

WIGTOFT VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

May / June 2025

The Sponsored Walk is on!!

Saturday June 14th is the date when the Wigtoft Walkers will walk from Wigtoft to the Boston Stump, just under eight miles.

The walk is to raise money for the **Butterfly Hospice**. They provide palliative care and holistic support to both patients and their families at a much needed time.

The walk will begin outside of Saint Peter and Saint Pauls Church, in the centre of Wigtoft, at 10.30am. We hope, after a short break at Kirton, to arrive at Saint Botolph's Church at around, 2.15pm.

The walk is open to all, cyclists also!

If you are unable to join us then please do sponsor someone, every penny counts for this worthwhile Hospice.

Sponsor forms are available. If you require further information please contact any of the Wigtoft Walkers or myself. Libby. Tel: 01205 460 430.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Wigtoft Gardening Club. Monday June 17th Open evening!

We all love our gardens, even though we may not be gardeners! We enjoy the pottering, sitting in them when the weather permits, enjoying a relaxing time. It offers us time to be busy or to just be quiet. Gardens are well known to aid us both physically and mentally. So, now is the time to enjoy them more by coming along to Wigtoft Gardening Club.

Within the club we share gardening news, offer words of encouragement and advice. We certainly don't know everything, But together, we make our gardens places to enjoy. You will meet like minded people, meet neighbours and make new friends. On occasion we have a Speaker, plant stalls, and evenings when we just share our love of gardens. Like most things in life we have our garden successes and of course, our failures, but we always manage to learn something.

The club has been going for 20 years and it would like to keep going for a few more! However, our numbers are falling. This is due to people being unwell and becoming house bound. We are therefore looking for new members, and of course, new ideas.

So, an open evening will be held **on Monday June 16th at 7pm.** in the Village Hall.

We will have a plant sale, with someone on hand to offer advice. Some second hand gardening tools plus gardening- books and magazines, and much more will be on offer. There will also be a raffle!

Best of all there will be good company, coffee/tea and cake to enjoy.

We hold our meetings on the third Monday of the month at 7pm — In our lovely redecorated village hall — at the low cost of £1.50p per evening.

Please do come along and share your gardening tips and hopefully learn new ones!

Wigtoft Village Contact Details

Parish Council Members

Sandra Brigham (Chair) - Steve Baxter (Vice Chair)
Bruce Leggott, Simon Collingwood, Sally Smith, Ian Mills, Kim Redhead
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Village Hall Committee

Virna Atkinson ... 01205 460259 Janet Sargeant ... 01205 460017
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St Peter & St Paul Parish Church

PCC Contact Jane Barkham 01205 460714
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Sutterton Methodist Church

Minister - Rev. Luke Smith ... 07376248147

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Medical Non Emergency ... 111

General Contacts

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BBC Refuse Department .. 01205 311112 Anglian Water Emergency ... 03457 145145
Western Power Distribution ... 0800 6783105 or just 105 (to report a power cut)

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 May \ June 2025



<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
Friday 2 nd	Green Bin	Friday 6 th	Blue / Brown Bins
Friday 9 th	Blue / Brown Bins	Friday 13 th	Green Bin
Friday 16 th	Green Bin	Friday 20 th	Purple / Brown Bins
Friday 23 rd	Purple / Brown Bins	Friday 27 th	Green Bin
Friday 30 th	Green Bin		

Wigtoft Bowls Club

Calling all bowlers, non-bowlers and potential bowlers.

Since the end of the season last year, we were fortunate enough to get a grant which we have used to lay paving from the entrance right down and across the club house, and have put stone along the borders, keeping maintenance to a minimum.



Members have also been busy this Spring painting the Club House and the boundary fences, so all in all we are in top form and looking great ready for the coming season!!

We play Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings in 3 different leagues. Games start at 6.30pm and all are welcome, to just watch and enjoy a summers evening or to see what its all about, and maybe even join the club, you might even get a cup of tea too!! We are a friendly group and would love to have some new members join us. You would not need to play all three evenings, just what is convenient to you.

