update on the bank mandate, on line banking and debit card applications

The clerk reported that despite several "chaser" telephone calls, the new mandate is still not in place. There is one form missing which should have been sent by the Nat West Boston branch in August. This has been chased 3 times now. Cllr BL advised that he had received a call from the Boston branch. The Clerk advised that they were supposed to call her. It has been left with the Birmingham Team to chase again. No action can be taken regarding online banking and a debit card until the mandate is in place. **ACTION: Clerk to visit local Nat West branch for an update. Clerk to chase Birmingham Business Centre for an update in 1 week.**

An update on Highways issues and the Community Speedwatch Scheme

The potholes reported by a resident on Asperton Road near their property have been reported to Highways by the Clerk. Highways have advised that this is not a repair that they will consider at the moment. The resident has been advised and will personally report the potholes to Highways. No other work which has been confirmed has taken place yet. Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has confirmed that the proposed sites for the passive speed notices are suitable.

ACTION: Cllr MT to erect the passive speed notices. Clerk to monitor other pending work for completion.

To discuss the footpath outside the chicken farm

Please see the Clerk's notes above. **ACTION: Clerk to monitor path.**

An update on the new GDPR regulations

The Clerk advised that that the only actions outstanding are a final review of the scheme and letters which are due to be issued to Councillors and the Clerk. **ACTION: Clerk to conduct final review and issue letters by the end of the year.**

An update on the noticeboard repairs

The repair has not yet been completed. Cllr SC will chase this.

An update on the Clerk's hours and current situation.

The Clerk advised Council that she is trialling a 4 hour working week. She advised that not all policies and procedures are in place yet but any outstanding work of this nature should not be too time consuming. The priority outstanding document is the Risk Management document. This was discussed under minute number 123/18 above. The Clerk also advised Council that she will be moving to Woodhall Spa in the New Year but that this move will not affect her working arrangements.

ACTION: Clerk to report back to Council at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 20:20

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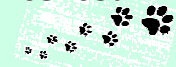
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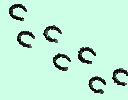


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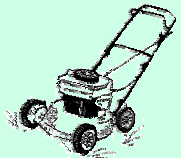
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