

# WIGTOFT



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## VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS *AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2016*



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Well, doesn't time fly!!! Here we are at the beginning of August. You wouldn't believe we were in summer with the past weather we have had, however as I write this, it looks as if it has decided to arrive.

Village life continues. Our church continues with its Saturday coffee mornings and offers a warm welcome to all. It's a friendly atmosphere and a good time and place to share news. Which brings me onto the good news about the church. We have been awarded a grant, much needed, to help repair the roof, so look out for scaffolding and work in progress, it will make such a huge difference to us all. *You can read more about this on page 5.*

Friends of Wigtoft Church recently had a lovely day in Jean Knights garden, I think it was the first day of summer!!! The weather was hot and sunny and the refreshments were delicious. A very big thank you to Jean and all her friends who worked so hard to raise £380.40 an enormous help to the Church and a further £120 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The extension to the Village Hall appears to be now complete and very nice it looks too. The entrance looks great, clean and well presented with two lovely fir trees. This is a major social venue in the village therefore it deserves to have a face lift now and again. Well done to all the Village Hall Committee.

A thank you to all those who keep the village clean and tidy. These people wish to remain anonymous but there are folk who pick up litter, cut grass and generally take pride in Wigtoft. So, to those who look after things for us all to enjoy - well done!!

The Wigtoft & District Gardening Club are holding their annual Flower Festival in September, *see more about this on page 22.*

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# St. Peter & St. Paul

## WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

*See details of the roof repair grant that we have been awarded on page 5.*

### Church Cleaning

***Church cleaning for August will be Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> and for September Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am both days***

We also share together in a chat (*what the rest of us call a gossip*) and a cuppa.

*If you would like to help please come along, you will be made most welcome*

#### Members of the Wigtoft

#### Parochial Church Council are:

Rev. Charles Robertson

Myrtle Holliday ----- Secretary

Virna Atkinson

Jane Barkham

John Craggs ----- Treasurer

Colin Scrupps

Malcolm Franklin

***Sandra Smith will be in charge of flower arrangement in the Church for August and Libby Craggs will be flower arranging in September***

### Obituary

### Allan Ernest Canham

Sadly, Allan passed away on May 26<sup>th</sup>, aged 92.

His parents lived in Wigtoft at Belton Farm, where his father Charley was farm foreman for Herbert Carter.

Allan attended Wigtoft school and from there he went on to Spalding Grammar School. After this he gained a place at Nottingham University, from where he graduated.. He then took a position at the University of Reading doing research work on Electricity in Horticulture; he also became a lecturer. He wrote three books on the subject and also many articles for trade journals.

His wife Margaret pre-deceased him by a year. He leaves his daughter Gillian, her husband Keith and their son and daughter Gemma and Jonathan.

# The Haven Group Church Services For August

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>10.30am</b> Group Service			
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion  <b>3.30pm</b> Jelly Church	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>8am</b> Holy Communion
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Breakfast Church	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>4pm</b> Evening Prayer

# The Haven Group Church Services For September

4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>10.30am</b> Group Service				
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion  <b>3.30pm</b> Jelly Church	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>8am</b> Holy Communion
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Breakfast Church	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Morning Prayer	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>4pm</b> Evening Prayer

# Wigtoft Church Roof Repair Grant

Some may already have heard that we have been successful in our grant application for repairs to the Church from the Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Scheme which is funded by the Government via the Treasury. There were over 1500 applications and 401 Churches received varying amounts of grant, 8 being in Lincolnshire

We were awarded a grant of up to £71,000 towards the estimated £88,000 costs of repairs to ensure the building becomes watertight. A breakdown of estimated costs will be posted in the Church should anyone wish to see them.

As you can imagine we are really pleased with the grant as a lot of time, effort and meetings went into the planning, and that is just the beginning.

You will not see any work done on the actual building for some time as there is still much paperwork to be done. The Architect needs to prepare the specifications, obtain and liaise with us for tenders re the work, we need to apply for planning permission from Boston Borough Council as the Porch and Organ roof are to be covered in terne-coated stainless steel (*less attractive to thieves*) on the advice of our Architect, which is obviously a change of fabric from the original lead.

