

WIGTOFT



VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

MARCH 2016



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Sutterton Surgery

This month's cover photograph is from March 1978 when Wigtoft School closed down and the pupils moved to a new building at Sutterton after the Easter break. The headmaster was Mr C J Allerton and also in the photograph is teacher, Miss Dilys Cranwell, and school secretary Mrs K Burton

Well, as announced a few months ago, this will be our last monthly issue of the Wigtoft News & Views, from April we will be going to a bi-monthly format. This will help to control our costs and give your editorial team a bit of a break between issues. As a result of this we have of course reduced our advertising charges to reflect the fact that there will be 6 issues a year instead of 12. I have been involved in producing the newsletter for 5 years now and over that time we have not increased the costs to advertisers even though production costs have increased. We do appreciate the support given by those who advertise in the newsletter and of course to all those who generously donate funds to help with production costs.

If you have any ideas for new features for inclusion in the newsletter, either one off or regular, please get in touch with one of the team.

It looks as though excellent progress is being made on the extension to the Village Hall, Dave Bristow has been working hard. It should look good once complete and provide a better entrance as well as the disabled toilet and some extra storage space.

**I hope that you have remembered to register for the
Brown Bin Garden Waste Collection Service if you
want your garden waste collections to continue.**

**If you have not registered yet you can still do so online at
www.boston.gov.uk/gardenwaste or by calling 01205 311112**

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Parochial Church Council AGM

The Wigtoft Church PCC Annual general Meeting for 2016 will take place on Wednesday the 20th of April at 7pm in the Village Hall.

At the AGM PCC members for the coming year will be elected, the accounts for 2015 presented and plans for the Church in 2016 discussed.

Please come along and take part in the meeting and find out what is happening in your Parish Church. If you would like to get involved in the PCC or offer help with the running and maintenance of the Church then please come along.

We would welcome help with the Churchyard maintenance over the coming year. If you feel that you could help out, even if it is just helping to cut the grass every few weeks, please come along to the meeting or contact one of the PCC members.

Church Lottery

There is still time to join the Church Lottery for 2016.

Please contact a member of the PCC for details

Church Cleaning

Church cleaning normally takes place on the second Wednesday of each month.

In March this will be Wednesday 9th starting at 10am

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

Flower arranging duties in the Church for March (after Lent) will be carried out by Wendy McCombie

Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

The Haven Group Church Services For March

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
6 th		10.30am Group Service			
13 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion
20 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Breakfast Church	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.45am Holy Communion
24 th					7pm Maundy Thursday Service
25 th		2pm Good Friday Service		2pm Good Friday Service	
27 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	4pm Holy Communion	9.15am Morning Prayer	10.45am Holy Communion

Sutterton Methodist Church Services for March



6th March 10.30am - Rev Bob Prichard
 13th March 10.30am - Mr David Sizer
 20th March 10.30am - Mr Michael Holmes
 27th March 9am - Easter Day - Rev Alan Barker

Church Lottery Winners January 2016

1st Mrs A Scrupps (£20)
 2nd Mr S Waudby (£10)
 3rd Mrs E Leggott (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning, 20th Feb

Church Lottery Winners February 2016

1st Mr J Johnson (£20)
 2nd Mrs V Johnson (£10)
 3rd Ann Mulbregt (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning, 20th Feb

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

March 2016

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

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.

How Fights Start!

I took my wife to a restaurant.

The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.

"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."

He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"

"Nah, she can order for herself."

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

The central figure of the Bible is Jesus Christ and His death is perhaps the most important event. In this lies our salvation.



Before the crucifixion, Jesus referred to His coming sufferings and said He must do His Father's will. He moved steadily towards His hour. Just before His arrest, He said, "Father, the hour has come".

When at last the moment of his arrest came, Simon slashed the ear of the high priest's servant. Jesus rebuked him saying "Put your sword into its sheath; I must drink the cup the Father has given me".

Part of the meaning of the cross still remains a mystery. We cannot fully understand. One day, the veil will be lifted and the riddle solved. "Now we see in a mirror darkly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, then shall I know as I am known".

Peter denied his Master three times in the courtyard then wept tears of remorse. After the resurrection, Jesus taught the apostles that He should have suffered three things and entered into His glory. Then Peter understood and fully believed and became a real preacher.

