

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

August / September 2022



What A Summer!!

Dates to Remember over the coming months

Coffee Morning, Wigtoft Church

Thursdays, August 18th & Sept. 15th, 10am

*You can find details of events planned by the Village Hall on page 5
and the Church on page 4*

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Well, so much has happened during the past months.

We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee which was hosted by the Parish Council. This was a great success and those who attended had much fun. It was indeed an occasion to remember. If you have visited the wild life garden you will have noticed a tree planted, and we believe, a bench for walkers who may wish to rest, will be placed there soon in honour of this auspicious time. Our thanks go to the Parish Council for all their hard work. Well done everyone!

Our Prime Minister has resigned and Tory MPs are in the process of electing another. We wait with bated breath!

Everything has gone up in price, including the ink and paper for your magazine, but we continue to do our best. By what we hear there are many who value News and Views, we would like to thank you for your support. Many thanks to those who generously donate money towards the costs of producing the magazine

Also, we would like to express our gratitude to those who contribute to our magazine, where would we be without you!!

There is much information this month from the Church and the Village Hall so please read carefully. (See page 4 for events planned by the Church and page 5 for events planned by the Village Hall)

If you have anything you would like to see in print then please contact a member of the Editorial Team.

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St. Peter & St. Paul WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Wigtoft Church Update

The Church council have now worked out how much we can afford to pay each year to the Diocese. This payment is to help pay for a Vicar and nothing else. What we can pay will get us a priest at least once a month, this does not mean that this would be the only service at the Church each month.

Under the new set up we will be able to do what is called Congregational Lead Services. These services will not be Communion services, they will be more informal and aimed at families, they could also be, at a later time, on a Sunday.

This will all come in once Charlie retires, this gives us about a year to sort out how these services are done. I will keep you all informed on how things are going in future Newsletters.

Wigtoft PCC

Wigtoft Churchyard

I would like to thank all the people who have given their time to help keep the Churchyard tidy.

The ladies who, once a month, weed and plant flowers in the borders.

James and Curtis who mow the grass and also Steve who came on a more sturdy mower when the grass was long.

Also we had seven helpers, of all ages, who took on the task of cutting back the hedge, and clearing away all the cuttings. This was a hard morning's work and our grateful thanks to all of you. It was nice to see young people helping out also.

The tasks are, due to nature, ongoing.

Could you please come along and help, even if it just for an hour or two a month.



To volunteer please ring Jackie on 01205 400294, or just turn up on the day. The dates are in the magazine calendar.

Once again many thanks to all those who continue to give their time to help keep the Churchyard tidy.

Wigtoft PCC

Wigtoft Church Services

August

Sunday August 7th 9.30am Communion

September

Sunday September 4th 9.30am Communion

Sunday September 11th 9.30am Communion

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

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

Craft weekend 17th and 18th September, 10am - 3pm

Harvest Supper Sunday 9th October, in the Village Hall

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

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

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

Village Hall News

Things have been a bit quiet in the hall the last couple of months. We do have a new kitchen for the hall which will be fitted this month. Many thanks to John and Libby Craggs who donated their old one (which was in perfect condition).

We have a couple of fund raising events in the next few of months, first is an afternoon tea in August and then a fish and chip supper and quiz night in September. Tickets are available now, see below and the adverts on pages 10, 12 & 14 for more details.

Once again the Bacon Butty mornings will begin the first Saturday of October which will be here before we know it. Have a great summer everyone.

Upcoming Events at Wigtoft Village Hall

Sunday 21st August 2022

Afternoon Tea, 3 – 5 pm

Tickets £5 . Price includes Afternoon Tea, soft drink / tea or coffee.

There will also be a Raffle

Saturday 10th September 2022

Fish & Chip Supper – 7pm

Tickets £8. Price includes Fish & Chips, plus peas or beans or curry sauce or gravy. A sweet and tea/coffee or soft drink.

There will also be a Quiz and an Auction

Saturday 1st October 2022

Pre-Loved, Nearly New Sale

At the Bacon Butty Morning 10am to 12 noon.

All welcome

Friday 18th November 2022

Christmas Fair 6pm – 8pm

Many stalls, Raffle, Tombola and lots more

Tickets are limited for the Afternoon Tea and Fish & Chip Supper so ring Sally on 01205 460117 or Sandra on 01205 460536 NOW to make sure you get yours.

You are welcome to bring your own alcohol to the Afternoon Tea and the Fish & Chip Supper

Village Activities For You To Join In

Wigtoft Walkers



We set out on our monthly walk looking forward to exercise and good company. We were not disappointed. Our feet took us to The Rainbow in Kirton where we had a refreshing coffee before continuing home. The weather wasn't particularly kind to us but we still had loads of fun.