The dates of our home fixtures are:

May 9th, 14th, 19th, 23rd

June 2nd, 4th, 16th, 18th, 20th, 23rd, 27th

We can be a little bit difficult to find, however we now have a sign opposite the entrance on Main Road (near the Church). The entrance is down a narrow alleyway to the left-hand side of Stanhope Cottage.

For further information contact Peter on 01205 460536 or 07919991429

Do come along, we really would like to see you.

WIGTOFT & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Coach Trip To East Ruston Garden, Norfolk

Thursday 15th May

**Pick up 9.30am from Kirton, Sutterton, Wigtoft
(depart venue at 3.30pm)**

Tickets £35 per person (Including admission)

For further details please contact

01205 460400 01205 460902

01205 460546 01205 461228



WIGTOFT & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS 2025

All meetings are held on third Monday of the month 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.



St. Peter & St. Paul WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH

News From St Peter & St Paul Church Wigtoft

The church Flower Festival is on for its second weekend on the 3rd & 4th May, from 10-00a.m to 3-00p.m.

We have the Community Payback Team coming again this year. They are coming once a month from May to October. This will hopefully keep the churchyard tidy.

If anyone can come to help in the churchyard at other times, then please contact a member of the PCC.

There will be Coffee & Craft again this year on the third Thursday of each month from 10-00a.m to 12noon.

Everyone is welcome to come and if you do not wish to do crafts you can just sit and have coffee and a chat.

The Friends Group is meeting on Monday 19th May at 1-00p.m, if you would like to join this group then please come along to the church on that day. The Friends Group organise the fund raising for the church.

From Wigtoft Church PCC

VE Day Service

As you will see from the list of services at the church, we are holding a service for the end of the war in Europe. The service will take place at 11-00a.m but we ask people to be at church by 10-50a.m.

There will be refreshments after the service. All the money taken on the day will be sent to The British Legion. Please do come and join us for this service.

St Peter & St Paul Church Wigtoft AGM

Our AGM is held on Monday 12th May in the church at 6-00p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come along to see how the church is run, you can also have your say at this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cream Teas

On Saturday 21st June there will be Cream Teas served at the church from 2-00p.m to 4-00p.m.

Wigtoft Church Services

May	Sunday 4 th	Said Holy Communion 9:30a.m - Rev. Mark Williams
	Thursday 8 th	VE Day Service 10.50am
	Sunday 11 th	Holy Communion 9:30a.m - Rev. Sue Hentley
June	Sunday 1 st	Holy Communion 9:30a.m - Rev. Mark Williams
	Sunday 8 th	Holy Communion 9:30a.m - Rev. Sue Hentley
	Sunday 29 th	Group Holy Communion 10:30

Please do come and join us, all are welcome.

Saturday Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings are back in the Church for the summer. These are every Saturday from 10am until noon. Come along and enjoy a bacon butty, plenty of delicious cakes and meet friends for a chat.



Church Lottery Winners

January 2025

- 1 Louise Atkinson
- 2 Malcolm Franklin
- 3 Val Johnson

March 2025

- 1 Steven Craven
- 2 Trevor Jackson
- 3 Leslie Waudby

February 2025

- 1 Peter Hardy
- 2 Jackie Core
- 3 Rosemary King

April 2025

- 1 Pat Robinson
- 2 David Smart
- 3 Sue Tunnard

WIGTOFT CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

THEME - WIGTOFT PAST & PRESENT

26th & 27th APRIL and 3rd & 4th MAY 10am TO 3pm EACH DAY

STALLS, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, REFRESHMENTS

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS EVERYONE,

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US



CHURCH EVENTS FOR 2025

The following is a list of events for 2025 Please make a note of them. We hope to see you all at some or all of them.