So the death of Jesus is a wonderful example. He came and gave His life 'as a ransom for many'.

A Prayer for Easter

O God, thank you for the Bible's record of the first Easter and the transformation of the earliest disciples. Thank you for Christ's triumph over sin and death. Please receive our worship and praise. May light and life and love spread in the world. Forgive us for questioning your power and love.

Amen

Grant information from Wigtoft Parochial Church Council

On the 4th January 2016, the PCC met to discuss applying for a grant from the Listed Places of Worship scheme relating to roof repairs that are necessary to St. Peter and St. Paul Church Wigtoft. All PCC members were present.

When the last Quinquennial inspection took place in 2014, (A Quinquennial inspection is a compulsory inspection that must take place every 5 years to monitor the condition of the building) various urgent repairs to the roof were identified. These repairs are necessary partly because of the lead thefts a few years ago and partly due to natural wear and tear over time. Other repairs were also identified but the ones to the roof are the most urgent to ensure that the building remains watertight. The work that was identified will cost in the region of £90,000 and the Roof Repair Fund has been set up by the government to cover this type of work to listed buildings. The grant would cover a large proportion of the costs but the PCC still need to contribute from Church funds.

There is quite a short window of opportunity to submit the application which closes on 26th February and applicants will hear if they have been successful in July. We went through the application forms and other information required and agreed that John and Myrtle would divide the work between them and for Colin to help with the Bat project. Contact with Natural England and a visit from the Bat Conservation Trust are necessary as we have to consider the protection of any Bats and apparently we have two species in the Church. Another inspection will be held in May. We have to be very careful when and how the work is to be carried out if the grant is awarded, there is a £5,000 fine for every bat we disturb and imprisonment for any bat killed (we may need to look for a volunteer!)

Later that week John and Myrtle had a meeting with Ben Stoker and Dr Matthew Godfrey of the Lincolnshire Diocese at King Edward House, Lincoln as we felt we could benefit from their professional advice. This was an extremely informative meeting and we agreed that we would send a draft copy of our application to Dr Godfrey for his advice before it was submitted to LPW. He has now scrutinised the forms, backup documents etc. and he believes that it is an excellent application which will stand a good chance of success. Part of the backup information included our accounts for 2015 which John was able to finalise and the PCC met again on the 1st of February to approve them. As we were advised, the costings for this project have been taken from the Quinquennial as they are a good guide

To present a good profile we need to show that we can sustain our capability of seeing the work through so we have asked Rev. Charlie Robertson to be our Chairman and our architect Mary Anderson to be our project leader, both have

agreed. The Diocesan Advisory Committee and Archdeacon have also provided letters of support for our application.

The Grant application has now been submitted and although there will be of plenty of competition we have as good a chance as the expected 3000 other applicants.



Wigtoft Village Hall Bacon Butty Mornings



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So come along and enjoy!!!!!!



Wigtoft Village Events for 2016

Flower & Craft Weekends <i>(See page 12 for details)</i>	April 23 rd & 24 th , 30 th and 1 st & 2 nd May
Village Hall Spring Fayre	May 16 th
Cream Teas	June 25 th , 3 - 5pm
Jean Knight's Open Garden	July 17 th , 10am - 4pm
Garden Club Flower Festival	September 24 th & 25 th
Macmillan Coffee Morning	October 1 st , 10am - Noon <i>(Village Hall)</i>
Harvest Songs Of Praise	October 9 th , 3pm
Harvest Supper & Auction	October 15 th <i>(In the Church)</i>
Village Hall Christmas Fayre	November 4 th
Carol Service	December 2 nd , 6pm
Christmas Tree Festival	December 3 rd & 4 th

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

Topical Talk

Several thousand people were drawn to Skegness recently, not to enjoy the rides or to paddle, but to see the unusual and sad sight of beached whales. Five have now been washed up on local beaches between Skegness and Friskney, all thought to belong to the same pod or family. Another was washed up at Hunstanton and altogether a total of 29 have been washed up on North Sea beaches: this is the highest number in one period on an English coast since records began in 1913. The reason for this is controversial, but it is unusual to find so many in the North Sea, as whales normally prefer more open and deep water; for some reason they appear to have taken a “wrong turning” further north in the area around Norway and become disorientated as they entered the more shallow area off our east coast.

