



WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



November / December 2024



It is that time of year again.

Time to reflect on Christmas and the countdown has begun

*The Wigtoft Newsletter team would like to wish everyone
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

We would like to thank everyone who supports the newsletter in any way

Remembrance Day Poppies



There has been a great response from many of you regarding our Poppy Appeal. We now have many knitted and crocheted. Not to mention some wonderful ones made out of plastic bottles!!



Thank you all so much for your fantastic efforts.

We hope to display them all closer to November 11th throughout the village.

We offer a warm welcome to all on Saturday 9th November to Bacon Butty, where there will be a display to commemorate Remembrance Day.

The Poppy Project, we hope, will continue to grow throughout the coming years. Thank you all for your wonderful help and support..

Light up Wigtoft.



Once again we are getting closer to "Lighting up Wigtoft." Where has this year gone!!! So, let's celebrate Christmas once more by placing lights in our gardens and windows.



Let Wigtoft shine and glow to celebrate the great festival of Christmas.

We are only a small village, but we have much to offer. There is a great deal going on to suit all. The church will hold its annual Christmas Tree Festival, a joy for all and an assurance of a warm welcome. It is also open for worship and quiet prayer throughout the week.

The Village Hall, newly refurbished, is the place to come and meet friends and neighbours for a Bacon Butty. It is also hosting a Christmas fayre. It has much to entertain all.

Besides these events, many clubs are held throughout the weeks. If you wish to know more, please contact a member of the Church or Village Hall committee.

They are more than pleased to help.

The winter months can be long and dreary and for some, isolating and often may be lonely. So, come along and join us, we would love to see you.



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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.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

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



Boston Borough Council Bin Collection Dates for November \ December 2024

	<u>November</u>		<u>December</u>
Friday 1 st	Green Bin	Friday 6 th	Purple
Friday 8 th	Purple / Brown Bins	Friday 13 th	Green Bin
Friday 15 th	Green Bin	Friday 20 th	Blue Bin
Friday 22 nd	Blue Bin / Brown	Saturday 28 th	Green Bin
Friday 29 th	Green Bin		



The brown bin, garden waste, collections finish on November 22nd and should restart again on 17th of February next year



St. Peter & St. Paul WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

The churchyard is tidy once more thanks to the Community Payback Group, they have done a really good job for us. We are hoping that it can now be kept tidy. There is just one thing that we ask, if you bring your dog into the churchyard and it does its business in there would you please clean it up. This is for the benefit of all who use the churchyard.

The recent fundraising made the following amounts: - The Craft Weekend raised £277.75 for church funds, MacMillan Coffee Morning raised £150.00. Now for the big one, the Harvest Event raised £1,070.30 well done everyone.

The PCC would like to give a big thankyou to Peter Bland for being our auctioneer and also for going around collecting items to auction. We would also like to thank the following people and companies: - Stephen Craven, Roger Ward, Mr Waudby junior & senior, Red Lion at Bicker, Thatch Cottage at Sutterton, Irelands, Burdens, Red Cow at Fishtoft, Green Grocer at Bicker, Auto Truck Ltd and Sarah.

A big thankyou also goes to everyone that came to the meal and auction, with out you we could not have raised the amount that we did. The biggest thankyou of all goes to Jean and Ann for getting the meal ready for us. If there is anyone that we have missed please forgive us and thank you for supporting us

PCC of Wigtoft Church

If anyone would like to sponsor a Christmas Tree at the Church

Please contact Jean on 01205 460546

Wigtoft Church Services

November Sunday 3rd Holy Communion 9:30a.m
Monday 11th Remembrance Service 11.30am

December Sunday 1st Said Communion 9:30a.m
Friday 6th Carol Service 6pm
Sunday 8th Said Communion 9:30a.m
Tuesday 24th Crib Service 4pm
Sunday 29th Grout Service at Wigtoft 1030am

Please do come and join us, all are welcome.

Church Lottery Winners

September

- 1 Lily Craven
- 2 Pete Smith
- 3 James Johnson

October

- 1 Judy Collingwood
- 2 Janet Sargent
- 3 Malcolm Franklin

Wigtoft Village Hall News

Wigtoft Village Hall Refurb Update

Whilst typing this we are almost at the end of finishing the refurbishment of the Village Hall, and are expecting it to be completely finished by the beginning of November.

