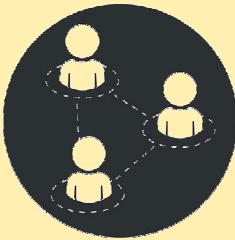


WIGTOFT


VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



SOCIAL DISTANCING



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BE KIND
"To Each Other"
~ ~ ~
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**STAY
HOME**
AND
Save the
WORLD

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WEAR A MASK
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The Newsmag

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A much smaller magazine than normal this month as there are not many things happening in the village because of all the current restrictions, but there is lots of information included in this issue, so make a cuppa and settle down for a good read. Many thanks to all those who have sent in items for inclusion in this issue.

Life goes on with some difficulty. We think of those who are really suffering during this pandemic. Our gratitude is extended to all those who care for us in any way during this time.

Flu jabs are now available, also for those over fifty this year. To get more information please telephone your surgery.

We have an article and quiz on Halloween (*Page 9*) this is for both the young and for those a little older!

It's that time of year again so please try not to forget we are fast approaching a time change!! The clocks go back an hour, an extra hour of sleep!!

Also, our final garden refuse collection of the year will be on Friday November 27th, and they should start again in March 2021

So, please look after yourselves and wash hands, wear masks, keep your distance. Hopefully we may be able to get back to normal (*whatever that was*) sometime in 2021 so that we will all be able to meet up again for a bacon butty and a cup of coffee.

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

At a Church Council meeting on 8th September it was decided to keep the Church closed. This is because of the age of the congregation and the uncertainty of what is going on at this time with Covid 19.

Because we cannot sing in Church the Harvest Service will take place on line sometime in October. If you would like to join that Service or any other Service then please contact me and I will send you the connection details.

We also discussed what we might be able to do at Christmas. There is a possibility that we might be able to put lights in the Churchyard. We are taking advice on this because we have never done it before and are not sure of the rules. But at this point in time the Carol Service will have to be an online Service and also the Christmas Eve Service will be online.

Clarification on Fund Raising

In the August/September issue of the newsletter we listed some the positions that we would like help with. One of these was Fund Raising. It should have read :- This position is first and foremost to apply for Grants. The person who takes on this position will also work alongside the Friends of the Church to come up with new ideas for Fundraising. Also to help the Friends organize the events.

The Friends Group will still be the main fundraisers for the Church. We know that they do a very good job and we would not like to lose them.

Jane Barkham
PCC Secretary

The Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

Rev. Charles Robertson
Jane Barkham ----- Secretary
John Craggs ----- Treasurer
Virna Atkinson
Jackie Core
Colin Scrapps
Malcolm Franklin

Church Lottery Winners August 2020

1st Kim Blanchard-Smith (£20)
2nd Christine Waudby (£10)
3rd Jim King (£5)

Drawn at the PCC Meeting 8th September

Church Lottery Winners September 2020

1st Pete Ulyatt (£20)
2nd Mrs Taylor (£10)
3rd Liz Leonard (£5)

Drawn at the PCC Meeting 8th September

Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church Wigtoft Heating Appeal

In response to our application, to Lincolnshire Co-operative, we have now been selected as a community champion.

Every time a Co-Op member shops and uses their dividend card a donation will go towards the fund. Carrier bags sales, collection boxes and event days are also added to the pot!

Please will you help to swell the funds by shopping at the Co-op in the Swineshead area. The time frame for this fund is September 6th to November 27th.

Other grant applications by the PCC have needed to be put on hold because of the present situation.

Anyone with other ideas for fund raising please contact any member of the PCC. Your contribution will be acknowledged in the Wigtoft News magazine.

We would like the heating to be in place by this time next year if possible.

We hope a warmer church will encourage more people to support an important part of our village.

You do not need to be a church member to help keep this lovely building to survive.

Wigtoft Parochial Church Council.

Zoom!

During these very difficult, and different times, some of us are grateful for social media and the new "ZOOM" video meetings. We at Wigtoft church and surrounding parishes have also been thankful for Rev Charlie and his Curate Sue Hentley as we have participated in Sunday services via this medium. It is well received by those who are unable to attend worship at Swineshead Church on Sunday mornings at 9.30pm.

If you would like further information about this, and would like to join us, then please contact a member of the PCC.

Wigtoft Village Hall

Due to the current restrictions Wigtoft Village Hall
will be closed until further notice.

