

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



June / July 2022



Dates to Remember over the coming months

Sunday June 5th, 930am - Jubilee Service, Wigtoft Church

Sunday June 5th, Midday - Jubilee Celebration, Wigtoft Village Hall

Sunday June 11th 3pm - Cream Teas, Wigtoft Church

June 27th & July 25th - Wigtoft Walkers

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Since I last wrote we have held our AGM. At this meeting John Craggs stood down as the Church Treasurer. He was presented with some gift vouchers as a thank you for all of his hard work. No one came forward to be our next Treasurer so we are still without one. As you walk past the Church noticeboard you will see a notice advertising the post.

We have started our events season with a Flower Festival. This was a very successful event raising £1,336 for Church funds.

On the first Saturday of the Flower Festival a group of people did a Sponsored Walk to raise funds for the Church. We would like to thank Libby for organising this walk and also a big thank you to everyone that took part in the walk. A grand total of £644 was raised. Well done everyone, I should think that the food and drinks were very welcome when you all got back to the Church.

When we have our next PCC meeting we shall be looking at the type of Church we would like to be. It looks like we shall be a Community Church and we will be looking at what the Community would like us to do for them. We now know that even if we cannot afford to pay more than we do at the present time we can still be a Community Church.

A Grass cutter is need at the Church. Curtis has had to give up doing the grass so we will need someone else to help in the Churchyard. Thank you Curtis for all that you have done in the Churchyard.

Wigtoft PCC

Church Flower Arranging

June..... Sandra Smith
July..... Jane Barkham
August Ann Dawkin
September Sue Tunnard
October Jean Knight

**Don't forget to come along
to our Bacon Butty
Mornings every Saturday
10am until noon**

The Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

Chairman - Rev. Charles Robertson		
Jane Barkham - Secretary	Virna Atkinson	Jackie Core
Jean Knight	Ann Dawkin	Wendy McCombie
Colin Scrapps	Malcolm Franklin	

Flower Festival 2022

The PCC and Friends of the Church would like to thank everyone who helped at the Flower Festival. A jolly good time was had by everyone. A total of £1,336 was raised for the Church. Once again Thank you very much everyone.

A very big thank you to Libby Craggs for organising the Sponsored Walk. Libby and a group of friends did this walk, some of them walked five miles. You all did very well. When they got back to the Church we gave them all a drink and something to eat to say thank you. Libby and the walkers raised £644 in sponsorship. Once again Libby and all the walkers, Thank you.

Wigtoft PCC

Wigtoft Church Services for June and July

June

Sunday June 5th 9.30am Queen's Jubilee Service

Sunday June 12th 9.30am Communion

July

Sunday July 3rd 9.30am Communion

Sunday July 10th 9.30am Communion

Group Service at Wigtoft Church Sunday July 31st at 10.30am

All are welcome to come and join us for the services.

Monthly Coffee Mornings



The Friends of the Church are holding a coffee morning every 3rd Thursday of the month from 10am - Noon in the Church to help raise funds for the Churchyard maintenance.



Please come along and join us, and if you are able to help with any work in the churchyard then please speak to one of the Church PCC members

Wigtoft Church Lottery Winners

April 2022

1 st (£20)	Mick Core
2 nd (£10)	Angela Lowe
3 rd (£5)	Sue Franklin

May 2022

T Jackson
Ann Mulbregt
Val Johnson



Bring a Picnic &
Come and join us to celebrate
The Queen's Jubilee
On Sunday 5th June 2022
Midday to 4pm
at Wigtoft Village Hall
Fun & Games for All The Family
Including
A glass of fizz and cake

Event is in the carpark – limited numbers allowed inside Hall if it rains

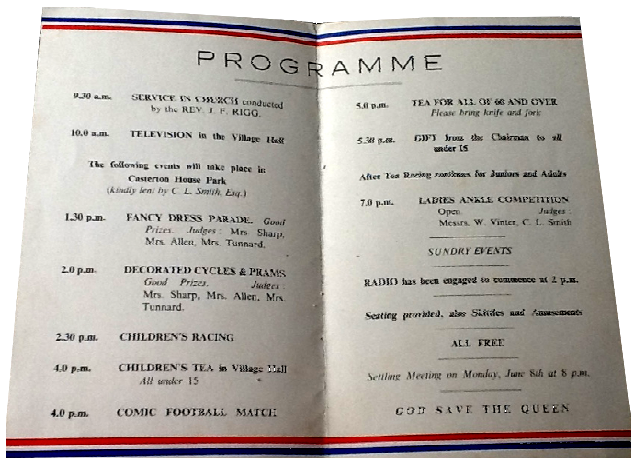
The Queen's Coronation Celebrations In Wigtoft, 1953

Below is a reconstruction of a programme for the Queen's Coronation Celebration in Wigtoft from Tuesday 2nd June 1953, a copy of the original together with other memorabilia of the time is in the keeping of a long term village resident .



