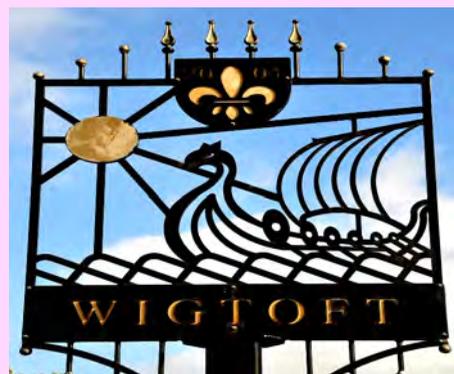


WIGTOFT



VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

DECEMBER 2017 / JANUARY 2018



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The silly season is almost upon us. The shops are full of Festive cheer! Now is the time to light up Wigtoft by decorating your outdoor trees or placing a light in your window. We hope you will visit and enjoy our Christmas Tree Festival held at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church.

The Village Hall kick started our Christmas festivities by holding a Christmas Fair which was a great success. There were lots of interesting stalls. many visitors and a good time was had by all.

Of course, the colder weather is with us, so it's time to button down the hatches, keeping colds at bay and turning up the heating. When you do venture out why not meet friends and neighbours at the Village Hall on Saturday mornings for bacon butty, some delicious cake and a chat. You can guarantee a warm welcome.

If, over the festive period, you over indulge in the goodies on offer be aware that Slimming World is about to launch sessions in the Village Hall. Exact details are not available yet, but from early January Slimming World should be in the Village Hall every Tuesday. So please go along and get into shape, and that means the men of the village as well.....

Our village Church is now in the process of having some much needed roof repairs (*see page 8*), we look forward to worship without appropriate placed buckets to catch the rain water!! Our Christmas services may be found on page 4 of the magazine.

So, it just leaves me to say on behalf of myself and the editorial team---

A Very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

HARVEST CELEBRATION

Our Harvest Songs of Praise took place on Sunday 8th October at 3pm in Wigtoft Church. Around 50 friends and villagers, plus others from neighbouring villages came to share the service, meal and auction with us.

We are very grateful to the Revd. Sue Hentley for taking our service and spending some time with us for the meal and Auction, we enjoyed having her share our Celebration.

Our Friends group yet again supplied a wonderful meal and about 52 Tickets had been sold, the meal followed on from the service and was enjoyed by all.

Many people had donated various goods to be Auctioned, cakes had been made, Farmers and growers had given a good selection of vegetables, fruit, jams and chutneys, some various varieties of young Conifers, model cars and t-shirts. A meal for 2 was also auctioned.

We would like to thank all those who contributed in any way at all to the success of this Harvest Celebration.

Those who had catered for all of us, this takes time and organisation and as ever superb food and plenty too, everyone who donated any produce or items to be auctioned, and of course those of you who came and supported us and continue to help provide the very friendly and sociable atmosphere here in Wigtoft Church.

Along with a collection from the Service, a Raffle, tickets sold for meal and the Auction the profit made was £733.18p. This will be added to our Roof Repair Fund.

Thank you all from Wigtoft PCC

Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

Wigtoft Church Flower Arranging

Christmas Tree displays will be
in the Church for December.

Due to the roof repair work
being carried out there will be no
flowers in the Church in January

Thanks to all who help with this

The Haven Group Church Services For December

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
1st	6pm Carol Service				
3rd	10.30am Group Service				
5th			7pm Carols For All		
10th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion 3pm Christingle Service	10am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 2.30pm Carol Service
17th	9.15am Holy Communion	3pm Carol Service	9.15am Holy Communion	3.30pm Christingle Service	10.45am Holy Communion
24th	3pm Crib Service	11.30pm Midnight Mass	9pm Candlelight Service	11.30pm Midnight Mass	
25th					9.30am Holy Communion

The Haven Group Church Services For January

7th		10.30am Group Service			10.30am Group Service
14th		10.45am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 3pm Plough Service
21st	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion
28th		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	6pm Evensong

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

December 2017

January 2018

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

Village Hall News

The Village Hall held a Christmas Fair which kick started Christmas for most of us. It was a great success with many first time stall holders. Those who came enjoyed a festive atmosphere.

We would like to thank all those who donated their time and effort to make this a lovely occasion.

We are pleased to say £192 was raised from this event. All proceeds will go towards the Village Hall funds.

We hope to continue such events in the future.