Once all this information has been collected we then need to apply for a Faculty from Diocesan Advisory Committee and we will also need to apply for approval from English Heritage which will give us legal permission to begin the work on the Grade 1 listed building.

Unfortunately, this will all take some considerable time and again involve much work. Permission to start needs to be obtained by the 28<sup>th</sup> December 2016 and we have until June 2018 to complete the work.

There are various stages to be completed online during the whole process and both John Craggs and I attended a workshop at Lincoln which we felt was very helpful.

At some point we may need to find further donations as we would like to have a contingency fund. Prior to the necessary parts of the roof being uncovered we cannot be sure of the condition of the roof timbers and supports, any problems found at this stage will obviously involve extra costs which are not covered by the grant.

When we are given permission to start we will be given 70% of our grant and a further 20% when this has been spent, and 10% once the project has been

completed. All VAT can be reclaimed from the Listed Places of Worship VAT grant scheme.

One of our main constraints is the presence of Bats in the Church. Natural England has given us help and guidance, because the Bats are legally protected, and have now visited the Church three times. January was the first, a second visit in May and a couple of weeks later when an emergence survey was done, as legal volunteers placed themselves around the Church between 9.00pm and 10.30ish to watch for the emergence of bats. We do have small roosts in Church and some were seen. This does limit our work period as we cannot do any work between 30<sup>th</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> September.

This hopefully will give you some information on the current situation, there is plenty of work still going on behind the scenes and we will be giving you an up to date bulletin in the next Magazine.

*Myrtle and John*

## Farming Report

Although it seems many months since I have done a Farming Report for the magazine, I did promise John I would do an update for the August issue.

Having had a difficult Spring when we were all hoping crops would be drilled early to produce better yields, so far, not much luck. One crop that does look fairly good is oil seed rape, we hope to spray it off this week (week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July) and hope that after another two weeks it should be ready for harvest! We also grow both vining peas for freezing and marrow-fat peas for canning but both crops have suffered badly having had a really wet June/July. So, the yields will be a lot below average as peas get foot-rot after a prolonged wet time.

I will now do my best to report some more cheerful news regarding farming. The farms that grow brassicas calabres (cauliflower, cabbage etc.) are having a better time with some high prices, due to low imports and the English crop under polythene coming ready to harvest very slowly.

The winter wheat looks full of potential, as long as it does not get affected by heavy storms and goes down before harvest. We all need a hot August so the corn will come in dry and the people of Wigtoft will be able to sun bathe on the beach at Skegness!!!

Nobody knows, as yet, what Brexit will mean to the farming industry, but with a new Lady Prime Minister, hopefully the agriculture sector will not be side-lined.

**Chris Tunnard**

# Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

## August 2016

## September 2016

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



## Wigtoft Village Events for 2016

- Garden Club Flower Festival** September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
(Church)
- Macmillan Coffee Morning** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am - Noon  
(Village Hall)
- Harvest Songs Of Praise,  
Tea & Auction** October 9<sup>th</sup>, 3pm  
(Church)
- Village Hall Christmas Fayre** November 4<sup>th</sup>  
(Village Hall)
- Carol Service** December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6pm  
(Church)
- Christmas Tree Festival** December 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
(Church)

*More details of each event will be published nearer the time.  
Offers of help organising these events are always welcome*

### Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

To book the Village Hall, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005  
or e-mail [villagehall@wigtoft.com](mailto:villagehall@wigtoft.com)

*The hire charge is £8 per hour, which includes heating,  
lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.*

## Jean Knight's Open Garden

*I would like to say Thank You for all the help and support my friends gave me at my Open Garden Day in July. It was a very warm and busy day, great to see so many people enjoying my garden. We raised £380.40 for Wigtoft Church and a further £120 for Macmillan Cancer Support, so well done to everyone. I hope we can do as well next year.*

**Jean**

# Memories Of The Second World War    Avis M Padley

Lord Woolton's complicated rationing system was an anathema to many British citizens. Some felt deprived as there were many restrictions from 1939 to 1954. Those of us who kept livestock were indeed fortunate.