A huge thank you to everyone that has used the hall over the past couple of months who have supported us and worked alongside us whilst works were in progress. I think you will all agree that all the upheaval will have been worthwhile and we will now be able to enjoy more modern facilities and a light and brightly decorated hall.

We would like to invite everyone to come along and see for themselves on Saturday 16th November between 10 am and 12noon what has been happening and take a look at what has been done.

There will be a free raffle ticket to win one of several prizes for everyone attending.

Our next event to take place will be our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd November from 10am to 3pm. Don't miss the opportunity to get those Christmas presents bought early. There will be many stalls with interesting and unique gift ideas. We will also be serving food and drink throughout the event.

We look forward to seeing you soon

Wigtoft Village Hall Calendar For November & December

November 2024

Sat 2nd Christmas Fayre 10am - 3pm
Mon 4th Parish Council 7pm
Wed 6th Dog Training 6pm
Thur 7th Dog Training 6pm
Sat 9th Saturday Brunch 10am - 12
Wed 13th Dog Training 6pm
Thur 14th Dog Training 6pm
Sat 16th Saturday Brunch 10am - 12
Mon 18th Gardening Clob 8pm
Wed 20th Dog Training 6pm
Thur 21st Dog Training 6pm
Sat 23rd Saturday Brunch 10am - 12
Wed 27th Dog Training 6pm
Thur 28th Dog Training 6pm

December 2024

Mon 2nd Parish Council 7pm
Wed 4th Dog Training 6pm
Thur 5th Dog Training 6pm
Fri 6th Wreath Making 2 - 4pm
Wed 11th Dog Training 6pm
Thur 12th Dog Training 6pm
Sat 14th Saturday Brunch 10am - 12
Sun 15th Artisan Market 10am - 4pm
Wed 18th Dog Training 6pm
Thur 19th Dog Training 6pm
Sat 21st Saturday Brunch 10am - 12

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

The Village Hall is available for hire at a cost of just £9 per hour.

This includes use of all the facilities including all crockery, cutlery etc.

For further information or to check the booking diary contact Virna on 01205 460259



The Alternative Artisan Market

The Home of Quirky Creatives

Wigtoft Village Hall

Sunday 15th December

10am - 4pm

Lots of stalls with lovely items

Wigtoft Village Activities To Join In



Wigtoft Walkers

We spend some great time together as a local group doing a variety of local walks. Please feel free to come and join us for some good exercise and chats.

Monday November 18th and Wednesday December 18th Starting at 10 am outside the Village Hall.

For further information contact Kim on 01205 460711

Litter Picking



Help to keep our village tidy, come and join us.

Monday November 4th and Monday December 2nd at 10am.

Everyone very welcome. For Further information please contact Kim on 01205 460711.

St. Peter & St. Paul CHURCH, WIGTOFT

Christmas Tree Festival

30th November & 1st December also 7th & 8th December

10a.m to 3p.m each day

Carol Service 6th December at 6p.m with The Salvation Army Band

Stalls, Raffle, Tombola, Refreshments

Santa will be there, he is free to all children.
Plus they will be given a present.



WIGTOFT & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB GARDEN CLUB EVENTS 2024

Nov. 18th - Christmas Party

All the meetings are on Mondays at 7pm

Above are the events for this year's garden club. We try to have an entertaining programme.
We are a friendly bunch so come and join us.





6th December 2024

2pm to 4pm - Wigtoft Village Hall

Experienced ladies will be on hand to give any help or advise helping you to create a beautiful wreath

Tickets £20 to include everything to make a wreath plus tea and cake

Dog Fouling

Sadly, whilst dog fouling has improved around the village, and we must thank those that have started picking up after their dog, there are some areas which have not improved. If this is you please make an effort to clean up after your dog. Having dog mess on our paths is not only unsightly, it is a health hazard and is actually illegal.

Great effort is made to keep our village free from litter and looking its best. So please, enjoy exercising your pooch and pick up after your dog so that others can also enjoy their walk and their environment.



SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

(The Church with the yellow door)

COME AND SING CHRISTMAS CAROLS WITH



ON FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER 2024

AT 6 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Church with the Yellow Door

SERVICES FOR November

Sunday 3rd Libby Craggs
Sunday 10th Remembrance service
at 9.30
Sunday 17th Pat Gooding
Sunday 24th John Reddin (WL)

SERVICES FOR December

Sunday 1st Libby Craggs
Sunday 8th Rev Luke Smith
Sunday 15th Own Arrangement
Sunday 22nd Darren Charlton Carol
Tuesday 24th Rev Luke Smith at 3pm
Sunday 29th Covenant Service at Broad Street

All services are at 10.30am followed by tea and biscuits

**COFFEE MORNINGS will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of the month
November 6th & 20th and December 4th & 18th - 10am to 12 noon.**

Minister: Revd. Luke Smith Tel: 01406 704489 Mobile: 07376 248147

Parking penalty text scam doing the rounds

A scam trying to get money fraudulently via text messages about parking fines is doing the rounds in Lincolnshire and elsewhere. 'Parking Penalty Charge Notice' text messages are being sent out claiming that an outstanding parking ticket is due to be paid and warns of an increased fine and prosecution if the PCN is not paid within 28 days.

If you, or anyone you know, is sent one of these messages then ignore it. Parking charges should only be paid or contested via the details on the back of the actual ticket itself. Do not try to resolve a parking issue, or pay a PCN charge, via any other route. You will NOT be contacted by text message regarding a PCN charge in this way - ever.

Top gardening tips for November & December

Pruning: how, when and why

Leave these alone

Firstly, it's important to appreciate that not every plant needs or likes to be pruned

- Stone fruit trees, such as cherries and plums, are at risk of picking up a fungal disease called silver leaf if they are pruned when dormant. Avoid pruning all Prunus species when dormant, even if they are the ornamental kind rather than fruit-bearing.
- Some plants are grown for their winter stem colour, including dogwood (Cornus) and some forms of willow (Salix). Don't prune these in November, because you won't enjoy the benefit of their main attraction. Their bright stems are some of the most rewarding sights throughout winter gloom and they can be left right until early spring.
- Stay away from shrubs that flower early in spring, including lilacs, magnolias and rhododendrons. You will be cutting off their flowering branches.
- Evergreen trees are best left alone during winter so that their leaves can form a type of protection against cold and wind. Some evergreen conifers will never regrow if you cut back into old wood, so it's vital to know which plant you are dealing with before taking any drastic action.

Get to work on these

Apple and pear trees need you during winter. Any time from November through to March is ideal when the trees are dormant. Aim firstly to deal with the 'three Ds': dead, diseased and damaged branches. Pruning stimulates growth and helps to encourage a good crop of fruit while allowing light and air circulation into the tree, both of which are important for good health. Pruning also enables a shape to be maintained so that the tree doesn't outgrow the allocated space. This is equally important for bush forms as it is for trained fruit trees, such as cordons, fans and espaliers.

Soft fruit bushes, such as blackcurrants, redcurrants and blueberries, can all be trimmed during winter. You should aim to achieve a goblet form, removing old wood and enabling good air circulation. Leave young, healthy branches to create the best chance of a good crop. Autumn-fruiting raspberries should be cut down to the ground so their new stems can bear fruit next year. Wisteria needs pruning twice per year, once in winter and again in summer, and the winter prune is essential if you want to promote flowering. Cut all wisteria side shoots right back to just three or four buds on the framework of the shape you desire. Next summer you will need to remove most of the whippy growth, which can easily measure a metre long.

Bush roses also benefit from being cut back in November as it reduces the likelihood of 'wind rock', which can destabilise the roots of the plant. These are generally hardy plants that can be tidied in November, then, before they start growing in the spring, cut back hard to around 40cm tall, depending on the original size and type. Winter pruning is ideal for hybrid tea roses, floribundas and climbers that produce flowers on the new growth, but be gentle with modern shrub roses and ramblers because they prefer to bloom on older wood.