The photo shows a beached whale on the beach at Lindisfarne (Holy Island) off the Northumbrian coast around 15/20 years ago; in the picture is Charles Bristow (ex Wigtoft resident and my father-in-law). When we found this one it was beginning to “smell” a little.



It is very sad to see such magnificent creatures in these circumstances, but you can't really begin to appreciate their size until you have actually stood at the side of one.

I have been reading the obituaries again!!!. This time it is the death of Gordon Goody. The name struck a chord with me, but I couldn't quite put my finger on why immediately, but on reading more it all came back. Unless, like me, you are “getting on a bit”, the name probably won't mean anything to you. However, at the time that he came to prominence, everyone knew about him. He was one of the “Great Train Robbers” and one of the last survivors. The gang consisted of 15 men and their notorious crime was to rob a mail train: this robbery has been “glorified” to some extent in the past but it was, in fact, a vicious crime in which the train driver, Jack Mills, was coshed from behind and from which he never really recovered. The train was stopped in the Buckinghamshire countryside by the gang, who altered the signalling system to cause the train to stop; as it stopped the gang accessed the cab and the special carriage where 120 mail bags, containing mainly cash in used notes, were quickly unloaded even though staff tried to put up a resistance. The haul was in the region of £2.6 million, worth more than £40 million by todays values.

Goody was a “career” criminal, having for a time served in the army. After the robbery he buried £150,000 in cash under his scullery floor (£2 million in todays

money). Eventually he was arrested in Leicester where he was living under a false name with a girlfriend. He was sent to jail after his trial at Aylesbury, but after serving 12 years he was paroled and he went back to live with his sick mother. After this he quietly moved to live in Spain where he bought property; he had a partner here called Maria and they eventually moved to a smallholding where they had a daughter. At one time Goody was asked where he got his money from, he replied that he was “in the removal business”. He died in January aged 85.

Jack Mills, the train driver, never fully recovered from his injuries after being coshed – he never worked again and he died in 1970 of leukaemia.

They say that life is full of coincidences, this has been proved by a woman by the name of Alisa Proctor. When she and her partner Richard bought Kirby Knowle Castle, just outside Thirsk in North Yorkshire, it was to provide them and their family with a home and to give the children room to roam about. The building is a Grade 11 listed castle – there were the usual tales of a secret tunnel within the walls and there was also a “priest hole” where Catholic priests were hidden from the Protestant “priest hunters”.

Alisa's grandfather George Rogers, from Dagenham, Essex, had died in 1990: he was married to Edith and, like many of his generation, he fought in the war – he was wounded at Dunkirk, although he was always very reluctant to talk about it. It seems that, like many in his situation, he was sent away to recuperate, in his case, to Yorkshire; he couldn't remember the name of the place but he thought that it looked a bit like a fairy tale castle.

After they had bought the place and moved in around the year 2000, one of their sons was exploring in the attics and found some graffiti – he shouted his mother and much to their surprise they found that one of these read G.W. Rogers. London Edith. It was in her granddad's distinctive handwriting, written all those years ago; Edith, at that time was his sweetheart.

They had come to live in their granddad's fairy tale castle!!!.

Colin Scrapps

Sutterton Methodist Church

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- Listening to your views and hear what you have to say about what is working well and what isn't.
- Signposting you when you need to make a complaint about the care or service you or your loved one have or haven't received.
- Work with the organisations that pay for your health or care services and make sure they are aware of the concerns and issues raised by local people.
- Follow up any concerns or issues raised by the residents to ensure they are responded to and work to ensure they have an impact on how services are run.
- Influence the way services are set up and commissioned, through opportunities such as our seat on the Lincolnshire Health and Well Being Board.

Who are we and what are our powers?