For further information, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005

Light Up Wigtoft for Christmas

Christmas - Yes, it will happen! So let's Light up Wigtoft

Life has been so unpredictable of late. But one thing is for sure, Christmas will happen once more and it's not too far away.

Although we are limited in what we can do to celebrate it as a village this year, and more than likely with friends and family, let's make the most of what we can do, safely.

So, let's light up Wigtoft once more. We can decorate our windows; put lights on our garden trees and lanterns at our doors. Whatever we do, we can start on the first Sunday of Advent, which is **Sunday November 29th**. It is such a joy to walk through the village and see the lights at this special time of year.

This year perhaps the need is greater to make that extra effort. We have much to be grateful for if we have survived this dreadful virus. If we know of any who have not, then this will truly be a wonderful way of remembering them.

So, come on folks - Light up Wigtoft

Bonfire Night

Bonfire night is celebrated on 5th November, we celebrate on this day because it's the anniversary of an attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament. It was called the Gunpowder Plot, and the man who was part of the plot was called Guy Fawkes.

There may be a lot more firework celebrations at home this year so remember to keep all pets safely indoors and make sure you all stay safe and enjoy your night.



Remember that even in these strange times the clocks still go back 1 hour on Sunday 25th October

Autumn Farming Report

It does seem several months since I wrote a farming report for the magazine, so I will give you an update on what is happening on the farm in early September.

After having a really wet winter, as we all know, following a bad autumn in 2019, we did not drill any winter wheat at all. So, all our spring wheat was drilled in March/April, this year, as soon as the land started to dry.

The potatoes and red cabbage were late being cleared, so we then drilled seventy acres of spring barley. The first time we have drilled barley for many years. The yields are disappointing this year with such a contrast with the weather, but you have to have what there is!

Nature has the last word every time! So there is no need to be a grumpy farmer.

We share a combine with Mr Bruce Leggett every year so, although we had a late start this year, I would like to thank him for his remarkable patience this last ten years. We do not seem to get seven days together, like we did in the old days. So you need a bit of luck when it is your turn to have the combine on the farm.

We did have approximately fifty-four acres of vining peas, which was only a moderate yield. So there really are no high points as far as profit is concerned per acre.

I hear from some of my farming friends that the prices of cattle are lower than normal whether you are selling them fat or younger cattle like calves or yearlings.

So, if you are considering making farming a career you will need a bit of courage with hope things will improve.

Chris Tunnard.

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 October.

Please apply by letter giving full particulars by the 7th October 2020 to:

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



Plants Direct at Rainbow Landscaping Centre

We would like to thank, Jack and Nikita, of Plants Direct at Rainbow Landscaping Centre, for all the lovely plants they have kindly given to Wigtoft Church.

We are still weeding the borders if anyone would like to help please give me a call.

Thank you.
Jean Knight. 01205 460546.

Church Grounds

Thank you to the four ladies who have been busy digging the church borders. Taking rubbish home and setting plants donated by, Jack and Nikita from Plants Direct, Kirton. It is beginning to look very smart again. Also, thanks to John for keeping the grass so well cut.

People do not realise how hard it is to keep the churchyard in such good order with so few people to help.

If there is anyone out there who feels they could help trim hedges, weed, or grass cut your help would be much appreciated.

Unfortunately age has caught up with me and I can only do jobs that don't involve bending. I am still full of ideas but need people to carry them out for me!

Virna.

A Great Big Thank You

Thank you to the staff at Susanna's studios for their phone calls during lockdown. Also, for opening seven days a week to get us all sorted out! What a relief to get our hair cut, it certainly lifted our spirits at a difficult time.

Jean Knight.

PS. And so say all of us!!! Well done ladies!!

Christmas Tree Festival.

It is with great sadness that the Festival will not go ahead this year because of covid19.

We are, however, hoping to have one next year. On the plus side, just think, Jean won't be bothering you to sponsor a tree!!

Thank you to all the kind people who have sponsored trees over the years. Also, those who have kindly sent donations this year.

We were hoping to acquire new heating for our church this year. We shall have to suffer the cold in there a lot longer and just wrap up warm.

Hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Be in no doubt, I will phone you all next year for Christmas 2021.

Jean Knight

Plants Direct Your Local Garden Centre

Jack and Nikita's Plants Direct are now open for business at Rainbow Landscaping Centre, Kirton, PE20 1PX Tel:- 07769 152232.