God
Bless
Our
Queen

Souvenir Programme
WIGTOFT CORONATION CELEBRATIONS
Tuesday, 2nd June, 1953



PROGRAMME

9.30am **SERVICE IN CHURCH** conducted
by the REV. J. F. RIGG

10.0am **TELEVISION** in the Village Hall

The following events will take place in
Casterton House Park
(Kindly lent by C.L. Smith Esq)

1.30pm **FANCY DRESS PARADE** *Good Prizes.* Judges: Mrs Sharp
Mrs Allen, Mrs Tunnard

2.0pm **DECORATED CYCLES & PRAMS**
Good Prizes
Judges Mrs P. Sharp,
Mrs Allen, Mrs Tunnard

2.30pm **CHILDRENS RACING**

4.0pm **CHILDREN'S TEA** in Village Hall
All under 15

4.0pm **COMIC FOOTBALL MATCH**

5.0pm **TEA FOR ALL 60 AND OVER**
Please bring knife and fork

5.30pm **GIFT from the Chairman for all under 15**

After Tea Racing continues for all Juniors and Adults

7.0pm **LADIES ANKLE COMPETITION**
Open Judges:
Messes W. Vintner, C. L. Smith

SUNDAY EVENTS

RADIO has been engaged to commence at 2pm

Seating provided, also Skittles and Amusements

ALL FREE

Settling Meeting on Monday, June 8th at 8pm

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Village Activities For You To Join In



Dates for Wigtoft Walkers

Our walking group grows from strength to strength. If you wish for exercise and good companionship then please join us, you would be most welcome. Walks are organised for those of mixed ability. We try to include coffee enroute!!
The dates are:-

June - Monday 27th, July - Monday 25th

For further information please contact Kim, Tel :-012105 460 711.

Dates for Litter Picking



We continue to pick litter from Wigtoft, sad to say. Perhaps not quite as much as once we did. We are delighted to say that more and more walkers are now seen to pick up the odd bottle, tin or food carton, thank you. If you wish to join us then here are the dates. Monday June 20th and Monday July 18th, meeting at the Village Hall at 10am

We usually have a coffee to conclude - you would be very welcome.

Further information can be obtained from Kim. Tel:- 01205 460 711.

Wigtoft Church Cream Teas



Saturday June 11th 3-5pm

Cream Tea - £4

Our Cream Tea includes

a sandwich of choice, a sausage roll or cheese whirl
a scone or cake, and cup of tea or coffee

Additional items available at the usual price

Please come along for this "yummy" event

The Sponsored Walk Held On Saturday 23rd April

Sponsored Walk Wow!!

An amazing £644 was raised by the walk.

On the first day of the Flower Festival a sponsored walk was organised by "Wigtoft Walkers." There were nine walkers from both the village and beyond. They assembled at the church gates and were then off amid much chatter and smiling faces. They had a walk of up to five miles ahead and this was divided into walks for all abilities.



Photograph of the walkers taken by Chris Stanhope who also joined in

They arrived back at Church and were made welcome with some light refreshments.

A very big thank you to all the Walkers. Also to everyone who sponsored the walkers.

The money raised was donated to Church funds. The amount of £644 is greatly appreciated by the P.C.C. to help in the running of the Church.



WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



The Gardening Club meetings planned over the next months are

Monday June 20th, 7pm

Monday July 18th, 7pm

In the Village Hall. If you would like to join then please come along
Come along and have an evening of interest and fun.

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for events and bookings

For further information, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005

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

Platinum Jubilee Quiz

It's the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, if you had not noticed already. Here are some Jubilee quiz questions to test your knowledge about Her Majesty. You can find the answers on page 30.

- 1) How many grandchildren does the Queen have?
- 2) What year did Princess Elizabeth marry the Duke of Edinburgh?
- 3) What year was Princess Anne born?
- 4) What year did the Queen make her husband a British prince?
- 5) How many UK prime ministers have served during the Queen's reign?
- 6) How old was the Queen when she made her first radio broadcast?
- 7) What year did the Queen and Prince Philip celebrate their Platinum Wedding Anniversary?
- 8) What year was the Queen's first grandchild Peter Phillips born?
- 9) What age was the Queen when she was crowned?
- 10) How many Popes has the Queen met at official visits during her reign?
- 11) What are the Queen's four main residences?
- 12) Who gained entry to one of the Queen's private rooms in 1982?
- 13) Who was Britain's longest-reigning monarch before Queen Elizabeth II?
- 14) Who designed the Queen's coronation dress?
- 15) The Queen appeared alongside which actor in a skit for the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympics?

Events Planned for Wigtoft by the Friends Of The Church for 2022

Cream Tea, Saturday 11th June 3-5pm

**Craft and Harvest weekend, 16th, 17th
and 18th September, 10am - 3.30pm**

Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, Sunday 9th October

**Christmas Tree Festival, 25th, 26th & 27th of November and
3rd & 4th December, with a Carol Service on the 25th November**

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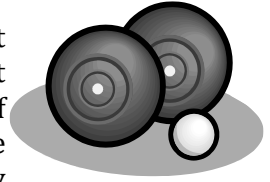
**Regular Bacon Butties Every Saturday morning from
10am - noon in the Church from May to September**

**Coffee mornings the 3rd Thursday in the month from
10am - Noon in the Church from May to September**

Wigtoft Bowls Club

Wigtoft Bowls Club Open Day

A lovely sunny Sunday afternoon was enjoyed by all at our Annual Bowls Open Day. There was a good turnout of both members and visitors, who all enjoyed a game of bowls followed by tea and cake. A big thank you to the ladies who made the delicious cakes and savouries, they were excellent. It was great to see some young people come and have a go and also some ladies who gave it a try. A big well done to all those who had not played before, after being shown how to bowl everyone had a go and did very well, and had an enjoyable afternoon. Hopefully they will be joining us as new members for the future.