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Direct feedback from our local community

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Wednesday

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<p>6 Mother's Day</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
	<p>7.30pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i></p>	<p>10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i></p>	<p>6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Villag</i></p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i></p>		<p>7pm Wigtoft Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i></p>	<p>10am - Noon Coffee Mornin <i>Sutterton Meth</i></p> <p>6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Villag</i></p>
<p>20 Palm Sunday</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i></p>	<p>3.00pm News & Views Editorial <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i></p>	<p>10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i></p>	<p>6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Villag</i></p>
<p>27 Easter Sunday</p>	<p>28 Bank Holiday</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i></p> <p>British Summer Time Begins</p>			<p>6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Villag</i></p>

Calendar

March 2016

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3	4	5
Coffee Morning Methodist Church		Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
Wigtoft Meeting Village Hall	6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall		
	10	11	12
		Blue/Brown Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
	6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall	6.30pm Bird Auction Wigtoft Village Hall	
	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19
Coffee Morning Methodist Church		Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
Wigtoft Meeting Village Hall	2pm Welcome Club Wigtoft Village Hall 6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall		
	24 Maundy Thursday	25 Good Friday	26
		Blue/Brown Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
	6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall	6.30pm Bird Auction Wigtoft Village Hall	
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	6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall		



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January

- 10th The old one was busy making a jigsaw showing two puppies beneath a scarlet umbrella. I stood on my hind legs to get a closer view and she had to remake the picture. Ha-ha.
- 19th Copies of my diary sent to five friends today by request. I am a star.
- 20th Lights fused. Had to await help from a gentleman. Thankfully, the standard lamp plugged into a power socket saved us from darkness.
- 21st Bitterly cold so I turned my walker round quite sharply and headed for home.
- 22nd A walk in the rain and more fun than yesterday.
- 24th Five visitors who brought lots of food. I like Sundays.
- 29th Snoozes shattered by frequent phone calls.
- 30th Seven visitors today. I missed my after lunch nap with the boss.
- 31st Helped to eat a roast chicken lunch.

February

- 1st Feeling poorly. Vet came and gave me two injections, leaving huge tablets for me to swallow.
- 2nd Taken to vets for colon irrigation. Trusted friend took me and brought me home again after six hours. I slept and didn't feel a thing.
- 6th Mad girlies came. I tried to sleep in vain.
- 7th Flea treatment gave me the sneezles.
- 9th The vet was in Donington so called to make sure I was ok. I hid behind the settee in the lounge but biscuits were used as a bribe so I was guided into the kitchen. Vet said I was quite fit again, although I still get pretend headaches when seeking attention.





Sam Snail's Gardening Jobs for March

I don't think that to say it has been wet and windy quite sums up how dreary and unpleasant the early part of this year has been, so far. I have noticed a few hardy souls have been toiling in their gardens despite it all. There are some wonderful spring flowers and blossom displays already in gardens or verges and in the fields, when the sun has occasionally deemed to shine they glow in all their glory.

To show your Hellebores at their best, if you grow them, cut away all the large and diseased looking leaves to allow the flowers to emerge and be seen. Uncover any perennial plants that are shooting well from leaves that have blown onto them, and cut off last year's old growth. The new shoots should be hardy enough now to withstand any frosts. If you grow Dahlias and overwinter them, restart the growing process of the tubers now at about 16°C (61°F) either indoors or a slightly heated greenhouse.

Remove dead and dying leaves from bearded irises and perhaps apply a little fertilizer to give them a boost, if they have been in your borders a while.

When Snowdrops have finished flowering, if the clumps have become a good size, this is the time to divide and replant them to spread them around more areas.

Well at least the days are lengthening now which is lovely, so roll on the spring to make outside jobs more enjoyable for chilly mortals like me. I do like the sun on my back when I'm gardening.

Regards from Sam



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March 15 th	Club AGM
April 19 th	David Woolacott - Fuscias
May 17 th	Eddie Gadd - Beekeeping

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Chris Woods was born in Swineshead and is a former Kirton School pupil.

He was a confident and agile goalkeeper and he signed for Notts. Forest as an apprentice in 1976, unfortunately, he seemed to live in the shadow of Peter Shilton, who played in the England team. Over the next three years he never made an appearance for Forest – Shilton came to the club in 1977 and did not miss a match.

In 1979 Queens Park Rangers offered £250,000 for Woods even though he was not yet 20 years old: he made 63 appearances for his new club.

In 1981 he was sold to Norwich City and he firmly established himself as a top class goalkeeper; in 1985 he picked up a winners medal when they beat Sunderland at Wembley in the Cup Final.

England coach at the time, Bobby Robson, was impressed enough with Woods to take him on a post-season tour of America.

In 1987 he left Norwich for Rangers and in his first season he won a title medal and a Scottish League Cup Medal.