**Fair Shares All Round:** Lord Woolton's Ministry of Food mobilised the 'Kitchen Front' in a series of brilliant campaigns to eke out Britain's limited food supplies with rationing, – and imaginative use of vegetables. The Head Chef at the Savoy was asked to devise a meat substitute pie out of potatoes, cauliflower, swedes, carrots and onions that became nationally famous as 'Woolton Pie'.



It was most difficult to import food during the war years, due to enemy action and almost as troublesome to get it distributed throughout Great Britain. Those who lived in towns and cities were in greatest need. All British people, including members of the Royal family had ration books. Most citizens had to tighten their belts, while others loosened theirs by managing to get sufficient food.

We were able to get lunch at the British Restaurant in Boston to help our daily rations. We could choose fish or meat and nothing was left on our plates. I don't remember many overweight people in those days. I wonder if Winston Churchill was ever hungry? Those with estates were never hungry. They could dine on hares, rabbits, pheasants or other game birds. Sometimes salmon or venison were available. Wealthy Londoners lived well as the popular and expensive hotels were available to them.

Those who had their own kitchen gardens could live well especially if they were vegetarians. There were fewer vegetables around than there



are today so we dried our peas, and salted green beans, for use during the winter months.

Some criminals made a fortune supplying the black market and it was a part of civilian life during wartime. Harsh fines were imposed on those who were caught dealing illegally.

Housewives who had good relationships with their grocers might get an extra piece of cheese slipped into their shopping bags or the butcher might discover an extra slice of bacon or a few spare sausages.

Nothing from the home reared birds was wasted, apart from the parson's nose. Our mothers always managed good meals for their families and we were a much fitter nation than now.

## This Month's Cover Photograph

*This month's cover photograph is of a group of potato pickers at Casterton House Farm around 1950. The ladies are Mrs Bates, Rose Burton, Mrs Stubbley, Nora Hall (nee Carlton), Olive Morcroft (nee Moses) Potato picking Casterton House Farm circa 1950. Not sure who the children are but perhaps you might recognise yourselves.*



## WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

**DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN GARDENING?**

**YES. THEN WHY NOT JOIN LIKE MINDED PEOPLE AT THE  
MONTHLY MEETING OF OUR CLUB. WE MEET ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup>  
TUESDAY AT 7pm WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL**

### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

August 16 <sup>th</sup>	Club Produce Show
Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Fruit & Veg
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	RNLI

*WE ALSO ARRANGE VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST*

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Chairman, Malcolm - 01205 460635 or Treasurer, Barbara - 01205 460400**

## Topical Talk

Now that we have got the referendum “out of the way” we can start to count the cost of Brexit. The decision to allow the country to vote on this was a democratic one and we all have to abide by the result – what we have to do now is to try to adjust ourselves to the outcome. We are in the process of cutting ourselves off from our largest trading partner, the EU, and frantic efforts must be taking place behind the scenes to find new markets and trading partners: it is a bit like Tesco stocking its shelves ready for its customers and then locking the doors and refusing to admit them.

Anyone who has any savings and used to rely on getting a bit of interest from them know that since 2008 this interest has slowly disappeared – now the light at the end of the tunnel seems to be further away than ever, there does not appear to be any respite from the very low interest rates for the foreseeable future.

I see that George Osbourne has been “chatting up” the Chinese again, obviously looking for new markets for our products; also there is talk of the UK applying to join the Trans Pacific Partnership, an agreement between the US and eleven other countries – these include Australia, Japan, Canada and Mexico, with New Zealand pending: this pact covers 40% of global output.

As one politician put it a few years ago - “never underestimate us and write us off – we are at our strongest when the going is toughest”.

The world recently lost one of its most controversial sportsmen when Muhammad Ali died. Love him or hate him, many of his sayings could bring a smile to your face; here are a few!.

*“There's not a man alive who can whoop me; I'm too fast; I'm too smart; I'm too pretty. I should be a postage stamp, that's the only way I'll ever be licked”.*

*“It's hard to be humble when you're as great as I am”.*

About one of his great rivals, Sonny Liston.

*“The man can't talk, the man can't fight, the man needs talking lessons, the man needs boxing lessons, and since he's gonna fight me, he needs falling lessons”.*

About Joe Frasier, another of his opponents, who he fought in Manilla in the Philippines.