If you would like to join us then you are very welcome.

Here are the dates of our next walks.

Monday August 22nd Monday September 26th

We meet outside of the Village Hall at 10am.

If you would like further information then please contact Kim - 01205 460 711

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Wigtoft Wombles (*Also known as Wigtoft Litter Pickers*)



We were pleasantly surprised, and grateful, to receive a phone call from Dave Scotney, who is a member of Kirton Litter Pickers. They offered to help us pick litter in Wigtoft.

This was completed on July 5th when eleven of their members covered the areas of---Asperton Road, Fishmere End, down to Rainwells Lane, Blows Lane, Golden Grove and Clover Lane. This has helped us and the village of Wigtoft enormously. We wish to extend our gratitude to them all.

If you would care to help us keep Wigtoft clean and tidy our next village Litter Picking is on.

Monday August 15th Monday September 12th

We gather at the Village Hall at 10am.

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



WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



The Gardening Club meetings planned over the next months are

Monday August 15th, 7pm

Monday September 19th, 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.

Craft Weekend

St Peter & St Paul Church Wigtoft



17th & 18th September
10am until 3pm



Come along and see our lovely decorated Church

Lots of stalls



**Refreshments - Bacon Butties, Toasted
Sandwiches, Home Made Cakes, Tea & Coffee**



Everyone Welcome

Blisbury Charity Student Grants

The **Blisbury Trust** give out grants each year to help young people who go on to further education. We will be giving these grants out sometime in September.

If you are staying on at school or going to college to do A levels you can apply. If you are going to college or university to do other courses then you can also apply.

Please do get your application in by 30th August so that the trustees can read them in September. All we need is your name, address, the course you are going to do and whether you will be living at home or living else where.

If you are not keen on writing letters then you can e-mail me and I will print them off for you and take them to the trustees meeting. My e-mail address is :

wbarkham@btinternet.com

I look forward to hearing from all you students of Wigtoft.

Jane Barkham Blisbury Trust Clerk

Readers Letters & Comments



Hi

We would just like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Sally Smith and Sandra Brigham (and others) for putting on a brilliant Celebration party at the Village Hall on Sunday 5th June for the villagers of Wigtoft. Lots of fun, games and laughter. Music supplied by Harley. Lots of cup cakes and drinks all supplied.

But it was such a shame that hardly any of the villagers turned out to support these ladies in all the hard work they put into the day, to enable us all to enjoy ourselves and to keep the community alive with entertainment. If nobody supports the hard work that these ladies put into the Village Hall we will lose it the same as we lost the pub!! - lack of support.



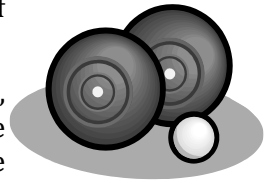
Thank you all again

Eileen & Dave Bartlett

Wigtoft Bowls Club

How quickly times goes !! We are already more than half way through the bowling season!

This year the Wigtoft team was promoted to Division 1 and, so far, although we have played some good bowls we have not won as many matches as we would have hoped. We have certainly been challenged by some excellent opposition.



There have been many lovely summer evenings when we have enjoyed playing. Here are the home fixtures if you fancy wandering over to enjoy a cup of tea watching a match.

August - Mon 1st, Wed 17th Start time is 6.30pm

Wigtoft Church Lottery Winners

June 2022

1 st (£20)	Christine Waudby
2 nd (£10)	Johnathan Wheatley
3 rd (£5)	Trevor Jackson

July 2022

Claire Wheatly
Pete McGuire
Rachel Batterham

Stopped at the old one's gate to remind owner that I needed bickies and a drink after my walk. Hint was taken.

Found a hare's head on the field. Buried it quickly for future reference. Owner wasn't quick enough to stop me as I was running free.

Part of a pheasant's wing was on the ground, so I swallowed it before the boss could intervene. It was tasty but scratched my throat!

The peg bag was left on the floor on wash day. I removed the pegs.

Chased a bumble bee in the garden. It escaped my snapping jaws.

Asked the boss nicely if I could have her artificial sheepskin to lie on in the sunny garden. I like to be comfy when I have a nap.

Played 'catch me if you can' when the old one tried to put on my lead. The settee makes a useful racetrack.

I always explore the old one's back garden. I never manage to catch George the cat, I wish I could scale the fence as he does!



Bye for now, Woof! Woof!

Wigtoft Parish Church ***Bacon Butty Mornings***



**Bacon Butty mornings to raise funds for
the Church take place every Saturday**

Morning 10am - Noon

**Please come along for a friendly chat and
light refreshments which include bacon
butties and home made cakes.**



***The Bacon Butty Mornings move back into the Village Hall
on Saturday October 5th for the winter months***

Fish & Chip Supper

At Wigtoft Village Hall



**Saturday 10th September
at 7pm**

Enjoy a great night out with a choice of
Fish & Chips or Sausage & Chips,
and either Mushy Peas or Beans or Curry Sauce or Gravy.