New members are always very welcome. We have spare bowls so anyone can come along and have a go, and there is always an experienced bowler on hand to give help and advice, and it's only £25 a year to join!

You don't have to be a member to enjoy bowls, and you don't have to even play. Now the longer warmer sunny evenings are here, why not come along and spend a very pleasant evening watching a game. We play at home most Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6.30pm. If you want any further information call Peter on 01205 460536. Home matches are on:

Monday evening 13th June. Wednesday evenings 1st, 8th and 29th June.

We hope to see you there.

Items For Sale

Electric black and decker hedge trimmer 40cm/16in - £50

Gardena Electric extendable and 90 Degree angle hedge trimmer - £50

The two trimmers together £80.

Buyer collects, please telephone 01205 357038, Mrs SP Jones

**If you have any items that you would like to advertise
(free of charge) for sale or find a new home for please
contact one of the newsletter team or email
wigtoftnewsletter@gmail.com**



Didn't they do well!

On behalf of "Wigtoft Walkers" who did a great job - I would like to thank all those who kindly sponsored us on our walk which raised £644. Also a thank you to Friends of the Church who provided light refreshments on our return, it was so appreciated.

Next year—Snowdon here we come!!!

Libby

Flower Festival - Fantastic!

It was once again a joy to visit Wigtoft Church. The flower arrangements were their usual high standard and the refreshment suited everyone's taste and were well received by all.

Thank you Friends of the Church for such a lovely event.

A grateful visitor

A VERY NEAR THING

The recent death of a very senior Royal Air Force officer reminded me of an event in my own service career.

Between 1987 and 1989 I was a RAF officer on loan to the Sultan of Oman's Air Force (SOAF) and appointed a staff office to the Commander, Air Marshal Sir Eric Bennet (Obituary: The Times 18th February 2022). On one occasion he invited me to accompany him to witness a live low-level bombing sortie by SOAF Jaguars flown by both RAF and SOAF pilots. The Commander positioned us a little left of track, in a shallow depression and about 1 km from the target. As the aircraft passed us one of the aircraft dropped its bomb early. I watched, transfixed, as it fell. Air Marshall Bennett shouted to take cover and we dived to the ground. The explosion was very close to us and the sound of shrapnel flying just above us quite frightening. After some suitable expletives I thanked the Commander for saving my life!

The up side of this episode was that the pilot was a serving RAF officer and his error cost him very dearly in the Officer's Mess bar that evening.

Squadron Leader Rex Blanchard-Smith JP BSc

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone that helped with flower arranging and donations of Flowers and Cakes. Also money to fund both weekends, that was very kind of you all.

It was a lovely happy event from start to finish, but we need more help. If anyone has an hour or two to be on stalls or help in the kitchen that would be great.

We are a friendly group, come along and see for yourself and have a bacon butty on Saturday morning in the Church from 10am to mid-day.

It would be great to see you. Many thanks to you all.

Jean Knight

Dog's Diary

Avis M Padley

Hello Friends.

Hope you are keeping your New Years resolutions. I made a rule not to make any so I didn't break them!

The old one disappeared over Christmas and I was taken to see other friends. One canine was tolerated when outside the room I was occupying.

Dragged to the rowing club again. Why do humans pretend to enjoy moving wet, slippery boats around.

Met a Doberman in the park today, he was twice as tall as me so I avoided him. My two border collie friends moved so quickly that they collected my ball without giving me a slender chance.

The boss is painting the kitchen today so I had to avoid wet paint.

Would-be gardeners knocked on the door today but didn't return. I wonder why.

Mum now has a cup on the end of a stick so can throw my ball with little effort.

Today I left footprints in freshly laid concrete. Ha-ha-ha-ha.

My birthday- I was given a delightful squeaky toy and lots of eats.

I am helping Mum in the garden but this is not appreciated.

Found a roast chicken in a black bag so enjoyed an extra meal.



Topical Talk

We all moan about the banks and the fact that they all seem out of tune with the public, who they are supposed to be serving, plus, despite the fact that they all seem to make enormous profits, their interest rates are an insult.

Well, if you happen to live in the Isles of Scilly, and you need to use the bank, you have an additional problem – you could face a round trip of nearly six hours, plus a cost of £140, to visit your nearest bank.

The last bank on the islands (Lloyds) has just closed it's doors, leaving the residents without any banking facilities apart from the Post Office. The only way they can visit a bank is to either fly or take a ferry. The ferry from St Mary's, the main island, to Penzance takes nearly three hours and costs around £140 – you are then about eleven minutes walk to the nearest Lloyds. You would also, possibly, have to stay the night because the ferry times do not align with the banks opening hours: an additional problem also arises in the winter as the ferry does not run between December and February, leaving flying as the only option; the daytime return flight starts at £127. Barclays closed their branch on the island four years ago. Lloyds have promised to keep their ATM on the island open and will test sending a community banker over once every two weeks. The local PO is likely to end up having to deal with some small financial issues.

A stowaway has just been removed from a North Sea oil rig – this stowaway, name of “One-eyed Joe”, was discovered inside a shipping container that had come from Peterhead, Aberdeenshire. This “undesirable” was a black cat! It seems that the animal was a frequent visitor to HMP Grampian in Peterhead, where inmates and staff fed him and gave him his nickname.