In August 1991 Rangers accepted an offer of £1.2 million from Sheffield Wednesday and Woods was on the move again. In the 1995-96 season he found himself out of favour at Wednesday and he had a short loan spell at Reading. After this he moved to the USA to play for Colorado Rapids.

In 1996 Graeme Souness, manager at Southampton negotiated his loan from Colorado to cover for Dave Beasant with a view to a permanent transfer, but in his fourth appearance he broke his leg at Blackburn Rovers and returned to the US to recuperate.

He then returned to England and had spells at Sunderland and Burnley before retiring from playing in 1998.

In his international career Woods earned 43 caps for his appearances for England: he was part of the squads for two World Cups, Mexico 86 and Italia 1990.

In 1998 he took up a coaching position with Everton where he was tasked with the development of the club's goalkeepers.

In 2011 he was employed by the US National Soccer Team as goalkeeping coach, linking up with Everton's goalkeeper Tim Howard.



In 2013 he was released from his coaching contract with Everton and he joined David Moyes at Manchester United: when Moyes was sacked as manager, Woods remained with the United until May 2014 when he was told by the new manager that he was no longer required.

At the time of writing he is the goal keeping coach for the US National Team – he was with their team in the Brazil 2014 World Cup.

Chris Woods still has family in this area.

Colin Scrapps

How Fights Start!

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, "What's on TV?"

I said, "Lots of dust."

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

Sutterton Food Bank

The Food Bank is up and running in St Mary's Church Sutterton on Friday mornings from 10am to 12noon. It is not just for the people of Sutterton, but for anyone in our local communities who needs it. For those in need, enough food for 3 days can be accessed on production of a voucher. Our vouchers are interchangeable with those of the Boston Food Bank, open on Tuesday and Thursday from 12noon until 2pm, at St Christopher's Church Fenside.

Vouchers can be obtained from various organisations such as Children's Centres, Schools, Nurseries, Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Services, Mayflower and Healthcare Professionals.

If you know of anyone who is in a crisis situation and where the Food Bank could help please direct them to one of these organisations as the Food Bank can only provide food to those with a voucher.

The food is largely donated by the general public e.g. supermarket collections. If you would like to donate items such as: cereal, jam, biscuits, pasta, tea bags, tins of soup, beans, spaghetti, macaroni, vegetables, rice pudding, there is a box in St Mary's Church near the font where these items can be placed.

If anyone would like to know more about the Food Bank please contact me on 01205460386.

Janet

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The Town of Stamford

Burghley House

The house was built for Sir William Cecil, later 1st Baron Burghley, between 1558 and 1587. It became the residence of his descendants, the Earls, and later, the Marquesses of Exeter: since 1961 it has been owned by a family charitable trust.

The family fortunes were founded on the wool trade; much work was done on the estate itself by Capability Brown (1716-1783) the renowned landscape architect: it was he who re-designed the park and created the park's man-made lake. (He met and married a Boston girl by the name of Bridget Wayet).

The Domesday Book records a village of Burghley but it appears to have been abandoned by 1450: archaeologists have failed to find any trace of this and it is assumed to be below Burghley House.

The house was built with stone from the Kingscliffe quarry in Northants – this is a very hard stone and wears very well.

The house is the venue for the annual Burghley Horse Trials and it has also been used in the filming of Middlemarch, The Da Vinci Code, Pride and Prejudice and Elizabeth – The Golden Age.

The Antiques Roadshow programme has also visited here.

The Uffington Estate

This estate is centred in the village of Uffington: it was bought by the Hon. Charles Bertie (1641-1711) from the Duke of Buckingham in 1673. The family built an imposing mansion here and it was held to be one of the greatest homes in Lincolnshire.

Unfortunately, this mansion was completely destroyed by fire in 1904 and was never rebuilt: the orangery survived the fire and this stood all alone until a few years ago (1980) when it was demolished and the stone used to rebuild boundary walls on the estate. The name lives on in the village inn, the Bertie Arms, parts of which date back 300 years.

The Hon Charles Bertie became the MP for Stamford. This family had ties with Grimsthorpe Castle: it is recorded that in 1715 Robert Bertie the 16th Baron Willoughby de Eresby had a new front built onto Grimsthorpe Castle

Churches

Stamford has a reputation for being the town with many churches: today there are five medieval parish churches within the town. In the 12th century the town had at least seven major churches and seven suburban ones, which reflected the wealth of the town at this time.