A delicious pudding for afters, soft drinks or tea and
coffee all for just £8 per ticket.

There will also be a Fun Quiz and an Auction.

Tickets are limited, make sure to get yours by contacting
Sally on 01205 460117 or Sandra on 01205 460536

You are very welcome to bring along your own alcohol

Come along and support the village and have a good
night out meeting friends old and new

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.*

We don't have to look far to find an elder bush, or should it be tree, in our county.

By June delightful white fairy like flowers appear. A younger relative brings me elderflower cordial and when diluted this really enlivens me.

The berries have many uses in cooking and in medicine. Elderberries contain vitamins A & C along with flavonoids which help relieve and shorten the life of the common cold. My grandma made delicious elderberry wine which surpassed any alcoholic wine sold in her public house!

A rumour associated with Judas Iscariot says that he hung himself from an elder tree. Elder was once buried with a body to keep the Devil away.

When elder wood is burned it gives off a nasty chemical smell so don't put it in your wood burner.



The uses of the flowers are many. They can be used to flavour small cakes or put into jellies or trifles. Added to chutney they enhance its flavour. During the First World war, elder flowers were used to make an ointment to treat bruises, scratches and chilblains.

It is not surprising to find many elder bushes or tree in the gardens of many old cottages!

Something to cool you down in the hot weather

Elderflower Cordial

Ingredients

1kg granulated sugar	1litre boiling water	2 large lemons
Zest of 2 lemons	15 elderflower heads, stalks removed	

1. Put the sugar into a basin with the boiling water and stir to dissolve. Add lemon juice and zest.
2. Shake elderflower to remove insects and add the flowers to the sugar syrup. Cover and leave for 1 - 2days, stirring morning and night.
3. Strain the elderflower cordial through some muslin and decant into sterilised bottles. It's ready to use.
4. Add to water and ice for a refreshing long drink or top up with Prosecco or champagne for a summer fizz. **Enjoy**



At Wigtoft
Village Hall

Saturday
October 1st
10am - 12 noon

Come and grab yourself a bargain at our
Pre-Loved / Nearly New Sale

Many items including clothes
and bric a brac

Bacon Butties and Homemade Cakes
also on sale

If you have an item you would like to donate to the
event it must be “new” or “like new” and can be either
left in the Village Hall porch

or contact Sally on 01205 460117
or Sandra on 01206 460536

The deadline for all donations is Friday 16th September 2022

Topical Talk

The world's largest living plant has just been identified in Australia – it is a seagrass that stretches across more than 100 miles of ocean floor and is growing in Shark Bay, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, 500 miles north of Perth. It was found by scientists looking to understand the number of plants and their genetic diversity in its bays meadows. At this age, probably around 4,500 years old, it is as old as Stonehenge. Jane Edgeloe, the leading author of the paper on the discovery, said that when they realised that it was just one plant, it “blew them away”. This seagrass is known as Poseidon's Ribbon and it snakes around the horse-shoe shaped bay. The previous largest known plant is an ancient 106 acre grove of aspen trees that originated from a single tree in Utah.

The researchers from Western Australia University say that, like the aspen trees, the seagrass is a freak of nature that has genetically engineered itself over thousands of years to become the “most widespread clone on earth”.

It is descended from prehistoric plants that bloomed at the end of an ice age about 8,500 years ago – the unique mutation of the plant allowed it to thrive over at least 4,500 years in conditions where others would quickly die out, the researchers said. One of the calamities it has survived is an unprecedented heat wave that hit Western Australia's coast in the summer of 2010-11, which wiped out more than 500 square miles of the seagrass meadows in the bay.

I read recently about an incident that happened in 1889 involving Thomas Hides: Thomas was born in Swineshead in 1882 and was one of three children born to Richard and Mary Hides who farmed in the village. On June 14th 1860 he married Jane Singleton, a farmer's daughter, at Great Hale and they acquired a farm of 120 acres near Wigtoft – they had three children. Robert Ford was a 17 year old lad who worked for Thomas and on Sunday October 6th 1889 Robert was working in the farmyard with a wagoner named William Dodds, when they heard the sound of screaming coming from the crewyard – they rushed to the spot and saw that Thomas was on the ground being trampled on by their bull: Robert quickly distracted the bull by beating it with a stick and allowing William to drag Thomas to safety. Thomas was unconscious and had a large wound on the side of his head, so the doctor was sent for – despite the doctor's efforts Thomas died later the same day.