Apparently the night shift deck crew ran away when they opened the container and discovered One-eyed Joe, as they were frightened of cats! The Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals flew him back to the mainland; when they scanned his microchip he was identified as Dexter, who went missing from his original owners five years ago. He was reunited with his owner Bridie Dorta, who said she was “quite shocked” to have her pet back – she said that he has always been a wanderer; she plans to keep him in touch with his prison friends.

A new study in America, at the California State University, into the fruit

eating habits of monkeys suggests that they seek out fermented fruit for the alcohol content. This study suggests that humans inherited their love of drinking and alcohol from the primates.

A spokesman for the study said that the monkeys are probably not getting drunk because their guts are filling before they reach inebriating levels, but it is providing some physiological benefit – does this sound familiar !!!

Finally, another “doggy” story; a border terrier has survived underground after being trapped for almost two weeks: six year old Freda went down a badger sett while being walked at Lickey Hills Country Park near Birmingham. Her owner, Victoria Hogan set up camp near the spot where the dog disappeared in the hope that she would return – she even tried cooking bacon at the spot hoping that the smell would entice her out; she even called out the Fire and Rescue Service who tried using specialist listening equipment and underground cameras, but to no avail. After eight days Victoria gave up hope and went home, convinced that the missing dog would not be recovered: however, twelve days after the incident, Freda was found by three students, collapsed on a nearby roadside; she was very weak and bedraggled but alive. She was treated for dehydration and malnutrition, pressure sores and cuts: she was back home in two days after undergoing treatment at the vets and is recovering well.

Colin Scrapps

Sutterton Methodist Church



Sutterton Methodist Church are now holding their coffee mornings the first Wednesday of the month. The next one is on June 1st 10am to mid-day. All are very much welcomed on these occasions. We hope in time to extend this to twice a month.

We are also having a Cream Tea afternoon on June 4th midday to 4pm. So why not come along and join us.

Sunday services continue to be held. Please see our notice board for further details.

If you wish to chat with our minister then please contact
Rev Luke Smith Tel:- 01406 493235

Ray Clemence was born and raised in Skegness and was the only child of Bill and Muriel (nee Scott) Clemence – he attended Lumley Secondary Modern School. His initial football position was as centre forward, but he was put in goal for his school team when he was 15 years old, much to his dismay. He reluctantly stayed in that position and was spotted by Scunthorpe United talent scouts. At the age of 17 he was signed up by the club: two years later he joined Liverpool for £18,000, with a weekly wage of £30.

In the summer of 1967 when he was 19 he was working as a deck chair attendant on Skegness beach and thinking of giving up football for good – his dream of stardom in the game had been crushed a few weeks before when he gave a catastrophic performance for Scunthorpe United in front of Bill Shankley, the watching Liverpool manager; he was considering a new career in accountancy instead. In this match they lost 3-0 and two of the goals were his fault and he thought that he had “blown” his best chance of progressing in the game. He was folding deckchairs when he saw a man running towards him waving his arms – his mother had had a phone call from his club at Scunthorpe to say that they had agreed a fee with Liverpool.

He was with this club for 14 years and won many trophies. He decided to quit Liverpool in 1981 while he was at the top; by this time he was regarded as the finest keeper in the club’s history.

He then signed up for Tottenham Hotspurs and in his 7 year stint with them he picked up more trophies: he was appointed MBE in 1987 and retired the following year aged 40, having taken part in more than 1,000 matches for his various teams.

Clemence made his debut appearance for England under Sir Alf Ramsey in a World Cup qualifying match against Wales in 1972 and went on to win 61 caps for his country.

After retiring from playing for Spurs he moved on to the club’s coaching staff and stayed there for a time; he left there in 1994 to become joint manager of third division Barnet – he took sole charge after 6 months and stayed at the helm for two seasons. In 1996 he left Barnet to become England goalkeeping coach under Glenn Hoddle and continued in that role until 2012, when he had to call it a day after he sustained an injury. He spent another year being involved with the England squad and retired from football altogether in 2013.

He married Veronica Gillespie in 1971 after meeting her at a church in Liverpool during its Monday folk night – she survives him along with their two daughters Sarah and Julie, both former models who married professional sportsmen, and their son Stephen, a former footballer who played for Spurs and coached at Newcastle United.

Colin Scrapps

**“If you’ve something to do
And it’s hard to begin it,
Set right about it
And don’t waste a minute”**



Flaming June has a glory of its own. The days get longer and the flowers more brilliant. The wind is warm and trees are still showing their unspoilt fresh green leaves. We must remember that bright summer days can herald an unexpected thunderstorm – so don’t go out unprepared.

Birds still sing but not such a full choir as we heard in April and May. Tired and anxious parent birds have a full-time job feeding their demanding nestlings.

Some wild flowers can be found in spite of modern sprays but there are less varieties seen now.

Butterflies abound these months and we still see a few tortoiseshells, red admirals and common blues on our flowers in the gardens.

Most children are fascinated by water and many of us kept frog spawn as youngsters!