Bacon Butty mornings in the Village Hall continue on Saturdays until March 2018. Volunteers are welcome to help with these in the New Year if you have some spare time,

***Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas from
the Village Hall committee.***

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

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or e-mail villagehall@wigtoft.com

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lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.*

Church Lottery Winners October 2017

1st Mrs B Jones (£20)
2nd Mr S Knight (£10)
3rd Mr D Smart (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning 28th October

Church Lottery Winners November 2017

1st Mrs M Gregg (£20)
2nd Mrs L Nicholson (£10)
3rd Mrs B Jones (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning 25th November

Church Lottery

Just a reminder that the Church Lottery year starts again in January. Please support our Church, and stand a chance of becoming richer, by joining or renewing your lottery subscription for the coming year.

Proceeds are split 50/50 between prize money and supporting the Church repair funds. Please contact a member of the PCC for details.

St Peter & St Paul Church
Wigtoft

Christmas Tree
Festival



Carol Service
Friday 1st
December 6pm
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refreshments*

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2nd & 3rd

10am - 4pm



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Christmas celebration

Update On The Church Roof Repairs

By the time you read this work should have finally started on the roof repairs to Wigtoft Church.

Work was originally due to start at the beginning of September. However, internal management problems with the contractor we had originally appointed meant that they were unable to start then or give any assurances about their ability to carry out the work at all.

Fortunately our architect identified the issues and found another contractor at short notice, who was able to undertake the work. They are due to start before the end of November.

These issues and delays caused problems with the grant funding that we had been awarded. The main grant, from The Listed Places Of Worship Roof Repair Fund, originally had to be claimed in full by January 2018. However after much pleading this deadline has now been moved to the end of April, but this is the final date as the fund has been closed and if the work is not completed by then we lose the money.

The deadline for the other grant, from Lincolnshire Churches Trust has also now been extended until April.

Hopefully the work will now proceed without any further problems, the main possible one being bad weather over the winter causing delays. We also have to be careful because the bats will be hibernating and we will be in trouble if we wake them up. Hopefully Bertie will be kind to us.

If you see anything suspicious going on around the Church at night or at weekends while the scaffolding is up and the work is in progress, please call the police. Apparently, according to police reports, lead thefts from Church roofs in Lincolnshire are on the increase again. So please keep an eye out for any signs of this here in Wigtoft and around other Churches in the area.

Wigtoft PCC

Sutterton Methodist Church

The Church with the yellow door

Come along to our Coffee Mornings

These are held on the first and third Wednesday every month 10am until noon.

Tea & Coffee served with plenty of friendly chat

A warm welcome given to all



Topical Talk

Described as a “national treasure”, John Motson, the popular football commentator, is retiring at the end of the present season. He has been involved with the sport for 50 years: he has commentated on 10 World Cups and around 200 England matches. The 72 year old was baptised in Boston at the Centenary Methodist Church; he grew up in the town and was a regular spectator at the Pilgrim matches when they were in the Midland League, taken there by his uncles.

His father was born in Swineshead and his mothers family were from the Boston area: until recent years he had a brother who ran a TV repair business in Wrangle.

He was forced to miss the 2014 World Cup in Brazil as he recovered from major surgery after being diagnosed with life-threatening bowel cancer. Motty (as he is affectionately known) says that it has not stopped him commentating, but has made travelling more difficult. As you would expect, as a commentator, he has made his fair share of “gaffs” such as - “For those watching in black and white, Spurs are in the all-yellow strip” and “The World Cup is a truly international event”. Also, “The goals made such a difference to the way the game went”.

We recently visited Stow Minster, near Gainsborough: it is just a small village but the church or minster is almost cathedral-like. It is one of the oldest parish churches in England and the village itself goes back to Roman times. The minster itself originally served as the cathedral church of the ancient diocese of Lindsey and was founded in the 7th century on the site of an even older building: the name Stow means Holy Place. One interesting modern fact about the church is that it is used twice weekly as the local Post Office – another way of making the building part of the village.

A certain Pat Sephton passed away recently, aged 90. Her claim to fame was that, at the age of 15 she became part of the Windmill “nude tableaux” in London that ran continuously throughout the war – their motto was “we never closed”, which they didn't, even through all the bombing and destruction.

The Windmill found a loophole in the law that allowed women to appear naked on the stage, but only if they remained absolutely still and did not move – if they moved it became pornography and they could have been closed down. She worked with many famous acts, including Peter Sellers.