Flower Festival 3rd & 4th May 10a.m to 3p.m

Cream Teas 21st June 2p.m to 4p.m

Craft Weekend 13th & 14th September 10a.m to 3p.m

Harvest Event 5th October (Service 3p.m, Harvest Tea & Auction 4p.m)

MacMillan Coffee Morning 16th October 10a.m to 12noon

Carol Service 28th November 6p.m

Christmas Tree Festival 29th & 30th November and 6th & 7th December 10a.m to 3p.m

If anyone would like to help at any of these events, then please contact either Jean on 01205 460546 or Jane on 01205 460714.

PCC Of Wigtoft Parish

Wigtoft Village Hall News

As you are probably all aware by now, we have finished our Saturday morning butties for the summer and will be back again at the beginning of October.

We wish to say a BIG thank you to all of you that came along, enjoyed a bacon buttie, a slice of cake, and a good catch-up with friends and neighbours. This has helped us raise over £1500 towards the upkeep of the Hall, brilliant !

The Hall is available for hire at just £10 per hour, which includes the use of the kitchen, its crockery, free wi-fi and has seating for 50. For further details ring Virna on 01205 460259, and see our advert in this issue of the Newsletter.

We will keep you posted on any upcoming events, on our noticeboard outside the Hall, through this Newsletter or you can also follow us on our Facebook page.

Oh, and for all of you out there that have been wondering what the two little people with high-viz jackets are doing standing "on guard" in the care parkwe have a broken manhole cover and have used our planters with their jackets on to ensure everyone is aware of it and do not have an accident !!

Getting Crafty for Easter

On the 11th April we held our first Easter Wreath Making Event here at the Village Hall.

A group of 13 ladies and one gentleman came together to make beautiful wreaths. Everything to make the wreaths from foliage to bunnies was provided including a welcome cup of tea, a hot cross bun and of course we had to have some chocolate Easter Eggs too !!

Some had never made wreaths before, and some had a little experience, but together we made some amazing beautiful wreaths.

Thank you to everyone that joined us, we had a very lovely afternoon and look forward to our next wreath making which will be for Christmas !!

You can see more pictures on our Facebook page.



We could do with some help at Wigtoft Village Hall!!

If you have some spare time, whether it be an odd hour here or there, or more, we have a wide range of things you could help out with, from helping to put events together, serving teas, helping us to come up with new events/ ideas, organising raffles, helping with promotional ads , to small maintenance jobs, painting, decorating etc.

Please call Sandra on 01205 460536 or Sally on 01205 460117

Help us to keep the heart of our village beating.

Wigtoft Village Hall Calendar For May & June

May 2025

Thurs 1st Election 7am - 120pm
Mon 12th Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Mon 19th Garden Club 7pm
Tues 27th Scraps 10 - 11.30am

June 2025

Mon 2nd Parish Council Meeting 7pm
Mon 16th Garden Club 7 - 9pm
Tues 24th Scraps 10 -11.30am

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The building is fully accessible, has car parking facilities, air-conditioning and full fibre free wi-fi. A PA system can also be hired.

An ideal place to hold your business meeting/conference

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Wigtoft Village Hall, Main Road, Wigtoft PE20 2NX



Wigtoft Newsletter

The Newsletter team would like some more help with keeping the newsletter going, new ideas for things to go in the newsletter, help with producing and delivering it and with funding it.

If you would like to help in any way please speak to one of the team or email wigtoftnewsletter@gmail.com.

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.

Tuesday May 6th and Monday June 2rd 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.

10am on Monday May 19th

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



SENIOR MARRIAGE

There were two elderly people living in a mobile home park. He was a widower and she a widow. They had known one another for a number of years.

One evening there was a community supper in the big activity centre. The two were at the same table, across from one another. As the meal went on, he made a few admiring glances at her and finally gathered his courage to ask her, "Will you marry me?"

After about six seconds of 'careful consideration,' she answered. "Yes. Yes, I will."