They are a family run business specialising in plants, indoors and outdoors, shrubs, bulbs, flowers etc.

They also offer pet beds, logs and kindling, and a wide range of beautiful containers and garden ornaments. Very soon they are hoping to have an assortment of conifers.

This lovely garden centre is well worth a visit. It has everything the discerning gardener would require. So why not go along and visit them. You will receive helpful advice and a warm welcome. Not to mention, if you are so inclined, you can treat yourself to a coffee at the Rainbow Restaurant or even a light meal!

So enjoy an hour out at this local venue.

We are open.

Monday to Saturday 8am - 5pm. Sunday 9am - 4pm.

Halloween

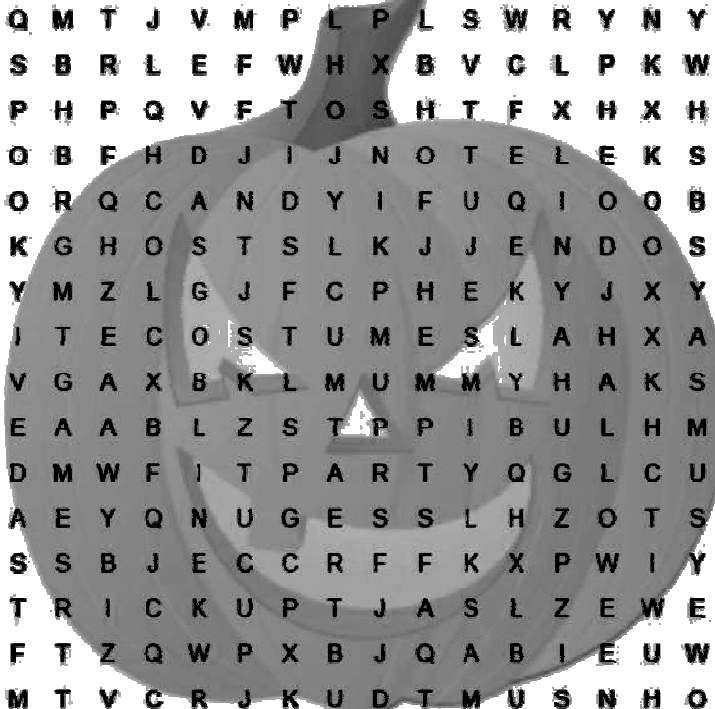
Halloween, the tradition originated with the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts.

This year the celebration of Halloween might be different due to Covid. We are all very familiar with that word and how it's affected everything we do or didn't do this year.

Halloween may be just another one of those celebrations where things change. We all associate October 31st with trick or treaters knocking on our doors, all dressed up in their costumes, hoping to get a treat. Maybe this year due to social distancing this won't happen, but let's hope we still see lots of pumpkins lighting the night up.

Halloween Word Search

BOO
CANDLE
CANDY
COSTUMES
GAMES
GHOSTS
GOBLIN
HALLOWEEN
MASK
MUMMY
PARTY
PUMPKINS
SKELETON
SPOOKY
TRICK
TREAT
WITCH



Find the missing word

William Webster was born in Wyberton, near Boston: on leaving school he was apprenticed to a Boston builder, a Mr Jackson. After completing his apprenticeship he immediately started his own building business. He became involved in the refurbishment of several local churches, working with Sir Gilbert Scott, on Algarkirk church – he also built the Boston Exchange Building; he was also responsible for building the reading rooms in the town and the Boston oil mills.

Between 1856 and 1857 he was instrumental in building the Cambridge Lunatic Asylum at Fulbourn and then another at Hitchin.

As his business expanded so did the size of the projects he took on and in 1860 he moved to London: here he was responsible for the Southern Outfall Sewer, Abbey Mills Pumping Station and the Western Pumping Station. He then moved on to constructing parts of the Thames Embankment – he was responsible for parts of the Victoria Embankment, the whole of the Albert and Chelsea Embankments as well as an extension to the embankment around the Houses of Parliament. He also built the Helborn Viaduct Railway Station, Hotel and the southern approaches to Tower Bridge. His company undertook many other contracts which included building chapels, one of these being the Dissenters Chapel in Hither Green cemetery. This building suffered from bomb damage during the war and has been boarded up since then and allowed to decay.

Other contracts he undertook were the Middle Level Sluice in Norfolk, the waterworks at Hampton, the gasworks at Poplar and the new bridge at Maidstone.