*“It's gonna be a thrilla, and a chilla, and a killa when I get the gorilla in Manilla”.*

*“Frasier is so ugly that when he cries the tears turn around and go down the back of his head”.*

About another opponent, George Foreman.

*"I've seen George Foreman shadow boxing and the shadow won".*

*"A man who views the world the same at 50 as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life",*

And finally

*"Silence is golden when you can't think of a good answer".*

The family of a Boston pensioner have discovered that he lived his life according to a letter written by his favourite teacher nearly 80 years ago. Douglas Kettleboro of Boston died in February this year aged 92. His family found a handwritten note in his desk dated November 24<sup>th</sup> 1937, offering advice about life, which his family claim he followed to the letter. It was written by a Mrs Perkins who taught him at Frith Bank primary school. Telling Doug that she would miss him, she recalled their happy times: she urged him to live a good Christian life and to be a credit to his parents "who have worked hard to raise you" and she hoped that he would be a credit to those he worked for wherever he might be.

His brother Simon found the letter when sorting through his papers and said that that was exactly how Doug had lived his life.

A tower built by a wealthy business man is up for sale. Hadlow Tower, near Tonbridge in Kent stands at 53m (175ft) and is higher than Nelsons Column in London. Walter May built it to spy on his cheating wife, who he suspected was sleeping with a local farmer. It was used as an observation post by the Royal Observer Corp and the Home Guard during the war: apparently it was also used by German pilots as a landmark as they flew towards London. It is a Grade 1 listed building.

*Colin Scrupps*

## **Blisbury Charity Student Grants**

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

Please apply by letter giving full particulars by the 11th September 2016 and send to:

**Blisbury Charity, Five Bells Lodge,  
Five Bell Lane, Wigtoft, Boston Lincs. PE20 2PX**

- 5<sup>th</sup> May** The ancient one had chicken and chips for lunch. There was left over bird for me, but I wonder why chips are supposed to be bad for dogs but not humans?
- 8<sup>th</sup> May** Glad it's Sunday. Only the regulars visit on Sundays and they appreciate dogs.
- 10<sup>th</sup> May** Regular Scrabble™ player brought me the usual Bonio™ - much appreciated. I tried saying 'Please' for a repeat but this request is always refused.
- 11<sup>th</sup> May** The dog's doctor (no longer my friend) called with more tablets today.
- 13<sup>th</sup> May** It has jigsaw mania again so I interrupted by demanding a cuddle.
- 15<sup>th</sup> May** Favourites came today. She stayed with me. He took the old one for a drive and two others returned to 44A with them. My peace was shattered.
- 20<sup>th</sup> May** The young one took me for a stroll today.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May** Another drive about for the would-be-boss. This meant I had my true favourite to myself for a brief spell.
- 26<sup>th</sup> May** Retired hairdresser visited again and she remembered my banana. Spoilsport said I couldn't eat it whole or there could be problems.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Jun** Chiropodist came. I don't like the look of her sharp instruments so I kept away from her.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun** Big girl came today. While we were out walking she put the chain on the door so we had to ring the doorbell to gain entrance.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jun** My right eye is sore and I keep wanting to scratch it but am not allowed.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Jun** The usual Wednesday visitor took owner for a drive. I enjoyed the peace and quiet.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jun** A terrible thunderstorm. I was spooked by the noise. Owner cuddled me.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jun** Dog's doctor again. He gave me two injections and left eye drops. I hate him.

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Jun** Gardener cut hedges. I like her - she understands dogs.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Jun** More storms! Why don't the heavens stop annoying us?
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul** Both gardeners came today so I had a full time job supervising.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jul** Owner quiet tonight. I expect she lost at Scrabble™

## Readers Letters & Comments



Dear Newsletter

I would like to ask if you could make the residents of Wigtoft aware that some one is going around breaking into vehicles and stealing tools and garden machinery. I myself had my van broken into and garden equipment stolen on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> June

The items stolen were an Echo long reach hedge trimmer, a Stihl hedge trimmer a Stihl chainsaw and a Hayter lawn mower.