The meal ended and, with a few more pleasant exchanges, they went to their respective places. The next morning, he was troubled. "Did she say 'yes' or did she say 'no'?" He couldn't remember. Try as he would, he just could not recall. Not even a faint memory. With trepidation, he went to the telephone and called her. First, he explained that he didn't remember as well as he used to. Then he reviewed the lovely evening past.

As he gained a little more courage, he inquired, "When I asked if you would marry me, did you say 'Yes' or did you say 'No'?"

He was delighted to hear her say, "Why, I said, 'Yes, yes I will' and I meant it with all my heart." Then she continued, "I am so glad that you called because I couldn't remember who had asked me."

SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

(THE CHURCH WITH THE YELLOW DOOR)

FLOWER FESTIVAL

Theme: Farming

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

2nd and 3rd MAY 2025

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PLANT AND CAKE STALLS

TOMBOLA AND A RAFFLE

ALSO

SERVING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

SUTTERTON METHODIST CHURCH

The Church with the Yellow Door

SERVICES FOR MAY

Sunday 4th Pat Gooding
Sunday 11th Trish Hicken
Sunday 18th At Kirton
Sunday 23rd United service at Gosberton
Sunday 30th Pat Gooding

SERVICES FOR June

Sunday 1st
Sunday 8th
Sunday 15th
Sunday 22nd
Sunday 29th

All services are at 10.30am followed by tea and biscuits

MAY and JUNE COFFEE MORNINGS

Held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month
(7th and 21st of May & 4th and 18th June)

10 a.m. to 12 noon

All Are Welcome

Contact: Darren Charlton Mobile: 07904 188065

Wigtoft Parish Council

PHONE: 07383 276892

Website: www.wigtoft.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON the 3rd of March 2025.

**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 Baxter; Cllr S Collingwood; Cllr S Smith; Cllr K Redhead and
Cllr I Mills. Also present, County Councillor M Brookes.

**Public Forum. (The Public Forum does not form part of the meeting of the Parish Council) –
none.**

To receive apologies and reasons for absence. Apologies and reason for absence received from
Cllr Leggott due to holiday. It was resolved to accept his apologies and reason for absence.
Borough Councillors Cantwell and Brown 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.**
**Financial matters: To agree the request for payment of £61.86 to Wigtoft PCC for electricity
used to power the Christmas Lights. To discuss the proposed increase in the HP Instant Ink
plan from £9.99 to £11.99 (ex-vat). To agree the accounts for payment for January and
February 2025 and budget figures ytd. Bank balance £9539.38 as at 25.2.25. To receive and
agree the checked bank reconciliation for the period 1.10.24 to 31.12.24 from Cllr Mills.**

It was resolved to make the payment of £61.86 to Wigtoft PCC and to accept the price increase
from £9.99 to £11.99 for the HP Instant ink plan. It was resolved to make the payments below
which were checked to the invoices by Cllrs Smith and Collingwood. Cllr Mills had not had time to
complete the bank reconciliation so this is to be moved forward to the next meeting.

<u>Date</u>	Details of Payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	VAT not reclaimable
15.1.25	Pay	291.20		
15.1.25	PAYE	72.80		
15.1.25	Clerk use of home as office	35.00		
31.1.25	Payroll Services	18.00		
5.1.25	Printer Ink	9.99	2.00	
12.1.25.	mobile phone monthly plan	6.00		
10.1.25	Donation Village Hall for Defib pads and charge stick	135.91		
1.1.25	Accounting Software package	276.00	55.20	
TOTAL		844.90	57.20	
RECEIPTS				
TOTAL		0.00		

Date	Details of Payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable	VAT not reclaimable
15.2.25	Pay	291.20		
15.2.25	PAYE	72.80		
15.2.25	Clerk use of home as office	35.00		
28.2.25	Payroll Services	18.00		
5.2.25	Printer Ink	9.99	2.00	
12.2.25	Mobile phone monthly plan	6.00		
20.2.25	New Village Noticeboard (replacement)	864.23	172.85	
6.2.25	Power for village Christmas Lights	61.86		
TOTAL		1359.08	174.85	
RECEIPTS				
TOTAL		0.00		