It needs quick eyes to spot a wild animal now as the weasel and stoat have become rare in the countryside. Voles and mice are not often seen in the countryside but the latter occasionally invade our garages and outbuildings. Hedgehogs leave evidence in our gardens though we don’t often see them.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Bank Holiday	3 Bank Holiday <small>Green Bin Collection</small>	4 10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
5 9.30am Jubilee Service <i>Wigtoft Church</i> 12- 4pm Jubilee Celebration	6 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	7 10am - Noon Churchyard Weeding <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	8 10am - Noon Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	9	10 <small>Blue / Brown Bin</small>	11 10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i> 3pm - 5pm Cream Teas <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
12	13	14 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	15	16 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	17 <small>Green Bin Collection</small>	18 10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
19	20 10am Litter Picking 7pm Garden Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	21 Mid Summer The Longest Day	22	23	24 <small>Purple/Brown Bin</small>	25 10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
26	27 10am Wigtoft Walkers <i>Meet at Village Hall</i>	28 10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	29	30		

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The Bedehouse and school in Wrangle were founded in 1555 by Thomas Alenson – he gave his house at Joy Hill to be converted into a bedehouse for 2 poor men and 2 poor women and one of whom should be able to instruct the children in English and Latin.

In 1705 the Rev William Erskine gave 9 acres of land, the rent from which was used to make up the weekly salaries and stipends of the 4 members of the bedehouse and also to pay the school master. These bedehouses were built jointly by Wrangle and Leake; the residents were given 5 pence weekly for attending church services and 5 yards of woollen cloth each at Christmas.

In the reign of Henry 11 much of the land and the church in the parish were given to Waltham Abbey by Simon le Bret.

In January 1282 the King granted to Henry de Lacey, Earl of Lincoln, the right to hold a market on Saturday every week at his manor in Wrangle.

In 1307 the Abbot of Waltham erected a ducking stool in the village – this would have been on the side of a pond or river and was used as a punishment for crimes committed by local people.

A murder was committed in Wrangle in 1305 when Henry, the son of John de Wrangle, and William Cook killed Richard Knyth – they fled and were never captured.

The importance of Wrangle in the 14th century is shown in the fact that when Edward 111 raised his navy for the invasion of France (1359) the village was one of 82 places in the kingdom that was asked to help – the village's assessment being 1 ship and 8 men; this put it on a par with Liverpool at the time.

The Reed (Rede) family can be traced as residents of the village from the middle of the 14th century to nearly the end of the 17th century.

The Gilbert family also has a long association with the village; they had a large amount of property in the area. Joseph Gilbert of Wrangle was part of the expedition led by Capt Cook in the Pacific region and gave his name to the Gilbert Islands.

A large creek ran from the sea into the parish and vessels sailed to within a quarter of a mile of the church. Parts of ships, cannon balls and other items have been found within the parish border. This old creek was called Hanger and this gave the name to the Old Angel Inn that stood on its bank.



There is a part of the parish that is called Gallows Hill where human bones have been dug up in the past – it is not known if these have any connection with the name.

At Wrangle Common, in the past, a large number of balls of burnt clay have been found – these had been moulded in the hand as the finger impressions were still visible on them; their use is not known.

An ancient brass ring was found in the vicarage garden in 1852; it was inscribed and is generally believed to have been a New Year's gift – it has been dated to the second half of the 15th century.

A field known as King's Hill is situated at Wrangle Common; this is a moated area and must have been the site of an important house or fortification.

Another moated area known as Ivory is located on the Friskney parish border: extensive foundations have been found in both these places.

Many artefacts have been ploughed up in the fields around Wrangle over the years, including Roman pieces.

Mary Leffey

On February 6th 1884 William Leffey, a man of 59 living in the village, died of arsenic poisoning. His widow Mary, aged 49, was tried and executed. The couple were childless and apparently happily married and lived alone except for a nephew who had lodged with them for five months but left four days before the death.

At the trial evidence was given by eleven Wrangle residents who confirmed that Mary Leffey travelled often to Boston to sell butter. Early on February 6th she had travelled with Samuel Spence, the local carrier – her husband had travelled with her for part of the way but then walked home. At 3pm that day Leffey had staggered to the home of Dr Bubb, the Wrangle doctor, but the doctor was out; instead he saw Miss Bubb (presumably the doctor's daughter). Leffey produced a basin half full of rice pudding and told her that he had been poisoned by it: a Dr Faskally, who was acting as a locum, returned and after examining Leffey he arranged for him to be taken home and put to bed.

When his wife returned home from Boston and went upstairs she was told by her husband that he did not want to see her any more – he died at 9pm that night in the presence of several village friends.

Two days later Mary was charged with poisoning her husband with arsenic and her trial took place at Lincoln Assizes on May 7th where she pleaded “not guilty”. Evidence was given that the remains of the rice pudding contained enough poison to kill over 100 people. She was found guilty after 35 minutes and was subsequently executed.

Colin Scrapps

MINUTES OF WIGTOFT ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th March 2022

Present: Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Bringham; Cllr S Collingwood;
Cllr S Smith; Cllr S Baxter.

Also Present: Representatives of the: Village Hall Committee; Voluntary Litter Picking Group; Walking group; Bowls Club; Parochial Church Council; Wigtoft News and Views; the Gardening Club; Scraps and the Blisbury Charity. Residents of Wigtoft Parish.

To receive the annual report of Wigtoft Parish Council by the Chairman, Councillor Bruce Leggott.

The Chairman, Cllr B. Leggott, thanked everyone for attending and read his report which is attached to these minutes.

To receive any presentations from groups/ organisations from within the village.