I live in Church Road and have done for the last ten years and it sickens me when strangers can come to our lovely village and violate our property.

**Paul Edwards**

Dear Newsletter

I would like to say a big **Thank You** to Jean Knight for her annual Open Garden Day. We had a brilliant time, fantastic food and the amount of people that were there must also have enjoyed it as they stayed for most of the day, which showed in the amount raised of £500 for the charities she supports.

So well done Jean and all your helpers. Looking forward to next year.

**Pauline Garwell**

## Macmillan Bacon Butty Morning

On Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am until Noon, our annual Bacon Butty Morning will take place in Wigtoft Village Hall.

Tea, coffee, bacon butties, cakes, raffle and stalls

*Please come along and support this worthy charity.*

For further information please contact  
Jean on 01205 460546

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
			10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i>		Green Bin Collection	10am Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>		Blue / Brown Bin	10am Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
	7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>				6.30pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i>		Green Bin Collection	10am Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>		7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		2pm Welcome Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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	Bank Holiday					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Green Bin Collection	<b>3</b> <b>10am</b> Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Blue / Brown Bin	<b>10</b>
<b>10.30am</b> Group Service <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>		<b>10am</b> Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>10am - Noon</b> Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i>		<b>6.30pm</b> Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>10am</b> Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>
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			<b>7pm</b> Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	<b>7pm</b> Dog Training <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		
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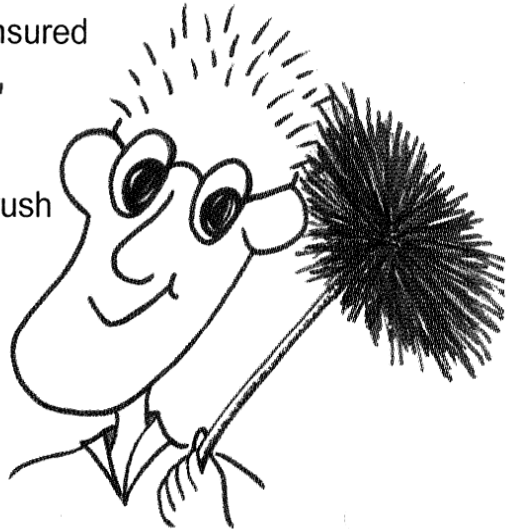
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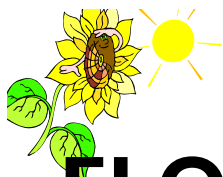
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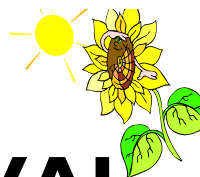
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# Manor Of Scrivelsby

If you travel from Boston, through Revesby and on towards Horncastle, on the B1183 road, you pass through the Scrivelsby estate. The first thing you see, on your right, is the deer park – I believe that there is a herd of deer but you mostly see sheep grazing. The main thing that strikes me when passing through this estate is the fact that it always looks tidy and cared for – there are many magnificent trees as well as newly planted ones.

On your left is the parish church of St Benedict which stands across a field, part of the estate and is accessed through a stock gate through which you can drive, remembering to close the gate behind you! There are several monuments in the churchyard to the Dymoke family and one circa 1300 of a Knight and Lady, probably to the earlier Marmion family. The church is usually locked but the keys are available, according to the notice board.



As you drive past the park, about half way along is the Lion Gateway: this is a Grade 11 listed structure that was built around 1530 and rebuilt in 1833.



The estate and manor were here before the Norman Conquest (1066) but shortly after this the estate was given, by William the Conqueror, to Robert Marmion, Lord of Fountenay, on the condition he accept the office of King's Champion; this family had historically been the champions to the Dukes of Normandy and were thus rewarded with Scrivelsby.

The Marmions remained the King's champions until 1350, when the male line ran out – a daughter married Sir John Dymoke and she brought the estate with her and it has remained in the family right up to the present day.

The manor house, known as Scrivelsby Court, was burnt down in 1761 and never rebuilt. It was finally demolished between 1955-57, the gatehouse to the old Court was retained and restored, in 1959, into an attractive family house.