At the coroners inquest the doctor testified that the cause of death was a fracture to the base of the skull – the jury returned a verdict of accidental death and the Coroner praised Robert for his courage. Thomas was buried in the churchyard at Wigtoft on October 10th 1889 – the bull was destroyed.

This was reported in the Lincs Free Press on October 15th 1889.

A tree in California which is believed to be the world's oldest may have a challenger from Chile.

The Californian tree, known as Methuselah, is a gnarled Bristlecone pine that grows at a secret location in Inyo County and is believed to be 4,853 years old – its rings were counted in 1957. Scientists in Chile have identified a challenger in a damp ravine in the Alerce Costero National Park; this is a Patagonian Cypress and may be more than 5,000 years old, according to "Science" magazine. These findings have yet to be confirmed.

Colin Scrupps

Afternoon Tea

At Wigtoft Village Hall



Sunday 21st August
3 – 5pm

Tickets just £5 each for a delicious Afternoon Tea
Including a soft drink or Tea/Coffee.

All cakes are homemade

This is a ticket only event and tickets are limited,
so call Sally on 01205 460117
or Sandra on 01205 460536 now to get yours.

You are very welcome to bring your own alcohol

The History Of Boston

In forthcoming issues of our magazine I will be trying to give an account of the history of Boston from pre-Roman times to the present day. Information has come from various sources and from personal knowledge.

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The History of Boston Part 1

Prior to the Roman invasion of Britain in 55 and 54 BC the area around Boston was very boggy and marshy, intermingled with high "islands". The inhabitants (the Iceni) probably lived close to the river, which provided them with water: they were a pastoral people, clearing wooded areas to provide pasture for their cattle and sheep – they would also cultivate the soil to grow crops.

Both sides of the upper Witham (it was called Grant-Avon, the divine stream, by the inhabitants) were well wooded and would provide all that was required by the local inhabitants.

There is little archaeological evidence left of these people apart from the occasional tumuli (burial mound) – there are signs of these at Kyme, Tattershall and possibly Revesby.

Several rich and curious swords, spear heads and other relics of antiquity were found in the bed of the Witham when it was cleared out in 1788, from Lincoln to Chapel Hill; as these were never properly recorded, little of the details are now known.

Around the year 61AD the local tribes, under occupation by the Romans, finally rebelled against their conquerors, caused, it is said, by the cruel treatment they were receiving from the Roman soldiers. However, they never stood a chance and were totally defeated and almost entirely wiped out.

It is generally accepted that there was no Roman presence in the Boston area and that where the town now stands would have been just a salty marsh in this period. Probably the nearest Roman presence on a permanent basis would have been at Ancaster, which was a fortified military camp on the road between Peterborough and Lincoln.

It is on record that in the year 1716 a Roman foundation was dug up beyond the school house (no indication of where this was in the town) near which some hewn stones formed a cavity in which was an urn with ashes and a few other items. Some time before this, in a Mr Brown's garden at Green-Poles (not known which part of the town this was either), another urn was dug up, lined with lead and full of red earth and bones and unquestionably Roman.

One line of thought suggests that the Roman site name, called Causennis, could refer to Boston and the name, translated, means the “causeway town”. There could be connections here to the Bridge End Causeway, which is part of the road from Grantham to Boston and is often called Saltersway, as it has always been thought of as a route for the transport of salt from the old salt workings that existed in this area; it is thought possible that these salt workings were in existence during Roman times – salt was a prized commodity as it was used for food preservation.



*Drawing of St Botolph's Church
(Boston Stump) from 1790*

It is thought possible that the Romans found it necessary to have some sort of fortification at Boston as the Witham was an important waterway which gave access to the fortified town of Lincoln and they would want to have some protection from water borne invasion from the North Sea.

During Saxon rule in England (the period between the Romans leaving and the Norman invasion, roughly), Lincolnshire formed part of the powerful kingdom of Mercia. In the “Saxon Chronicle” it is stated that St Botolph built a monastery, in what is now the Boston area, upon a “desert piece of ground” given to him by Ethelmund, king of the South Angles. This monastery existed until the destruction of the county by the Danes AD 870. The old Saxon name for Boston was probably Icanhoe.

Destruction of the monastery, founded in 650 AD, took place in 870 AD by the Danes under Ingvar and Hubba.

It was in 870 AD that the battle of Threkingham took place and where the Danes defeated the local forces, but in doing so they lost three of their kings – hence the name of the village.

At the time of the invasion by the Danes, Boston, as a town, did not exist – possibly it only consisted of the monastic buildings plus the usual appendages – it was still probably in this ruined state at the time of the Norman invasion (1066 AD).