He built himself a large 15 bedroom mansion at Lee in London: initially he purchased two adjacent properties, numbers 7 and 9 Lee Terrace, demolished them and constructed Wyberton House, where he lived with his wife and three children.

He was one of the major building and civil engineering contractors of the late Victorian London. He died at Wyberton House on February 1st 1888 and after his death the company was carried on by his eldest son, also called William.

Colin Scrupps

Hello from Susanna's Studios

01205 460 443

Claire and Kerri here, from Susanna's. We just wanted to let you know that our Nail Bar and Beauty Room have officially RE-OPENED after lockdown. Manicures, pedicures, gel polish, waxing and tinting is all available, we are here for all your beauty needs.

We offer a wide range of treatments from express (file and polish) to normal or luxury manicures and pedicures. A luxury treatment consists of exfoliating, massaging, dry skin removal and cuticle work, paraffin wax with heated mitts, all with a polish of your choice.

If you fancy a pamper give us a call we look forward to seeing you soon.



Express mani/pedi.....£8.00
Normal mani/pedi£13.00
Luxury mani/pedi£16.00
Gel polish.....£20.00



CALENDAR RHYME (Flora Willis Watson)

January falls the snow,
February cold winds blow,
In March peep out the early flowers,
And April comes with sunny showers.
In May the roses bloom so gay,
In June the farmer mows his hay,
In July brightly shines the sun,
In August harvest is begun.
September turns the green leaves brown,
October winds then shake them down,
November fills with bleak and smear,
December comes and ends the year.

As I write I can see a variety of trees in their new overcoats of leaves. The stark stumps of the limes are disguised by fresh sprays of green. The beeches kept us waiting as they grow their copper covering. The black triangular buds of the ash trees have only just burst to reveal their delicate pale green leaflets.

Most churchyards have at least one yew tree. Some ancient yews are hundreds of years old. There is a lot of superstition around yew trees, so they are often confined to churchyards. They can be poisonous so be careful how you touch them. Yew wood was used to make longbows and (according to legend) Robin Hood used a bow made of yew.



Druids viewed yews as sacred trees. Some of the oldest yews in Britain are older than Stonehenge. In the 1960s scientists discovered yew contained a chemical that could be used in chemotherapy to help cancer. Old cottages have been named 'Yew Tree Cottage' to include the tree. Please remember the leaves and berries are still poisonous.

Soon oak apples will appear on the oak trees. If you look closely you will see small green caterpillars among the twigs. The oak apple is really a gall made by a small insect – the gall wasp – which finds food and shelter for its eggs or larvae. The larvae develop within the galls and perfect insects puncture the gall before escaping.

Not everyone likes trees and we hear lots of complaints about the litter they make and the shade they cause. Hay fever sufferers hate the pollen. Berries, leaves, seeds and twigs all cause problems. Sometimes trees have a long lifespan and we miss them when they die. Often they are replaced by a similar variety.

The provision and maintenance of trees can be very costly. Surely this is justified by the health benefits and interest they provide? Is our property more valuable if we have beautiful trees in the garden or neighbourhood?

Topical Talk

I was shown an article recently that was printed in one of the local Spalding papers, concerning a local murder in Surfleet in 1768.

The victim's name was Samuel Stockton and his killer is named as Philip Hooton. Hooton was a farmer and auctioneer and was born in Sutton St Edmunds, Stockton was a wealthy corn trader and also a trader in corduroy: their paths first crossed in Liverpool in October 1768; in their conversations it was mentioned that the price of corn in Lincolnshire was much lower than elsewhere and this caught the interest of Stockton – Hooton mentioned that he would be returning to his home in Lincolnshire shortly and would call at Stockton's house at a later date when the corn had been thrashed and was ready for sale.

But tragedy struck in December of that year when Stockton's body was found on Surfleet Common and some of his clothes and belongings were scattered about and his horse, still saddled, was grazing on the marshes.

The body was taken to Surfleet church and murder was instantly suspected – suspicion immediately fell on Hooton who had been seen riding with Stockton. It appears that they were hatching a business plan, presumably about wheat trading and that Stockton had got together a sum of money totalling around £800, a large sum of money in those days. It is alleged that, travelling together on horseback on Surfleet Common, Hooton had bludgeoned Stockton to death taking the money and then rode back to his home at Gedney Hill.