Historically, the role of the King's (or Queen's) Champion was to challenge anyone who doubted the new monarch's right to the throne. The Champion



would throw down his gauntlet to prove he would fight to the death anyone who did. This was done three times and if no challenge was made, the King was presented with a gold cup full of wine, drank to his Champion, who then finished the drink. This custom was abandoned after the Coronation of George 1V in 1821.

One of the family, Sir Thomas Dymoke, joined an uprising against the Crown in 1469 – after this unsuccessful event he sought sanctuary in Westminster Abbey. He was induced to leave the Abbey sanctuary with the promise of a Royal pardon but was then tried for treason, he was beheaded in March 1470 at Stamford. His estates were forfeit but were restored to his son Robert later.

An interesting story from 1689 regarding the King's Champion was reported in the "Gazetteer" magazine in 1784.

Apparently the Champion of England (Dymoke), dressed in full armour and mounted on his horse, entered Westminster Hall, according to ancient custom, where the King and Queen were dining. He gave his usual challenge to any one that disputed the King's right to the Crown – after he had flung down his gauntlet, an old woman entered the Hall on crutches, took it up and made off in a hurry, leaving her own glove with a challenge attached to it to meet her the next day, at an appointed time, in Hyde Park. The event was met by laughter and no one went after her: it appears that the following day, at the appointed place the same person appeared, but the Champion did not, suggesting that he would not fight with "a member of the fair sex". It was generally assumed that it was someone in disguise.

The present Champion is Francis John Fane Marmion Dymoke, who succeeded his late father John to the title in March 2015, John had been the Champion for 70 years. He had been summoned from Egypt in 1952 where he was serving with the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Royal Lincs Regiment, to attend the Coronation of the present Queen.

*Colin Scrapps*

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# Summer Reading

I have read two good books over the past couple of months. I have to say, it's an age since I have read a poor book!

The first one I wish to recommend is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.

It is warm, funny and moving. At first sight Ove is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet. He thinks himself surrounded by idiots, who come in all shapes and sizes. As you read this lovely book you will see there is something about Ove that is quite irresistible and touching. This book should not be missed. It is well written by a Swedish author who understands human nature very well indeed.

The second one is for all those folk who love flowers, whether arranging them or growing them. It's written by Vanessa Deffenbaugh and called "The Language of Flowers"

It is the story of a young woman, Victoria, who finds it hard to convey her feelings. Victoria was raised in foster care, which has not helped her. One day she discovers the meaning and language of flowers and uses this as a means to express her emotions when she manages to obtain a job in a florists shop. It is a captivating, beautiful and absorbing story.

Both these books I can highly recommend. Books do not come cheap. However, the amount of pleasure they offer over the ensuing days is well worth the investment. There are many good second-hand books at the Church and the Village Hall, all at a very moderate price. So, why not buy some, then when the days are long and sunny and television has little to offer, curl up and allow yourself to be transported in your imagination through the language of literature.

If you do read the stories I have recommended, then I would be delighted to hear your views.

**Libby**

*Just a reminder, as we have no mobile library visiting Wigtoft now, it still comes to Sutterton once a month (see page 33 for dates).*

*Alternately there are always a selection of books on display in the Church which is open every day from 10am until 3pm. Please feel free to have a look and take books of your choice leaving a small donation towards Church funds.*



## Sam Snail's Gardening Jobs for August

Well we are still waiting for summer to arrive in mid July. The odd nice sunny day reminds us of the weather we should be enjoying. It must be soul destroying for seasonal attractions and gardens open to the public, everywhere looks so much better in the sunshine. It is difficult to predict what will need attention in the garden at the moment everything is so unpredictable.

When you dead head your summer flowering perennials also remove any mildewed or rotting leaves which seem very abundant this year. When removing yellowing leaves from hollyhocks and roses don't put them in your compost bins as the spores stay active and will be spread with the compost when you mulch with it later. I have been led to believe it's not a problem in the brown bins as they heat this compost high enough to destroy everything, I hope this is correct as this is what I do.

Continue pruning restricted forms of apples and pears as outlined last month, it is still OK to do this.