Village Hall – The Committee are working on a four- year plan including new heating, lighting, kitchen and chairs. The kitchen is being redecorated in May with the other work to follow as and when.

Litter Picking Group – there is still a lot of litter in the village, including cans and food wrappers. There is a water tank which has been fly tipped on Clover Lane. There are a lot of tin cans dumped in the dyke by the layby, with the amount dumped getting worse and it is dangerous to remove. There are currently four volunteers in the group. The group is grateful for the bags etc from Boston Borough Council. The clerk advised that the fly tipping had been reported and will speak to the relevant person about it not being collected and the issue with the cans in the dyke.

Walking Group – the group have a selection of walks which they enjoy. They can't walk on the pavement towards Sutterton as the grass verge is overgrowing onto the path. The group have had permission to walk around the reservoir. The clerk advised that the state of the path has been reported.

Parochial Church Council – work in the Churchyard is being organised. A tree is to be taken down which will be expensive. Volunteers are needed to help with the grass cutting and hedge trimming in the churchyard. The clerk advised that the Parish Council have agreed a donation of £300 to the PCC which will be paid in April.

Wigtoft Newsletter – the newsletter needs village related articles. Costs continue to rise so extra advertising is needed to generate more income. Volunteers are needed to help put together the newsletter.

Bowls Club – It was a good season last year. The group played in Division 1 of

the Boston Bowls League last year. New members are needed as there are only around 14 members at the moment. As advert will be placed in the Village Magazine.

Public Forum

The Christmas lights are funded by the Parish Council. The cable did not pass the PAT test, one reason being that it is too long. Two lengths and LED lights would be better. The Parish Council will obtain some quotes for replacement lights and cables.

Thanks were given to Councillor Peter Craven for cutting the grass in the Wildlife Garden. Paths in the garden are being cut this year on a regular basis by the contractor who cuts the Playing Field on behalf of the Parish Council.

Lorries are still turning and churning up the grass outside the village hall.

The police told a resident that double yellow lines could be applied for. The Parish Council will add this to the agenda for their next meeting.

Councillor Sandra Brigham summarised that it is clear that groups need money and members.

Meeting closed at 18:58.

Next Annual Parish meeting scheduled for March 2023

Parish Council News

Parish Council Vacancy

A vacancy for a Parish Councillor still exists. If you are interested in joining the Parish Council to get involved in the village then please contact the Parish Council Clerk by email at wigtoftpc@gmail.com or by calling 07383 276892.

Blisbury Charity Student Grants

Every year the Blisbury Charity has a small sum of money which is available to help students to buy books, equipment, travel etc. Students eligible to apply for this grant must be continuing in Further Education, eg Sixth Form, College or University and residing in Wigtoft. If your application is successful the grant will be paid towards the end of September.

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**Blisbury Charity, c/o Mrs Jane Barkham,
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7th March 2022

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Present: Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Collingwood; Cllr S Brigham; Cllr S Smith; Cllr S Baxter.

Also Present: County Councillor, M Brookes.

Public forum: None

Chairman's remarks: None.

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr P Craven was not present. Borough Councillor M Cooper sent his apologies.

To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

None

Notes of the meeting held on 7.2.22 to be confirmed and signed as minutes.

The above notes were agreed and signed as minutes. It was resolved to accept the notes as minutes.

ACTION: Clerk to post minutes on website.

Financial matters: Accounts for payment; budget figures and financial report.

<u>Date of invoice</u>	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	Overall total
15.1.22	Pay	236.00		
15.1.22	HMRC	59.00		
15.1.22	Clerk use of home as office	25.00		
31.1.22	Payroll services	18.00		
5.2.22	Printer Ink	8.32	1.67	
23.2.22	Repairs in play area	533.95	106.79	
19.2.22	Stamps	5.10		
5.2.22	Printer paper	4.00		
TOTAL		889.37	108.46	997.83
RECEIPTS				
	None	0.00		

It was resolved to authorise the above payments and budget figures.

ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add budget to website.

Planning: none.

Correspondence

4.1.22	LALC enews for Councils	Emailed to Councillors 8.1.22
11.1.22	LALC enews for Councils	Emailed to Councillors 18.1.22
11.1.22	Email from Local Police Team re no longer providing monthly crime figures to Parish Councils.	Emailed to Councillors 18.1.22 and added to agenda for Feb. 22.
18.1.22	Email from the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire re the Queens Platinum Jubilee.	Emailed to Councillors 18.1.22 added to agenda for next meeting.
19.1.22	Parish News from Boston Borough Council	Emailed to Councillors 19.1.22.
21.1.22	Heckington Fen Solar Park Update	Emailed to Councillors 26.1.22
23.1.22	Newsletter from Local Police Team posted on website 26.1.22	Emailed to Councillors and
25.1.22	LALC enews for Councils	Emailed to Councillors 26.1.22
30.1.22	Wigtoft News and Views Link added to website.	Emailed to Councillors 7.2.22.
1.2.22	LALC enews for Councils	Emailed to Councillors 7.2.22
2.2.22	email update on consultation from Fourfields School Sutterton about	emailed to Councillors 7.2.22

Councillors' Reports

Cllr SS – will the donation to the village hall be made in April? The clerk confirmed that it would.

Cllr Brigham – fly tipping in Clover Lane is still there. **ACTION: Clerk to chase.**

County Councillor Mike Brookes – Green Lane is included in the programme of works for the coming year.