(To be continued)

Colin Scrapps

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	6.30pm Wigtoft Bowls Club	10am - Noon Churchyard Weeding <i>Wigtoft Church</i>			Blue / Brown Bin	10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
	7.30pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9.30am Communion <i>Wigtoft Church</i>		10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am - Noon Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Church</i>		Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	10am Litter Picking			10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	Purple/Brown Bin	10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
	7pm Garden Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		6.30pm Wigtoft Bowls Club			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	10am Wigtoft Walkers <i>Meet at Village Hall</i>	10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>			Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
3pm Afternoon Tea <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>						
28	29	30	31			
	Bank Holiday					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Blue/Brown Bin	10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i>
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9.30am Communion <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	2pm Friends of the Church Meeting <i>Wigtoft Church</i>	10am - Noon Churchyard Weeding <i>Wigtoft Church</i>			Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Bacon Butty <i>Wigtoft Church</i> 7pm Fish & Chip Supper <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
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I am a collector (certainly NOT a hoarder) of cookery books. I love to browse through them occasionally. I enjoy cooking and eating as well. It isn't quite as much fun cooking for one but most days I have a go at something.

I've never really bought new books from a shop, except occasionally when there was a sale and I've had a few given to me as presents over the years. Most books are from jumble sales, car boots and, more recently, Bacon Buttie mornings. However I discovered "The Auction"!!

Wow! What a treasure trove! I've picked up practically new, pristine books by top TV chefs, through to aged editions of Mrs Beeton, all sorts, I suppose it's from the sublime to the ridiculous. It was, for a few years, a weekly occurrence and I picked up, every two or three months, a couple of boxes of cookery books. I suppose it averaged roughly 15 or 20 pence a book. Over the 18 years I've lived in Wigtoft it's cost about £11 a year, hardly extravagant for a hobby.

About 18 months ago I'd estimated that my collection probably numbered around five or six hundred but I thought, one winter's day during yet another lockdown, that I'd count them. Again Wow! My collection just topped a thousand!!!!!!!

Obviously you don't "read" a cookery book like you'd read a whodunit, but I can honestly say that, at the very least, I've glanced at every recipe and looked much more closely at a significant number in every book. In "The Good Old Days" I'd choose different books every time a family gathering was arranged, or a meal with friends, I'd go through them looking for suitable recipes to "surprise and delight", I love trying new things although I've also had my share of disasters.

As I said I'm not a hoarder, I do reject books sometimes and this is particularly true now. As I said I now live alone and I'm getting rather long in the tooth, so recently my family have begun to nag me about moving closer to them. It is probably inevitable that I will make that move, despite loving my home, which fits me like a glove, and where there is plenty of space for my collection.

Now I'm trying to be practical, it may be that I'll stay fit and healthy for a few more years yet, however "things" do happen and "the move" may happen sooner than I'd like. Plus I know that my next home won't hold all my books. So I've decided to start reducing my collection now.

However I can't completely let go. I've begun to go through each book and note recipes I'd still like to try, then I copy them and store them in folders. The books then go off in various directions, you may even see them available at various local events.

But that isn't really the end of the story. I suppose there IS something of a hoarder in me. I'm quite proud of myself that I've disposed of around 200 to 300 books so far. BUT during covid the online-auction hasn't had many cookery books. However recently they had 3 lots of just cookery books. I couldn't resist and I put in cheeky, low bids and, surprisingly, got all 3. I will try to resist in the future but we'll have to see! I'll let you know how I get on.

Finally I have to say how auction lots can contain very interesting books, perhaps I'll tell you about some of them in future articles.

As a taster ... the title "Farmhouse Fare" published by Farmer's Weekly in August 1947.

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2 pints new milk. 1 breakfast cupful each of water and beestings. Heated quickly on a bright fire, makes about 1 1/2 lbs delicious curd. One cupful beestings is equal to 2 eggs in Yorkshire puddings. And do they rise!"

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Eric Chappell was born in Grantham in 1933. His family were working class, his father working at a printing company in the town.

A primary school teacher nurtured his creativity and he began writing stories – his mother did not approve. At secondary school a love of sport eclipsed his interest in writing and he went on to study accountancy.

He will be best known as the writer of the TV hit *Rising Damp*, however his rise to fame did not come easily or quickly. He started his working life with the East Midlands Electricity Board as an auditor and did his writing in his spare time; he had written a play called *The Banana Box* and it had its first performance at the Hampstead Theatre Club in 1970 – he was supposed to be studying for an accountancy exam, but instead spent his evenings writing the play. He had written a novel which had produced nothing but a drawer full of rejection letters. His eureka moment came one night in the bath!. Why not write a play, and this led to *The Banana Box*.