In the greenhouse carry on removing the side shoots from tomatoes, support cucumbers well as the cucumbers get heavy on the vine. Now they are forming fruit, feed them both once a week with tomato food in the correct measure stated on the label. Even though it is not very hot keep the greenhouse well ventilated.

My red peppers are growing very slowly, I can't see that they will flower, fruit and ripen this year, but you never know.

Lupins and Delphiniums have done very well this year, as they finish cut the stems down to the base and they will most likely flower again this year, smaller but still beautiful. Perennial poppies can be cut down to the base including the leaves, they will soon re-grow again and even flower later in the summer.

Mowing the lawns is tricky if you have heavy soil, as the mower leaves tracks deep enough for even more moss to form, not usually a problem at this time of the year. The good thing is they still look lovely and green, but moss browns very quickly if we do not get a hot dry spell. Oh well! here's hoping that happens at some time this year, I noticed that all the stores are still stashed with patio furniture and summer goods, so expect some sales soon. Maybe some bargains to be had.

Chins up and keep hoping for that Indian summer.

**Regards, from Sam**

# A Rare Sight In Wigtoft

This has got to be a very rare image, taken in the Church recently.

Even his better half admitted that she could not recall seeing such a sight before.

Does anyone recognise the gentleman?



## Sutterton Methodist Church Services for August/Sept

7<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am - Ms Pam Ellis

14<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am - Mrs Libby Craggs

21<sup>st</sup> August 10.30am - Mr Michael Jessop

28<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am - Own Arrangement



4<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am - Mrs Liz Steel

11<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am - Rev. Alan Barker

18<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am - Rev John Furniss

25<sup>th</sup> September 10.30am - Miss Pat Gooding



### Church Lottery Winners June 2016

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Mrs V Atkinson (£20)

2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Mr M Franklin (£10)

3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Mr J Johnson (£5)

*Drawn at the Coffee Morning, June 25<sup>th</sup>*

### Church Lottery Winners July 2016

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Mrs K Smart (£20)

2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Mrs M Gregg (£10)

3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Mrs Libby Craggs (£5)

*Drawn at the Coffee Morning, July 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Margaret Thatcher was born Margaret Hilda Roberts on October 13<sup>th</sup> 1925: she was brought up in Grantham above her father's grocery shop – her father's name was Alfred who originated from Northamptonshire and her mother was Beatrice Ethel (nee Stephenson) from Lincolnshire.

Margaret spent her childhood in Grantham where her father owned two grocery shops; she had an older sister Muriel. Her father was a local Methodist preacher and he was also involved in local politics, serving as an alderman. He was Mayor of Grantham in 1945-46 but lost his position as an alderman in 1952 after the Labour Party won its first majority on the Grantham Council in 1950. Alfred was a Liberal although he stood, as was usual in local government, as an Independent.

Margaret Roberts went to Huntingtower Road Primary School from where she won a scholarship to Kesteven and Grantham Girl's School: her school reports were good; her out-of-school activities included the piano, hockey, poetry, swimming and walking. She was head girl in 1942-43: although initially rejected for a place at Oxford she gained it when another candidate withdrew – she arrived there in 1943 and graduated in 1947 with 2<sup>nd</sup> class honours in the 4 year Chemistry Bachelor of Science degree.

She became President of the Oxford University Conservative Association in 1946; after graduating she moved to Colchester to work as a research chemist for BX Plastics. In 1948 she applied for a job at ICI but was rejected after the personnel department assessed her as “headstrong”, obstinate and dangerously self-opinionated. She joined the local Conservative Association and attended the Party Conference at Llandudno in 1948: one of her Oxford friends had connections with the Dartford Association in Kent, who were looking for candidates. Officials of the association were so impressed by her that they asked her to apply – she was selected in January 1951 at the age of 25 and added to the approved list.

She was formally adopted as Conservative candidate for Dartford in February 1951: during the adoption process she met Denis Thatcher, a successful and wealthy divorced businessman. In preparation for the election she moved to Dartford where she supported herself by working as a research chemist for J. Lyons & Co in Hammersmith as part of a team developing emulsifiers for ice cream.