Highways have completed work on the side of the A17 to improve visibility when exiting onto the A17 from the Main Road.

Clerk's report

Cllr Collingwood has repaired the litter bin near the churchyard.

The pothole at the junction of Main Road and Asperton Road has been reported.

The fly tipping on Clover Lane has been reported.

The damaged "Wigtoft" sign has been reported.

The overgrown verge on the footpath near the chicken farm has been reported.

The overgrown hedge by the footpath on Main Road near the junction with Asperton Road has been reported.

I have made contact with Boston Borough Council about the street lights between Burtoft Lane and the Council Houses. No reply received as at 2.3.22.

County Cllr M Brookes advised that he has an email with information about this. He will forward this to the clerk for distribution to the Councillors. He also advised that there was a consultation about the switching off of these lights at the time and there were no objections lodged. Cllr Brigham commented that situations change and it can be relevant to review actions taken at a later date.

An update about the Parish Council mobile phone

Cllr SC is trying to source a “pay as you go” SIM where unused allowances are carried forward and do not expire monthly.

ACTION: Agenda item for the next meeting.

An update on the event to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee.

To review the quotes for a plaque and a tree.

The clerk had obtained a quote for a plaque similar to the one already in the Wildlife Garden for £38.33. It was resolved to order a plaque. The clerk had been unable to obtain a quote for an Oak tree. Cllr BL offered to do this. Cllr Smith and Brigham advised the Council that they have not been able to book an entertainer for the village event yet but will continue to try and do this.

ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting. Clerk to order plaque.

To discuss the quote received for the new roundabout for the play area, to discuss the application of Wet and Forget product to the wetpour areas and the quote for pressure washing the wetpour (Cllr SC). To agree who will undertake the next play area inspection. To discuss the Wet Pour repair kit which can be purchased from Soft Surfaces UK.

The clerk has not been able to source any funding towards the cost of replacing the roundabout so far but will continue to research this. Cllr SC advised the Council that he has tested the application of the Wet and Forget product and believes that it would be better to have the wetpour jet washed before he does any more. He had asked the clerk to obtain a quote which was confirmed at £260. The clerk advised that the cost of jet washing the play equipment and wetpour last year was £250. It was resolved that the clerk is to check if the price includes jet washing the play equipment as well. For future repairs to the wet pour, the clerk presented information about a Wet Pour repair kit which can be purchased online and will retain this information in case of need. Cllr SS volunteered to undertake the March playground visual inspection.

ACTION: Clerk to query quote and continue to research funding support for the replacement roundabout.

To discuss further emails received from a resident since the last meeting about vehicles exceeding the speed limit through the village.

The clerk had sent details of the emails received about speeding traffic in the village to the Councillors. It was resolved to wait for the traffic survey results before deciding on any further action.

ACTION: Clerk to advise resident.

County Cllr, M Brookes advised Council that Sutterton may have some speed monitoring equipment that is not being used.

ACTION: Clerk to contact Sutterton Parish Council.

Information about the Community Speedwatch scheme was shared with Councillors which would enable trained volunteers to undertake speed checks in a controlled and authorized manner. Cllr SC commented that as there is a cost to joining this scheme, it would be useful to find out if there are residents who would volunteer to take part before registering.

ACTION Clerk to ask if a notice could go into the Village News.

To confirm how the Councillors’ new email addresses are to be used

Councillors agreed that for the time being it would be easier for them to use their existing emails addresses but would review this in the future. Cllr Baxter agreed to use the new email address for Parish Council correspondence.

ACTION: Agenda item in six months’ time.

To discuss the information received about the Great British Spring Clean.

It was resolved that the clerk should sent the information to the Litter Picking group to ask if they would be interested in getting involved with this event.

ACTION: Clerk to forward information.

Meeting closed at 19.55

Next meeting 4.4.22 at 7.30 pm.

**Boston Borough Council
Bin Collection Dates for June / July**



- Friday June 3rdGreen Bin
- Friday June 10thBlue Bin/Brown
- Friday June 17thGreen Bin
- Friday June 21stPurple/Brown Bin

- Friday July 1stGreen Bin
- Friday July 8thBlue/Brown Bin
- Friday July 15thGreen Bin
- Friday July 22ndPurple/Brown Bin
- Friday July 29thGreen Bin



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th April 2022

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wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk.

Present: Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Collingwood; Cllr S Brigham;
Cllr S Smith; Cllr S Baxter.

Also Present: County Councillor, M Brookes. Borough Councillor, Mike Cooper.

Public forum: None.

Chairman's remarks: None.

Apologies for absence and reasons given: Cllr P Craven was not present.

To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011: None

Notes of the meetings held on 7.3.2022 to be confirmed and signed as minutes.

The notes from the monthly meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting were agreed and signed as minutes. It was resolved to accept the notes as minutes.

ACTION: Clerk to post minutes on website.

Financial matters: Accounts for payment; budget figures and financial report.