She moved with her husband and daughter, in 1961, to live in Hong Kong; ten years and several jobs later she became the founding manager of the famous Bottoms Up Club in Kowloon – it boasted “topless girls and lot of friendly people”. It had many famous customers, including Harry Secombe, Gregory Peck and, a face from the past, Peter Sellers. Most of the customers however, were US

soldiers on leave from the Vietnam war and the club became known as “a haven for tortured souls”.

As the handover of Hong Kong approached in 1997 Sephton decided that there was no future for her there and decided that it was time to return home. When they arrived back the family retired to Old Leake, near Boston, where they enjoyed the peacefulness of the countryside, a change after the smoke filled bars of Hong Kong.

Python found in drunkards underpants.

This was a recent headline in a newspaper and refers to an incident in Germany. It seems that police in a small town near Frankfurt were called to a drunken argument between two men and as they tried to restore order one of the men, aged 19, became very aggressive and had to be taken into custody – he was searched and one of the officers noticed a considerable bulge in his underpants; when questioned the youth stated that he had a snake in his pants – he then pulled a 14 inch baby royal python from his trousers: the teenager was taken to the police cells for the night to sober up. Police say that he will be investigated for breaching animal protection laws !!!

Colin Scrapps



Wigtoft Village Hall Bacon Butty Mornings

Bacon Butty Mornings in the Village
Hall continue every Saturday, 10am until noon

*** * * * * Please Note * * * * ***

***There will be no Bacon Butty Morning on Saturday
1st December due to the Christmas Tree Festival
being held in the Church***

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

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

Bye Bye Bertie

Bertie, the mousehound, visited me each Tuesday and I came to love him very much, although he was quite different from any dog I had owned.

During the summer he became affected by the heat and had no wish to walk on hot days. Sometimes he would plant his tiny feet firmly on the ground to say 'enough is enough' eager to return home.

On Thursday 2nd November Bertie's mum rang to say he was quite poorly and she would like to bring him to say 'Goodbye'. When they arrived Bertie stood in the hall for me to remove his lead as usual. We walked into the lounge and he sat on hearth rug. After a few minutes he jumped onto the settee and put his head in my lap. As Bertie had not eaten I broke a rich tea biscuit into small pieces and fed him by hand. After tea the little fellow was taken to see a vet who said he had an infection and he was given injections and tablets.

Alas the improvement was short lived and on Monday 7th Bertie visited his vet for the last time - to be put to sleep. Small in size but large in character Bertie left a huge gap in our lives.

After sharing companionship with Bertie I am missing him a lot. My thoughts are with his owner who loved and cherished him for twelve years.

Avis M Padley



Slimming
—WORLD—

*Slimming World is coming
to Wigtoft Village Hall
early in the new year*

If you have over indulged over Christmas , or if you just want to get into better shape, then Slimming World will start sessions in the Village Hall on Tuesdays starting early in January.

Exact details and times are yet to be confirmed, but details will be available shortly from the Village Hall Committee



Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

We have had some lovely mild and sunny days this autumn, which has resulted in the leaves dropping slowly after a lovely show of colours, as pretty as any blossom in my opinion. Added to that, many perennial plants are still flowering out of season. Even a Lilac tree is in flower in my garden amongst the yellow autumn leaves it looks a little surreal.



Grass is still growing so if it dries up enough carry on mowing the lawns on a high cut, this is also useful for picking up the leaves, reducing their volume as it chops them up quite finely.

Plant new Tulip bulbs by the end of November and mulch the soil to keep the area free for them to appear in the spring.

Prune climbing roses and other plants on trellises to avoid them whipping about and snapping off in winter winds and heavy rain. They will put on new growth which can be shaped up in the spring. I think we have a hedgehog hibernating in a pile of twigs and leaves in a corner of the garden, so I will leave that area so as not to disturb the useful little creature.



Here's hoping you keep warm and cosy as the temperature is sure to fall soon.

Regards from Sam.