She contested the safe Labour seat of Dartford in 1950 and 1951 where she lost on both occasions, but reduced the Labour majority quite considerably: she was ably supported by her parents and by Denis Thatcher, whom she married in December 1951. He funded his wife's studies for the Bar and she qualified as a barrister in 1953 and specialised in taxation; their twins Carol and Mark were born in the same year.

In 1958 she was selected as the candidate for the safe Tory seat of Finchley and in

the 1959 election she was elected after a hard fought campaign.

In 1961 she was promoted to the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance as a parliamentary undersecretary. When the conservatives lost the election in 1964 she became their Shadow Spokesperson on Housing and Land, in which she advocated the party's policy of allowing tenants to buy their council houses. When the Party won the 1970 election she was appointed to the Cabinet.

In 1974 they lost the general election and Edward Heath's leadership began to look in doubt; Margaret Thatcher became the main candidate to replace him. In February 1975 she became the party leader and Leader of the Opposition; after one of her verbal attacks on the Soviet Union one Russian newspaper called her the "Iron Lady" and this label stuck with her throughout her political career. After the general election in 1979 the Tories won a majority and Margaret Thatcher became the UK's first female Prime Minister.

In April 1982 the Argentinian junta invaded the Falkland Islands and this proved to be one of her biggest tests while she was in power. Under her leadership a naval taskforce was assembled and despatched to the South Atlantic and in June the Argentinians surrendered and the operation was hailed a success.

Another test of her leadership came in 1984 when the miner's strike took place: the strike was led by Arthur Scargill, the miner's leader. After a year out on strike the miners leadership conceded without a deal being on the table. The fall out from this was that many of the coal mines, some of which were profitable, were closed down. In 1985 the government closed 25 pits and by 1992 97 had been closed and the remainder were privatised.

Her leadership of the party was challenged by Michael Heseltine in 1990 and after failing to gain a majority support of her MP's she resigned her post and was replaced by John Major.

She served as a back bench MP for two years after this but retired from the Commons in 1992 aged 66. Her husband Denis died in June 2003 – he was by her side through her Downing Street years and afterwards and she paid tribute to him for his great support to her over the years.

On April 8<sup>th</sup> 2013 she died at the age of 87 after suffering a stroke.

During her political career she raised conflicting emotions in people – by many she was loved and respected for her strength and unwillingness to "bend" politically, but she had the opposite effect on others and was looked on with suspicion by many of her opponents.

She was granted a life peerage as Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven in 1992 and was appointed to the Order of the Garter in 1995 – these are just two of the many honours bestowed upon her during and after her political life.

***Colin Scrapps***

# **MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (303) HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2016 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL**

**Present** B. Leggott (Chair), S. Collingwood S. Baxter, M. Scrupps,  
V. Atkinson, M. Tunnard, & M. Piper (Clerk)

## **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

M. Brookes, M. Cooper, A. Spencer, P. Craven

## **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

No members of the public attended.

## **3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 4th April 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2016 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Leggott at the next meeting.

## **4. POLICE MATTERS**

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

## **5. HIGHWAYS**

Highway Maintenance Scheme for 2016/2017

Surface Dressing :Five Bell Lane, Green Lane, Ten Acre Drove & A17  
(Wigtoft-A16)

Temporary Road Closure - Wigtoft

Some fly tipping has been removed, but more has appeared. Clerk to contact Council.

## **6. PLAYGROUND**

Clerk to contact contractor re. the regularity of the grass cutting in playground & public verges etc.

## **7. FINANCIAL**

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Cheques for Mr Cuttler (Auditor), Welland & Deepings Drainage £52.06  
& Zurich Insurance £492.03

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## 8. PLANNING

There were three planning applications.

1. Lewis Farm erection of lean-to.
2. Erection of 4 bedroom house at Marsh House.
3. Erection of single storey extension at Asperton Cottage.

There were no objections to any of the above proposals.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

Notices of Referendum.

Quarterly guide to what's going on in Boston.

## 10. A.O.B

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at **7.30.pm**

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***The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 7.30pm.  
All are welcome to attend***

## Wigtoft Technology

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parishcouncil@wigtoft.com - to contact the Parish Council  
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If there are any other village group that would benefit from their own e-mail address please let the magazine know.

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