Hooton pleaded his innocence to the end but was committed to Lincoln Castle to stand trial in the assizes: he was found guilty and sentenced to death by hanging.

After the execution the body was taken down and conveyed by cart to Surfleet where it was hung in chains on a gibbet erected for the purpose. This gibbet was 30 feet high and erected on the river bank near the scene of the murder.

There is a stone in the churchyard at Surfleet which reads "This stone was erected in memory of Mr Samuel Stockton, late of the parish of Ashley who was barbarously murdered near this place on December 8th 1768 for which one Philip Hooton was tried and condemned at Lincoln Assizes and afterwards executed and hung in chains on the very place where the deed was committed".

Recently, in the Utah wilderness in the US, rangers found the body of a man near an abandoned snowmobile; in his knapsack they discovered chocolate, water and a book entitled "The thrill of the chase". This book supposedly contains cryptic clues to the whereabouts of a cache of treasure buried somewhere in the Rocky Mountains – is this one of the world's last great mysteries or else a giant and lethal publicity stunt.

In 2010 Forres Fenn believed he was dying of cancer; an antiques dealer and former Vietnam war fighter pilot Fenn packed a brass chest with gold nuggets, jewellery, coins and precious objects, now believed to be worth at least \$2 million. He hid it in the mountains somewhere north of Santa Fe: then he wrote and self published a memoir.

This memoir called "The thrill of the chase" is really a rather boring book and badly written – it contains a poem "Gold and More", supposedly containing clues to the whereabouts of the hoard. "Look quickly down, your quest to cease, just take the chest and go in peace". This poem, which only took about ten minutes to write, launched a quest that, 10 years later, shows no sign of abating. Fenn is now 89 years old, mysteriously recovered and giving nothing away. His treasure trove has never been found; indeed it may not even exist – it could just be a con trick.

But be that as it may it has so far claimed at least 5 lives. New Mexico police have urged him to call off the search but the hunt for the treasure seems to be unstoppable.

Fancy buying a house with very unusual features?. There is one on the market in London, priced at £950,000 – it's claim to fame is its size; at just five and half feet wide it is claimed to be the narrowest house in the City. Originally a hat shop it is now a private residence. Arranged over 5 floors it has 2 bedrooms. The last time it was on the market in 2009 it sold for £595,000.

Colin Scrupps

Sutterton Methodist Church



For details of services at Sutterton Methodist Church please contact

Rev. Alan Barker Tel:- 01406 423270

"Let us be thankful for those who continue to spread faith and friendship through various means whilst Churches remain closed."

Grimsthorpe Castle - Part 2

The Willoughby de Eresby family is one of only three in England who still fulfil the hereditary office of Lord Great Chamberlain, the Monarch's representative at the Palace of Westminster.

In the 19th century early demonstrations of steam ploughing took place on the estate to try to improve productivity; portable steam engines were also used in the saw mill and for pumping. A private railway was also built on the estate.

During the first world war the Park was used by the Royal Flying Corp and the RAF as an emergency landing ground, and during WW2 the central part was used as a bombing range. In 1944 the castle housed a company of the Parachute Regiment whilst it was recovering from operations in Italy and preparing for their actions in Arnheim – they departed for this action from RAF Folkingham.

Royal Patronage

Henry VIII stayed here on his way north to York: James 1 and his Queen, Anne of Denmark, stayed here as did Charles 1

The Park

The Park was originally the southern edge of the great Lincolnshire forest: the Park is also mentioned in the Domesday Book. Many of the ancient oaks were felled in the Tudor period for ship building.

A Cistercian abbey, founded around 1451 and called Vallei Dei (valley of God) formerly stood in the Park about a mile from the castle – it was dissolved in 1536 at the Dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII. The abbey was populated by monks from Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire.

When the castle was extended in 1541, due to an imminent visit by Henry on his way to York, the nearby abbey, now unused, was used as a source of building materials, providing good limestone.

This parkland of great antiquity now consists largely of oak trees which were planted in the 17th century. A herd of red deer graze in the Park.

There is no church at Grimsthorpe but the village is served by the nearby church of St Michaels and All Angels at Edenham, also on the Grimsthorpe estate.

Drummond Castle in Scotland also belongs to the same family and both estates are now managed by a trust.

The present owner is Jane Heathcote-Drummond-Willoughby, 28th Baroness Willoughby de Eresby, granddaughter of Nancy Astor, the first female MP to serve in the House of Commons and who died at Grimsthorpe in 1964.