One of the oldest is All Saints in Red Lion Square; this is mentioned in the Domesday Book, although very little remains of the original. The Browne family of Stamford were great benefactors of this church and the only people buried within the building are members of this family.

Another is Saint Mary's, which stands on the side of the old A1 coming out of the town past the George Hotel.

One particular church, St. Michael the Greater, which stands in the High Street has now, sadly, been converted into shops – the graveyard is still there, complete with stones but the building itself now houses shops.

In a list of current or former churches, no less than 17 are noted, though quite a few no longer exist, only the sites

Stamford Today

The town is a pleasant place to visit; there appears to be sufficient parking and there are many little streets and alleyways which, if you are interested, are intriguing.

The town has over 600 listed buildings: there is an interesting Arts Centre in St. Mary's St. in the town; it incorporates a small theatre which puts on productions and it is also the Tourist Information Centre – it also has the benefit of a small coffee shop with food plus the “convenience” of toilets.

There is a bustling market on Friday and Saturday; in the High Street there is a library housed in a building with a colonnaded frontage and they have available free maps of the town which show you various walks that you can make to take in the most interesting aspects of the town; there are also plenty of places to eat.

This concludes the articles on Stamford.

Colin Scrapps

MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (299) HELD ON MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2015 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

Present B. Leggott (Chair), M. Scrupps, M. Cooper, V. Atkinson,
A. Spencer, M. Brookes, M. Tunnard, S. Collingwood, &
M. Piper (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

S. Baxter, P. Craven

2. PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public attended.

3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 2nd November 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2015 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Leggott at the next meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

Two members of the police attended by PCSO's Corssen-Davies & Smyth.
No crimes were reported.

5. HIGHWAYS

Re-surfacing of A17 junction is in next year's programme.

Surface dressing in Green Lane, Clover Lane & Five Bell Lane are also in next year's programme.

Clerk to contact Highways re; road from Home Farm, Five Bell Lane to A17 which is in very bad repair.

Clerk to contact B.B.C. concerning Asperton Road which, after sweeping, mud is building up by the kerb causing drainage problems.

6. PLAYGROUND

Clerk to contact contractor for quotation for grass cutting & the matting surrounding the roundabout.

7. FINANCIAL

C/A £6949.44 D/A £2259.53

Mr Waudby's Rent invoice was sent to him.

Cllr. Atkinson was reimbursed for Christmas tree donation £10.00

Notice of conclusion of audit to be posted.

8. PLANNING

There was one planning application for a rear storey extension and a new front entrance porch at Nattonhall Cottage, Main Road Wigtoft.

There were no objections

9. CORRESPONDENCE

LALC will be increasing their subscription in 2016.

Lincolnshire Minerals & Waste Local Plan.

10. A.O.B

It was reported that some trees were overhanging onto the path on Wigtoft Road, Clerk to contact landowner.

Christmas lights will be erected in the very near future.

There will be no meeting in January 2016.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 1st February 2016 at **7.30pm**

***The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on
Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm.
All are welcome to attend***

Wigtoft Welcome Club

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**Please contact Ray or Lesley Woods for further information on
01205 460234**

The Mobile Library



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Garden Waste Collection Service 2016

Collections for March are scheduled to be on 11th & 25th



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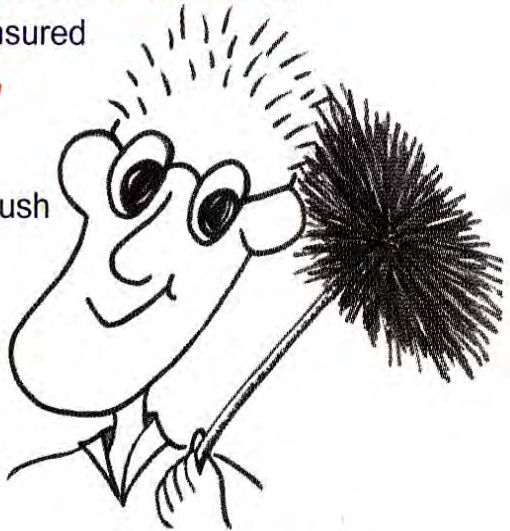
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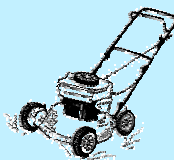
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