Many deciduous trees and shrubs can also be pruned during the dormant season. It's an ideal time to take out damaged and diseased branches, shape the form, and renovate them to encourage fresh new growth. Getting to know your plants can be a great pleasure. Try not to treat everything in the same way and avoid what might be termed the 'supermarket car park trim' where everything is rounded into a mound. You'll gain the best results by allowing each plant to form a naturally beautiful shape and by using techniques to thin it out so that the stems and branches don't crowd each other.

Wigtoft Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON the 31st of July 2024.

**SHORTENED FORM OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL
CONDENSED FOR THE NEWSLETTER. A FULL VERSION OF THE MINUTES CAN BE FOUND
ON THE PARISH COUNCIL'S WEBSITE wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk.**

Present: Cllr S Brigham; Cllr S Smith; Cllr K Redhead. **Chairperson's remarks** – the Chairperson thanked Cllr Leggott for mending the bench in the Wildlife Garden.

To receive apologies and reasons for absence. Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllrs Leggott, Mills and Collingwood. Cllr Baxter was not in attendance. It was resolved to accept the apologies and reasons for absence received. County Cllr M Brookes and Borough Councillor J Cantwell sent their apologies.

To receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011 – being any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest not previously recorded on Member's Register of Interests – none given.

**Financial matters: Accounts due for payment for August and budget figures year to date.
To hand over the bank reconciliation from 1.4.24 to 30.6.24 to Cllr Smith for checking.**

<u>Date</u>	Details of Payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	VAT not reclaimable
15.7.24	Pay	277.26		
15.7.24	PAYE	69.40		
15.7.24	Clerk use of home as office	35.00		
31.7.24	Payroll Services	18.00		
16.7.24	Stationery	8.01	0.40	
28.6.24	Training new Councillor	30.00	6.00	
6.7.24	Printer Ink	9.99	2.00	
23.4.24	Sticky labels	5.82	1.17	
TOTAL		453.48	9.57	
RECEIPTS				
8.7.24	Drainage rates from tenant	74.20		
22.7.24	VAT refund	424.37		
TOTAL		498.57		

It was resolved to agree the payments schedule and the budget figures ytd. ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add budget to website The bank reconciliation was handed to Cllr Smith.

Planning: None

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Brigham – there is an overgrown hedge opposite the Parish Council Noticeboard

ACTION: Clerk to contact the owner.

Borough and County Councillors reports – County Councillor M Brookes had sent a message to say that the Market Place does belong to the County Council highways and they have now issued a job to repair the road surface with the jet patcher.

Clerk's report

The payment for the drainage rates for the current year has been received from the tenant of the land.

The “parcel pick up points” proposal has been considered by the Village Hall committee. I have registered their interest ready for when more information is known.

I have spoken to our new contact at the Borough about ordering LED lamps to replace the old ones. I am waiting for confirmation of the price. Price now confirmed and no change at £350 each, total £3150. Resolution to spend 107/23. My contact at the Borough is away until 30.7.24.

VAT return from 1.4.24 to 30.6.24 submitted for £424.37. Refund received.

The grass cutting contractors will cut the grass in the playing field weekly until the end of August and then review the frequency of the cuts.

To review the play area inspection for July undertaken by Cllr Brigham and decide if any actions are needed. The August and September inspections to be undertaken by Cllrs Collingwood and Mills, respectively. To discuss the offer from Wicksteed Leisure for an annual playground inspection at a cost of £150 or £205 accompanied. To discuss the cutting of the Wildlife Garden.

It was resolved to accept the quote for the playground inspection, to obtain a quote from a local contractor for the annual cut of the Wildlife area and that no actions were required from the play area inspection.

ACTION: Clerk to order inspection and obtain quote for next meeting.

To consider the two estimates for the work on the trees in the playing field, £1500 and £2000.

Following a discussion it was resolved that 2 or 3 Councillors should inspect the trees and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: Agenda item next meeting.

To further discuss the potential purchase of a wheelie bin for the lay by opposite the Council Houses.

Following receipt of feedback from the village litter pickers, it was resolved to find out about the possibility of installing a “tyre bin” on the layby.

ACTION: clerk to research.