He kept his writing secret from his employer but when the play transferred to the Phoenix Theatre in Leicester starring Wilfred Brambell and the adverts started appearing on the sides of buses he found it difficult to keep it a secret any longer and he finally showed his boss a flyer for the show. After good reviews the play transferred to the Apollo Theatre in London's West End in 1973. With his success he decided to leave the EMEB after 22 years and become a full time writer, supported by his wife's income, although his work colleagues thought he was mad. He calculated that he could survive for two years and if he did not make it then he would return to auditing. He never returned to auditing!.

Around the same time ITV commissioned him to write *The Squirrels*, a sitcom about office politics, set in a small firm's accounts department; he eventually dropped this one as he found it too difficult writing two scripts simultaneously, although *The Squirrels* won him the 1975 Pye TV Award for Most Promising New Writer. His decision to concentrate on *Rising Damp* was vindicated when the show won a Bafta for Best Situation Comedy in 1978, the year of its final series. A full length film version of *Rising Damp* was released in 1980.

Yet with all his success as a TV writer Chappell's first love remained with the theatre and he wrote more than 20 plays for the stage.

He married his wife Muriel in 1959 and they had two children, Richard and Paula, both of whom are teachers. He was in his thirties when his literary interests were revived, but there seemed little prospect of his writing being able to support the family. In total, he created nine sitcoms and wrote 200 scripts, all on the same Olympic typewriter that he used for half a century. His home was in Barrowby, near Grantham. He died in April 2022 aged 88 years. ***Colin Scrapps***

Sutterton Methodist Church

We continue to hold our Coffee Mornings at 10am to midday. These are very well attended with people from various villages. At present we meet on the first Wednesday of the month. From September, they will be extended to twice monthly - the first and third Wednesday of the month.

During the coming months we are hopeful of holding various activities, where we hope to see you! Please see our notice board for further information.

Our Sunday Worship is at 10.30am followed by a cup of tea and a time to share news. Our services are quite informal and if anyone would like to seek further information please contact our minister.

Rev Luke Smith Tel:- 01406 493235 Mobile:- Tel:- 07376 248147

Services for August and September are as follows

August

Sunday 7 th	10.30	No Service
Sunday 14 th	10.30	Libby Craggs
Sunday 21 st	10.30	Darren Charlton
Sunday 28 th	10.30	Own Arrangement (By Stewards)



September

Sunday 4 th	10.30	Libby Craggs
Sunday 11 th	10.30	Darren Charlton
Sunday 18 th	10.30	Rev Luke Smith (Harvest Festival)
Sunday 25 th	10.30	Own Arrangement (By Stewards)

All are welcome at our Church

Items For Sale or Wanted

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH HELD ON MONDAY 9th May 2022

***SHORTENED VERSION FOR THE NEWSLETTER. A FULL VERSION OF
THE MINUTES CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE
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Present: Cllr. S. Collingwood; Cllr. S. Baxter; Cllr. B. Leggott;
Cllr S. Brigham; Cllr S. Smith.

Also Present: Borough Councillor, M Cooper.

To elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the coming year and to arrange to handover the sealed envelope containing passwords relating to the operation of the administration of the Parish Council.

It was resolved by a unanimous vote to elect Cllr BL as Chairman. Cllr SC proposed Cllr Brigham to remain as Vice Chairman for a further 12 months. This was seconded by Cllr BL. Cllr Brigham accepted the proposal. It was resolved by a unanimous vote to elect Cllr Brigham as Vice Chairman.

To review the renewal received for the insurance policy for all insurable risks (year 3 of a 3 year agreement)

The clerk presented the renewal details from the existing insurers at a total cost of £535.79 including the insurance premium tax and a £50 admin fee. This was for a 1 year deal only. The clerk presented a second quote from BHIB Councils Insurance at £373.58 including insurance premium tax for a 3 year long term undertaking. It was resolved to accept the quote from BHIB, subject to clerk checking if there was an admin fee to be added. The clerk also will check if any of the cover offered can be removed to bring the cost down further. Provided the cost does not exceed £373.58, the clerk will renew the policy before 1.6.22.

ACTION: Clerk to renew the new policy by the 1st June 2022, subject to the responses to the above enquiries.

To reconfirm regular payments from the Council's bank account.

The clerk advised that the regular payments made are: Clerk's home as office £25 per month; clerk salary and PAYE; HP Instant Ink, £8.32 per month and Abbey Payroll Services for £18 per month. It was resolved to continue paying these regular payments.

To review the Risk Management Document

The Risk Management document was reviewed. A few minor changes were made to the contents. It was resolved to accept the amended document.

ACTION: Clerk to make amendments and add to the website.

To review the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the general power of competence.

The Clerk advised the Council that the maximum amount which could be spent under the above Act for 2021/22 is £8.83 times the number registered on the Voters Roll. This equates to £3528. The budget set for the year 2022/23 is £650.