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December 19 th	Christmas Party
January 15 th	Johnny Walker, Taylors Bulbs
February 19 th	To be confirmed

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 New Year's Eve					1 Blue Bin Collection	2 10am Christmas Tree Festival <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
3 10.30am Group Service	4 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	5 10am Scraps R Us <i>Outing</i>	6 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i> 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	7 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	8 Green Bin Collection	9 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
10 9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	11	12	13 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	14	15 Blue Bin Collection	16 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
17 9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	18	19 7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	20 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i> 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	21 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	22 Green Bin Collection	23 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
24 3pm Crib Service <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	25 Bank Holiday Christmas Day	26 Bank Holiday Boxing Day	27	28 6pm Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	29	30 Blue Bin Collection 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>

Age Calendar

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bank Holiday New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6 Green Bin Collection 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
7	8	9	10	11	12 Blue Bin Collection	13 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
14	15	16	17	18	19 Green Bin Collection	20 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
21	22	23	24	25	26 Blue Bin Collection	27 10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
9.15am Holy Communion Wigtoft Parish Church	3pm Newsletter Meeting Wigtoft Village Hall	10am Scraps R Us Wigtoft Village Hall	6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall	6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall		10am - Noon Bacon Butty Morning Wigtoft Village Hall
28	29	30	31			
			6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall	6pm Dog Training Wigtoft Village Hall		

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Bernie was born at Flatters Farmhouse in Anwick near Sleaford (Lincs) in 1950. His father was a farm stockman and his mother was a nanny. He was the middle son of three; he had an older brother Tony and a younger one Christopher. Their house had no electricity.

The family moved to Owmbly-by-Spital in North Lincs when his father decided to try his hand at farming for himself. Bernie went to school at Market Rasen, at the Secondary Modern, but was not a particularly bright student, although he did show a flair for writing.

He left school at 15 and started work as a trainee in the print room of the Lincolnshire Standard, hoping to become a journalist – he did not last for long, and then had a spell on a chicken farm. He drifted from job to job, spending his spare time with his mates, drinking, dancing and playing snooker. Then, when he was 17 he answered an advert that led to his collaboration with Elton John.

Liberty Records were advertising for new talent; he got an interview but, unfortunately, was turned down. Instead of this being the end of his dreams it turned out to be the start of something big. One of the executives (Ray Williams) suggested that he team up with another applicant by the name of Reg Dwight, who had also been turned down. Reg changed his name some time after this – to Elton John – and the rest, as they say, is history.

When Bernie and Elton got together around 1967, Bernie wrote lyrics and Elton put them to music: this partnership has continued for nearly 50 years and still continues. Bernies maternal grandfather was a classics teacher and a Cambridge graduate, so probably some of this had rubbed off on him. In many of his lyrics there are hints to his rural upbringing, one in particular mentions a “nearby port town”, a reference to Grimsby which he and his friends often visited.

In his early days of song writing he lived at Elton's mothers house in Pinner where he earned £5 a week – Elton earned £10 because he sang. As their careers progressed so did their opportunities; Bernie tended to shun the limelight, unlike Elton, who was the public face of their work.

Bernie moved to California in the mid 1970's where he has a ranch in the hill country above Santa Barbara of about 30 acres. Song writing only takes up a small part of his time these days; he spends a lot of time painting and he also



The young Bernie

cooks and reads: he also produces a weekly radio programme for American Roots Radio of music – this is always played using music from his own extensive collection, which is in the region of 50,000 albums.

In 1997 he re-wrote the lyrics of “Candle in the wind” for “Candle in the wind 1997”, a tribute to the late Diana, Princess of Wales.

Jointly, Bernie and Elton had their first Broadway musical open in March 2006 – Bernie wrote 10 songs for this. He has also written songs for many other artists.

He won a Golden Globe award for his lyrics to the song “A love that will never grow old” for the film “Brokeback Mountain”.



The older Bernie

He has been married four times; his first wife was Maxine Feibelman (1971-1976), from 1979-1991 he was married to Toni Russo. his third one was Stephanie Haymes Roven (1993-1998). Currently he is married to Heather Lynn Hodgins Kidd (m 2004). they have two daughters and they live in their isolated ranch in California.

He has not been back to the UK for around 10 years

Colin Scrapps

Dogs

We have a lovely village here at Wigtoft. However, some people are allowing dogs to foul on pavements and, believe it or not, in our churchyard!!

We ask that you would kindly keep your much loved pets under control. Of course, accidents will happen, so please respect others within the community and clear up any mess your dog may make. Thank you.

Church Cleaning

There will be no Church cleaning in December and January due to the Christmas Tree displays and because the roof repair contractors will be working on the building over this period .