To discuss the rejection of the grant application for a Speed Indicator Device.

The Lincolnshire Community Foundation sent the following information. “The Panel reviewed your application thoroughly but did not feel that there was sufficient evidence to suggest that the road where the speed detector would be placed, was in an accident hotspot. They recommended that this device may be paid for via the precept”. It was resolved that there would be no further action on this topic for the time being.

Meeting closed at 20:25. Next meeting 7.10.24 at 19:30.

Recipe Of The Month Chicken Pot Pie

Rustle up this chicken pot pie for an easy dinner. A family favourite, it can be made ahead and even frozen for another day to make mealtimes easy

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 8-10 skinless, boneless chicken thighs (about 1kg)
- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 2 celery sticks, finely chopped
- 2 carrots, finely chopped
- 50g butter
- 50g plain flour
- 500ml milk
- 1 chicken stock cube
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- small bunch of thyme, leaves picked, or use 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 egg, beaten
- 375g sheet ready-rolled puff pastry



Method

STEP 1

Heat 1 tbsp vegetable oil in a large flameproof casserole or deep frying pan over a high heat. Once hot, brown half the chicken pieces on both sides, season and transfer to a plate or bowl. Repeat with the remaining chicken pieces.

STEP 2

Reduce the heat to medium and heat the remaining oil in the pan. Fry the onions, celery and carrots for 8-10 mins, stirring occasionally and scraping any browned bits from the base, until all the veg has softened. Tip into the bowl with the chicken and return the pan to a medium heat.

STEP 3

Melt the butter in the pan and stir in the flour to make a paste. Cook for a couple of minutes, stirring until the paste turns golden. Add a splash of the milk, then whisk to combine. Continue slowly adding the milk, whisking continuously until you have a smooth, creamy sauce.

STEP 4

Crumble the stock cube into the sauce and add 250ml water. Return to a gentle simmer, then return the chicken and veg to the pan. Stir in the mustard and thyme, and season well. Cover with a lid and simmer over a low heat for 15-20 mins, stirring occasionally until the chicken is tender. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 if you're cooking the pie straightaway. Shred the chicken in the pan using two forks, pulling it into bite-sized pieces. *Once completely cool, the filling will keep chilled for up to two days (providing the chicken is within its use-by date), or frozen for up to two months.*

STEP 5

Transfer the filling to a pie dish (or divide between individual pie dishes). Brush a little of the beaten egg around the rim of the dish. Unravel the pastry and lay it over the top of the dish, then trim the edges with kitchen scissors, leaving a little pastry overhanging the edge. Crimp this excess to seal the pie. Brush the pastry all over with some more of the beaten egg and poke a few holes in the top using a skewer (this will release any steam inside during baking). Roll out any pastry offcuts and cut out decorations for the top, if you like. Stick these to the pastry and brush with any remaining beaten egg. Bake for 35-40 mins until the pastry is golden brown and the filling is bubbling at the edge.

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Time for a Laugh.....

ANNUAL PHYSICAL

70-year old George went for his annual physical. All of his tests came back with normal results. Dr. Smith said, "George, everything looks great physically. How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with yourself, and do you have a good relationship with God?"

George replied, "God and me are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so he's fixed it so that when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom poof the light goes on, when I'm done poof the light goes off."

"Wow!" commented Dr. Smith, "That's incredible!"

A little later in the day, Dr. Smith called George's wife. "Ethel," he said, "George is doing fine. Physically he's great. But, I had to call because I'm in awe of his relationship with God. Is it true that he gets up during the night and poof the light goes on in the bathroom, and then when he is through poof the light goes off?"

Ethel exclaimed, "Oh, my God! He's peeing in the refrigerator again!"

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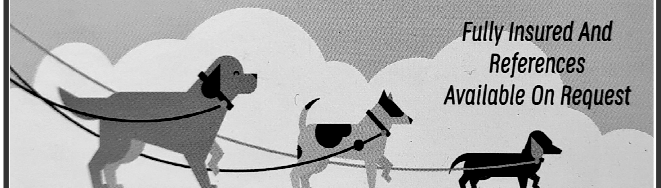
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