The Chairman closed the Annual Meeting at 19:50 and announced that the usual monthly meeting would now start.

Parish Council News

New Parish Councillor

The Parish Council would like to welcome it's new member, Ian Mills, to the team. Ian became a Parish Councillor in July to fill the vacancy that there has been for a while now.

Village Wild Flower Garden

The Parish Council are continuing to improve the Wild Flower Garden behind the Village Hall. As well as regular grass cutting another memorial tree has been planted to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and a new bench and plaque are planned as well.

Please take a walk down to the garden to see how it is developing.

Boston Borough Council Bin Collection Dates for August / September



Friday August 5 thBlue Bin/Brown
Friday August 12 thGreen Bin
Friday August 19 thPurple/Brown Bin
Friday August 26 thGreen Bin
Friday September 2 ndBlue Bin/Brown
Friday September 9 thGreen Bin
Friday September 16 thPurple/Brown Bin
Friday September 23 rdGreen Bin
Friday September 30 thBlue Bin/Brown



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

Also Present: Borough Councillor, Mike Cooper.

Public forum: None

Chairman's remarks: None.

Apologies for absence and reasons given:

Cllr P Craven sent his apologies. It was resolved to accept his apologies and reason for absence. County Councillor, M Brookes sent his apologies.

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

<u>Date of invoice</u>	<u>Details of payment</u>	<u>Amount ex vat</u>	<u>Vat reclaimable</u>	<u>Overall total</u>
15.4.22	Pay	236.00		
15.4.22	HMRC	59.00		
15.4.22	Clerk use of home as office	25.00		
30.4.22	Payroll services	18.00		
5.4.22	Printer Ink	8.32	1.67	
26.4.22	Stationery	3.25		
1.4.22	Land Drainage rates	63.92		
31.12.21	Footway lighting costs	607.91	121.58	
TOTAL		1021.40	123.25	1144.65
RECEIPTS				
1.4.22	Precept	5545.75		
	VAT refund	339.67		
Total		5885.42		

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

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

Planning: None

Councillors' Reports

Cllr SC – Overgrown hedge previously reported has not been cut back and is now worse than ever.

ACTION: Clerk to chase.

Cllr S Baxter - The village sign at the Sutterton end of the village has not been reinstated. The new email address can now be used.

ACTION: Clerk to chase regarding the sign.

To review and confirm acceptance of the Internal Auditors report.

No issues were raised from the report. It was resolved to accept the Internal Auditors report.

To sign the Certificate of Exemption relating to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022.

The clerk confirmed that the Parish Council met the criteria to declare exemption from submitting the audit paperwork to the Government auditors. It was resolved to sign the Certificate of Exemption.

To complete, confirm and sign Section 1 (the Annual Governance Statement) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022.

The Council completed the Annual Governance Statement and resolved to accept it. The document was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the clerk.

To confirm and sign Section 2 (the Accounting Statements) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/2022.

It was resolved to accept the Accounting Statement completed by the clerk. The document was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the clerk.

To confirm the checking of the bank reconciliation for the year 1.4.21 to 31.3.22 by Cllr Baxter.

It was confirmed and resolved to accept the bank reconciliation.

ACTION: Clerk to publish audit paperwork on the Parish Council's website.

To review the quotes for the renewal of the Internet Security package for the Parish Council's laptop.

Four quotes had been sourced: Norton 360 deluxe £29.99; Bit Defender Total Security £34.99; McAfee Total Protection £34.99 or £69.99 for two years and AVG £32.88 (current provider). It was resolved to continue for a further year with AVG.

ACTION: Clerk to renew with AVG.

To review the Play Area inspection for April, to agree who will do the May inspection and to discuss the quote for work on the trees.

A quote for £1050 had been received to re-pollard a mature willow tree and to reduce the height, shape and balance 6 cherry trees on the front boundary of the playing field. It was resolved to accept the quote.

ACTION: Clerk to place order.

An update on the event to celebrate the Jubilee.

Cllrs Brigham and Smith confirmed that actions from the plan are all in hand. Cllr Brigham had brought details of a bench to commemorate the Jubilee for the Wildlife Garden. A four foot would cost £160 and a five foot, £180. Wording is to be agreed. It was resolved to spend £180 on a five-foot bench,

ACTION: Clerk to place order once wording agreed. Clerk also to add information to the website and Facebook page about the Jubilee event.

An update on the street light situation on Main Road, double yellow lines near the village hall and request for volunteers to run speed checks.