Christmas candles are said to symbolise Christ as the 'Light of the world'. Candles play an important part in the Jewish annual festival of light. In other countries lighted candles are placed on window sills and dating back to the middle ages.



Stealing kisses under the mistletoe originated in Scandinavia. The plant is considered the plant of peace there and if enemies met under a mistletoes they declared a truce.

Christmas cards date back to the 1840's but didn't really become popular until the Victorian era. Will they soon be replaced by the internet?

Christmas carols are already being played in supermarkets. We enjoy them each year as they tell the Nativity story. Carol singers are getting fewer in the streets of towns and villages.



Stockings hung by the fire with care would hardly hold the digital presents requested by today's children. The young ones are already discussing what they hope to get.

The presence of a Christmas tree in the house is a symbol of hope and goodwill. There are many stories of its origin. German soldiers took the tradition of a decorated tree to America but we had to wait until Queen Victoria married Prince Albert. He set up a tree at Windsor castle for the royal children..



Santa's elves who wear red capes are a pagan tradition. Long ago people believed that gnomes would guard a home against evil spirits.

Many people believe that the three wise men, who gave the Christ child gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, began the tradition of Christmas presents. Many stories have been told but many centuries ago presents were given to poor children on St Nicholas day - December 6th. Gifts are still exchanged on that day in some European countries.

Enjoy a happy, joyful and peaceful Christmas.

O God don't let us be so full of our own giving and receiving, meals and decorations, that we forget whose birthday Christmas is. Let the gift of your Son enrich our daily lives on this special day. May we remember the homeless, refugees, orphans and victims of disaster and loss.

Avis M Padley

Wigtoft & District Gardening Club

The Wigtoft Gardening Club has received a request from the committee of the Village Hall to change their meeting times in 2018. This is because another group wishes to hire the hall on a weekly base and can only do this on a Tuesday.

Therefore from January 2018 the club have agreed to meet on:-

The Third Monday of each month

They have varied speakers, with periodic visits to gardens and days out to places of interest. Everyone is very welcome to join this club whether a gardener, or not!!!

In 1205 there was murder carried out in the cathedral – a sub-dean, William Bramfield, a “good and righteous man” was killed as he knelt in prayer before the altar, for no apparent reason, by one of the vicars of the church: this vicar was speedily “torn to pieces” by attendants, his mangled body dragged through the streets and hung on the town gallows on Canwick Hill.

In the years 1215-16 there was what was known as the Barons War. This was where the supporters of King John were pitched against the supporters (the barons) of the infant Henry 111. Lincoln fell to the barons but they turned out to be the final losers – in late February 1216 King John came to Lincoln where he fined the citizens £1.000 – hostages were taken and the Royal forces ransacked the town. The cathedral was also ransacked: the Precenter or musical director of the church was robbed of 11.000 silver coins. As a result of these actions work was much delayed on ongoing work.

On February 17th, in 1220 Hugh of Avalon was canonized by the Pope and the canons of Lincoln built a shrine to their patron Saint. He became the patron saint of sick children, sick people, shoemakers and swans..

In 1225 Henry 111 gave approval to a scheme to take down part of the old Roman wall to extend the cathedral.

Calamity struck again in 1237 when the central tower collapsed due, it is said, to it having been built on pillars that were not strong enough to support the huge weight of the tower. Several people were crushed to death under the fallen masonry. The Bishop at this time was a man by the name of Grosseteste and he oversaw the reconstruction of the fallen tower.

A story from the year 1255 has it that in this year a child by the name of Hugh was stolen by Lincoln's Jews. According to reports from the time they “scourged him until the blood flowed, they crowned him with thorns, mocked him and spat upon him”. Whether all this was true or not is open to speculation, as this was a time when all Jews were under persecution. The dean obtained the poor boys corpse and it was buried in the cathedral and a shrine to “little St Hugh (he was never canonized) was put in place. As a result of this murder many Jews were executed and their property confiscated.

The cathedral is the second largest by area of all the English cathedrals, York being the largest. In its heyday Lincoln ranked as the third greatest pilgrimage centre in England.

In November of 1290 the much loved wife of King Edward 1, Eleanor of Castile died at Harby, only a few miles from Lincoln. There is a tomb to her in the cathedral. Her remains were buried in three different holy places – her body in Westminster Abbey, her heart in London's Blackfriars and her other remains in

Lincoln. Her marriage to Edward lasted 35 years and she bore him at least 13 children, some on her journeys with him, even when he was on the Crusades.