The clerk had sent copies of the budget year to date to the Councillors prior to the meeting, She went through the budget to confirm any overspend of more than 15%. It was resolved to accept the budget figures as presented and confirmed by the clerk. **ACTION: Clerk to make payments and add budget to website**

Planning: B/25/0038, Proposed single storey porch extension to front, single storey link extension to side, two storey extension to rear, conversion of outbuilding to side dwelling, 2 no detached outbuildings, new roof, erection of chimney stack and internal and external alterations at Old Farm House, Washdike Drove, Wigtoft, Boston, PE20 2QA

It was resolved that there were no comments to make. **ACTION: Clerk to advise planning department.**

Councillors' Reports

Cllr Collingwood – there is Ivy growing up the back of the bus shelter. **ACTION: Clerk to get quote to clear.**

Cllr Mills– there is still a large amount of water at the building site on Asperton Road. The trees at the chicken farm have been cut back and it looks much better. Once the cutting back has been completed, clerk will write to the proprietor to thank them. Cllr Brigham will advise clerk when to send letter.

Cllr Baxter – there is a lamp out on the street light 1st on the left from the A17 and 3rd on the right from Clover Lane. **ACTION: clerk to report on Fix My Street.**

Cllr Brigham – there is a mattress in the dyke on Asperton Road on the left past Slate House Farm before the chicken farm. **Action: clerk to report to Boston Borough Council.**

Borough and County Councillors reports.

County Councillor Brookes – advised the Council that he will not be standing for re-election as a County Councillor after 16 years' service. There will be the first meeting in March of the new Greater Lincolnshire Combines Authority and the election for the new role of Mayor for this authority will be held in May. Regarding the new Local Government reorganisation, all present authorities will cease to exist. There is a special meeting at Lincs County Council this week to discuss this and it is expected to take approximately 2 years to put in place. **The Chairperson of Wigtoft Parish Council, Sandra Brigham, thanked County Councillor Brookes on behalf of the Parish Council and thanked him for all of the help he has given to us. She wished him all the best for the future.**

Clerk's report

Cllr Leggott reported that the grass in the playing field is getting very long. I have asked Sneath's if they could cut asap and clear the grass away this time only. They have confirmed they can do that week commencing 3.3.25.

I have been advised that when the new XXX comes out in March it will be a legal requirement for all councils to have xxxx.gov emails addresses for the council and for all Councillors. I will research this and present the information to you at the April meeting.

I have made a payment of £1037.08 (including £172.85 vat which will be claimed back) for the new noticeboard. Delivery will be in approximately 2 weeks. Cllr Collingwood has agreed that it can be delivered to his premises.

The payment made in January for £135.91 should have been sent to the Village Hall bank account but was sent to Sutterton Parish Council in error. They will be returning the money and I will be sending it to the correct bank account.

A refund of £11.89 has been received from Onetopup after I complained that they had claimed the money without notification. This will be shown in the account before the year end.

The audit requirements and information will be received during the second week of March.

I am away on leave from Sunday 9th of March to Friday 21st of March.

To review the play area inspection undertaken by Cllr Leggott on the 21.2.25 and decide if any actions are needed.

After reviewing the inspection, it was resolved that there were no pressing issues. The annual report is to be sent out with the monthly inspection template.

To receive feedback from Cllr Mills about a meeting he attended regarding an update to the National Planning Policy on the 24.2.25.

Cllr Mills summarised the information received.

Planning permission will be easier to obtain.

The Mayor of the new Unitarian Authority will potentially have power to agree plans.

There will be a focus on social/affordable housing and also 30 new towns created.

10,000 residents in a village could become a town. Green belt land will be needed for building and if a developer can show there would be significant benefit and prove it will include infrastructure, it will get passed.

To discuss and decide if the Parish Council want to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

It was resolved to take no action about the above matter.

Meeting closed at 19.45. Next meeting 7.4.25 at 7.30pm.

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