Information and costings to reinstate the street lights on Main Road should be available for the next meeting. County Councillor Mike Brookes had sent information about the double yellow lines following a meeting held with the Highways Manager. The Highways Manager advised that if double yellow lines were to be used then they would have to be on both sides of the road which could reduce available parking for users of the village hall. If the Parish Council were to pursue this request, photos of lorries parking in the above area and anything else relevant would be required. It was resolved to monitor the situation for the time being. The clerk advised Council that only one resident has volunteered to train to operate authorised and controlled speed checks. Clerk will run the advert in the village magazine again. The clerk also advised that the speed and traffic monitoring check has been completed but the data has not yet been sent out.

ACTION: Agenda item next meeting.

Next meeting is on the 6.6.22 at 7.30 pm.

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.parity.lincolnshire.gov.uk

There are lots of details there including previous meeting minutes going back to 2018 and details of how to contact the parish council.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th June 2022

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Present: Cllr S Collingwood; Cllr S Brigham; Cllr S Smith;
Cllr S Baxter; Cllr P Craven.

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

Public forum: One member of the public present.

Apologies for absence and reasons given:

Cllr BL sent his apologies. It was resolved to accept his apology and reason for absence.

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

None

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

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17.5.22	Printer paper	4.00		
11.5.22	Internet Security renewal	32.88	6.58	
6.5.22	Internal Audit part 2	32.40		
21.4.22	Items for Jubilee celebration	43.78	8.88	
24.5.22	Work on trees in playing field	1050.00	210.00	
24.5.22	Annual Insurance renewal	373.58		
22.5.22	Grass cutting	380.00		
TOTAL		2262.96	227.13	2490.09
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.

Councillors' Reports

Cllr SS – the overgrown hedge which was reported previously has still not been cut back

ACTION: Clerk to chase.

Cllr Brigham – the Church are still looking for a treasurer.

Cllr Baxter - Thank you to Cllrs Brigham and Smith for organising the Jubilee Party.

County Councillor M Brookes – a reminder that individuals can still register with LCC to be included in County Views Citizen's Panel to have your say.

To further discuss the possibility of reinstating the street lights on Main Road, following receipt of the options available from LCC Highways.

Following a long discussion about all options available, it was resolved not to take any further action. It was mentioned that one of the issues was that parts of the footpath by the chicken farm are prone to algae growth caused by the close proximity of the trees which makes the path slippery during wet weather. It was resolved to contact the owners to try and work together to find a solution.

ACTION: Clerk to make contact.

To confirm the agreement to purchase an oak tree for the Wildlife Garden to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee. To decide on the wording to be placed on a new bench for the Wildlife Garden.

No discussion was held about the oak tree and Cllr BL was not present and he had volunteered to purchase the oak tree.

ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting.

It was resolved to add the following wording to the new bench and place the order. "Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee 2022.

ACTION: Clerk to place the order.

Cllr SS mentioned that someone has cut the whole of the grass in the Wildlife Garden. It was resolved to check with the contractor that he is only cutting the designated paths as agreed.

ACTION: Clerk to check.

A discussion followed about ways to prevent vehicles entering the site. It was resolved that Cllr PC is to erect a rope barrier at one end and Cllr SS to investigate the possibility of having large logs at the other end.

Meeting closed at 20.25.

Next meeting 4th July at 7.30 pm.

A Request From A Wigtoft Resident

CAN YOU HELP?

From Joy and Jacqueline of Sleaford Road, Wigtoft.

As some of you know, we are passionately fond of our spaniels. We are looking for some land (local to Wigtoft/Sutterton) to purchase. We need two to three acres, that we could securely and professionally fence and lock, and provide a place to exercise them in safety. Apart from our original dogs we now have two rescue Breton spaniels and will be fostering another in the near future, and without a secure place they cannot be let off the lead to enjoy themselves. This area will not be a public dog paddock available to others, but will be used only by us and our close friends who also have dogs. We would need access for a large vehicle, especially for grass cutting and maintenance.

It should be mentioned that apart from erecting a small summer house type of structure for shelter from either hot sun or wind and rain, some seats, and possibly planting some trees for a wind-break and shade, it will remain an open grassy paddock. It is certainly not our intention to build on it.

If you know anyone who might be prepared to sell us some suitable land, please contact us, preferably by email at

joy.ellis55@btinternet.com or on 07926 072992

Help Wanted

Hi Folks

Does anyone out there know of someone who can check/repair music systems (once known as a Hi-fi) ?

Contact Liz Leonard at 01205 460939

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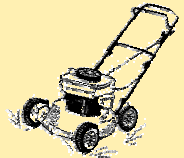
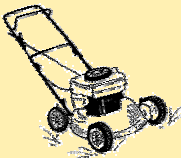
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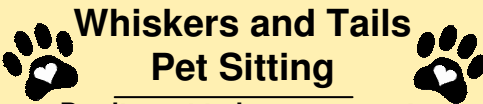
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