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15.3.22	HMRC	59.00		
15.3.22	Clerk use of home as office	25.00		
31.3.22	Payroll services	18.00		
5.3.22	Printer Ink***	8.32	1.67	
17.1.22	LALC annual subs	156.44		
17.3.22	Multi purpose rubbish bin	304.50	60.90	
28.3.22	Website Maintenance service	150.00	30.00	
21.3.22	Jubilee Plaque for Wildlife Garden***	50.49		
1.4.22	Donation to Wigtoft Newsletter	200.00		
1.4.22	Donation to Wigtoft Parochial Church Council	300.00		
1.4.22	Donation to cover cost of electricity for Christmas Lights	100.00		
1.4.22	Donation to Village Hall	250.00		
TOTAL		1857.75	92.57	1950.32

RECEIPTS			
	None	0.00	

ITEMS MARKED * WERE INCLUDED IN THE 21 TO 22 ACCOUNTS**

It was resolved to authorise the above payments and budget figures.

ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add budget to website.

Planning:

B/22/0108, Proposed siting of 3 glamping pods at Lewis Farm, Fishmere End Road, Wigtoft, PE20 2PW; B/22/0107, Installation of 2 biomass boilers at Lewis Farm, Fishmere End Road, Wigtoft, PE20 3PW.

It was resolved that there were no comments to be made on either of the above planning applications.

ACTION: Clerk to advise planning department at Boston Borough Council.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr S Brigham - the fly tipping on Clover Lane has now been removed. The cans in the dyke near the layby heading out of the village towards Sutterton have been removed.

An update on the event to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. To review the quotes for a plaque and a tree.

The clerk handed over the plaque to Cllr BL. Cllr BL will obtain a quote for an Oak Tree by the next meeting. Cllr Smith and Brigham advised the Council that they have still not been able to book an entertainer for the village event yet but it has been decided that the event will go ahead anyway on Sunday 5th June at the Village Hall. It was confirmed that the agreed donation from the Parish Council will be needed but will be claimed once the amount is known.

ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting.

To discuss the additional quote received for the new roundabout for the play area. To receive the Play Area March inspection from Cllr SS and to agree who will undertake the next play area inspection.

Cllr SS presented the play area inspection report. It was noted that the equipment and wetpour jet wash clean has been ordered but not yet done. There are quite a lot of branches on the ground. It was resolved to obtain a quote for their removal. Cllr Brigham volunteered to complete the April inspection.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain quote.

The clerk has not been able to source any funding towards the cost of replacing the roundabout so far but will continue to research this. County Cllr Brookes gave a contact name who may be able to help.

ACTION: Clerk to make contact about funding support for the replacement roundabout. Agenda item next meeting.

To discuss the suggestion raised at the Annual Parish Meeting, to investigate the possibility of having double yellow lines on the road outside the village hall. To further discuss the possibility of reinstating the street lights on Main Road.

It was resolved to contact Lincolnshire County Council about the possibility of reinstating the lights and for a costing. County Cllr M Brookes provided contact details. It was resolved that County Cllr M Brookes would contact LCC about the double yellow lines.

ACTION: Clerk to makes contact.

Meeting closed at 20:12. Next meeting 9.5.22 at 7.30 pm.

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT TRAFFIC SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE? WOULD YOU BE PREPARED TO VOLUNTEER TO RECEIVE TRAINING AND CARRY OUT SPEED CHECKS?

The Parish Council is considering joining the Lincolnshire Community Speedwatch scheme through the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. As Community Speedwatch members, this would allow registration for volunteers from the village to be trained to carry out speed checks in a controlled and authorised manner.

If you would like to express an interest in undertaking the training and the speed checks, please email the clerk on wigtoftpc@gmail.com or leave your name and contact number on the Parish Council mobile phone, 07383 276892. Please see the link below for more information.

*[https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/6051/
community-speed-watch-guidance-booklet](https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/6051/community-speed-watch-guidance-booklet)*

The Parish Council has also arranged for the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to conduct a traffic flow and speed survey in the village

Wigtoft Parish Council

You can find details from Wigtoft Parish Council, including members, meeting agendas, full meeting minutes etc, plus other information about the village on the Parish Council website at:

wigtoft.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk

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Platinum Jubilee Quiz Answers From Page 9

- 1) 8 - Peter Phillips, Zara Tindall, Prince William, Prince Harry, Princess Beatrice, Princess Eugenie, Lady Louise Windsor and James, Viscount Severn.
- 2) 1947
- 3) 1950
- 4) 1957
- 5) 14
- 6) 14
- 7) 2017
- 8) 1977
- 9) 27 - She was 25 when she ascended the throne and 27 at her coronation in 1953.
- 10) 4 - Pope John XXIII (1961), Pope John Paul II (1980, 1982 and 2000), Pope Benedict XVI (2010) and Pope Francis I (2014).
- 11) Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace, Sandringham House and Balmoral Castle.
- 12) Michael Fagan
- 13) Queen Victoria (63 years, 216 days)
- 14) Sir Norman Hartnell
- 15) Daniel Craig as James Bond

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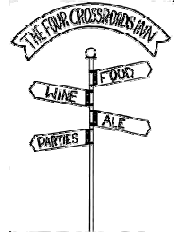
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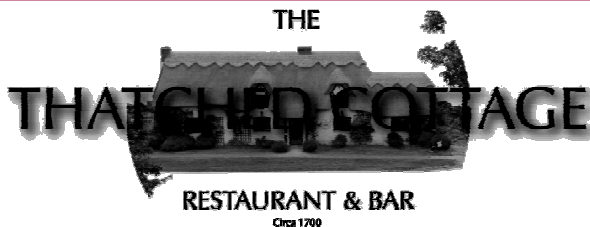
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