The journey to London of the funeral cortege, which made 12 stops en route, was marked by the erection of the Eleanor Crosses – these marked the resting places at which, a cross being erected at each. Only three survive, the final one being at Charing Cross in London.

Her tomb at Lincoln was destroyed by Parliamentary soldiers during the Civil War, but fortunately, a drawing was made of it in 1641, and, using this, a replica was made in 1890, paid for by Joseph Rushton of Lincoln.

Further additions to the cathedral were made in 1300. These included choir stalls, pulpit screen and a grand central tower: this tower proved to be the tallest recorded building in the world, exceeding that of the Great Pyramid of Giza, it held the record for 238 years 1311-1549. The single spire was complemented in 1350 by the addition of two more spires, but slimmer than had been planned due to the weight involved. At this time the church was considered to have been in its prime.



There is a tomb in the cathedral to Katherine Swynford (1350-1403), Duchess of Lancaster. At the age of 16 or 17 she was married to a young knight from Kettlethorpe, in Lincolnshire. She had three children by him: it appears that he died young and his wife remained a widow for many years, but was rumoured to have been the mistress of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster and Earl of Lincoln. She bore him four children who were given the surname of Beaufort. When the Duke's second wife died, he and Katherine were married in Lincoln cathedral and their four children were legitimised by both the Pope and King Richard 11. Our present Queen Elisabeth 11 is descended from the Beaufort family. Katherine's sister was the wife of Geoffrey Chaucer, the renowned English writer (Canterbury Tales).

At the Reformation (1530's) the cathedral's shrines were ransacked (1540), and the practical result of this was the removal, by Henry's men, of 2,621 ounces of gold, 3,285 ounces of silver together with pearls, gems, the golden shrine of St Hugh and the pure silver shrine to John Dalderby. Further to this, the dissolution of the chantries, the funeral chapels endowed for priests to pray for the deceased followed. Out of 53 chantry priests in the cathedral in 1536 only 11 remained for dismissal by 1547.

To be continued.

Colin Scrupps

MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (314)

HELD ON MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2017 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

M Cooper

2. PUBLIC FORUM

28 members of the public attended.

A spokesman for the village put forward a number of objections to the 2 planning applications on the agenda

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Collingwood absented himself from the planning discussion (Cllr. Collingwood had submitted both planning applications)

Cllrs. Brookes & Spencer declared an interest on the planning applications as they are Boston Borough Cllrs.

Cllrs Craven, Leggott & Tunnard all declared a working relationship with Keith Collingwood Engineering, they did not absent themselves from the planning discussions.

Cllr. Baxter also absented himself from the planning discussions

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

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

5. POLICE MATTERS

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

6. HIGHWAYS

Amenity grass cutting to be cut as part of the safety cutting programme. Sleaford Road sign and playground sign need replacing and repairing, Cllr. Spencer to contact relevant department.

Clerk to contact Mr Barnard re; path by the church and slippery path on way to Sutterton

7. PLAYGROUND

Councillors to contact Malc Firth re; safety matting around roundabout.

Accompanied safety inspection to be arranged clerk.

Man and some dogs seen in playground. Cllr Cooper to look into.

Gap in fence in playground needs attention Cllr. Craven to look into.

8. FINANCIAL

C/A £7937.02 D/A £2261.03

9. PLANNING

There were two planning applications.

Demolition of buildings and outline planning application for up to 7 dwellings at Keith Collingwood Engineering

Outline application for the erection of up to 12 dwellings at land and car park located opposite Keith Collingwood Engineering.

Wigtoft Parish Council objected unanimously to both planning applications.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Letter concerning bus service in village.

11. A.O.B

There will be no meeting in October

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 6th November 2017 at 7.00pm.

***The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on
Monday 4th December 2017 at 7.30pm***

All are welcome to attend

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Brown Bin Collections



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again on Friday March 9th 2018**

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10th Dec. 3.00pm - Rev. Alan Barker, Carols
17th Dec. 10.30am - TBA
24th Dec. 3.00pm - Rev. Alan Barker, Carols
31st Dec. 10.30am - Rev. David Curran



7th Jan. 10.30am - United Service at Holbeach
14th Jan. 10.30am - Rev. Bob Pritchard
21st Jan. 10.30am - Rev. Alan Barker
28th Jan. 10.30am - Lieut. Cols. Peter & Sylvia Dalziel



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