Colin Scrupps

Many very strange months have passed. My human has been at home all day and every day. How very odd! I was always given a treat when left alone. My calorie intake decreased and I became a poor hungry dog. In addition the



length of my walks increased as the would-be boss has lots of free time. Although I stand by my friend's gate and look for a glimpse of her, owner often jerks the lead and I have to endure another walk - sometimes taking as long as two hours.

My toenails have become shorter and my waistline is neater. When my would-be boss digs or weeds in the garden I like to sunbathe as doggies do. Now the garden is tidier I can enjoy digging holes. I also enjoy chewing plastic plant pots. There is a large pile stacked by the greenhouse. I still see dog friends in the park. Social distancing doesn't apply to canines!

One day, when out for a walk, I managed to slip my lead. I heard chickens clucking so decided to investigate. I dashed behind the near house, where the birds were penned, and chased them up and down their enclosure. I couldn't catch one! My owner was very cross but the birds' owner said no harm was done. What a lark!

The human enjoys making jigsaw puzzles. When I inspected one on the coffee table the pieces were scattered. I was truly in the doghouse!

I don't understand why there are no longer Scrabble™ afternoons. I have to visit the old one alone. Occasionally the boss stands inside the gate of 'Witsend' and drops my lead. I rush to the door of the bungalow and it is quickly opened for me. My hostess gives me a cuddle and gives me a biscuit and I say 'Thank you!' with wet kisses. Owner has to wait outside in the cold until my fun is over.



The Royal British Legion Kirton and District Branch



Hello readers

As we all know VE Day service had to be cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The RBL Kirton and District Branch were instructed by HQ not to hold a service for VE Day although a wreath was laid at the war memorial by the Branch Chairman, the last post was played on his car stereo, it wasn't much but the best we could do in the circumstances. If only we had known that Dr. Bunting was playing the last post and observing a 2 minute's silence before playing reveille at Kirton Medical Centre. We could have asked him to join the Chairman at the war memorial, as a private citizen keeping social distance, then no rules would have been broken.

On Saturday 9th August 2020 the Royal British Legion Kirton and District Branch held a service at the war memorial Kirton to commemorate the end of the war in the Far East 75 years ago, "VJ Day". Again, we were instructed by RBL headquarters that this event was not to be advertised and numbers to be kept below 30 to comply with Covid 19 regulations. The Chairman and Secretary organised this event by asking the vicar Reverend Sue Rose of St. Peter and St. Paul Church Kirton to lead this service and parish councillor Lorraine O'Connor joined them at the memorial. We had the generous support of Chris Crisford who had a wonderful PA system and was able to play songs and hymns from the remembrance service which could be heard all over the village. The vicar opened the service with a moving sermon to remember all those who lost their lives in the war with Japan and all the other wars and conflict over the last 100 years. A prayer was then said for VJ Day, the Branch Chairman then quoted the act of homage. At a minute to 11 O'clock the last post was played and the union flag was lowered. At 11 O'clock a two minutes silence was observed then reveille was played and the flag was raised. The Branch Secretary then quoted the Kohima. A wreath was laid on behalf of the RBL Kirton and District branch, the vicar then closed the service, and the Chairman and Secretary thanked everyone for joining them for this service.

As we look forward to the Remembrance Service we will have to wait and see what the Council decides and what they are allowed to do on the advice of the UK government. The RBL branch will work with the council to remember and pay due respect to our war dead on Remembrance Sunday.

This year's Poppy Appeal has been cancelled by the RBL HQ to help stop the spread of the virus by not putting out collection boxes, the only item it is making available are wreaths. I have ordered all the wreaths that I would normally

order at this time of year and, if they are not required, I will store them for another year. As we get nearer to Remembrance time if anyone would like a wreath or a remembrance cross or a poppy I have them in stock, if you would like to make a donation to the poppy appeal we just ask you to use contactless or cheques made out to RBL Poppy Appeal, so please just contact me.

Kind Regards,

Royal British Legion Kirton and District Branch

Chairman and Poppy Appeal Organiser

Roland Reece 01205 722501 roland.reece@btinternet.com



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.**

Due to current circumstances our meetings for
the rest of 2020 have been cancelled.

We hope to get back to normal in the New Year and
will inform members once we have a clear idea on
guidelines and procedures.

ANY QUERIES PLEASE CONTACT:

Jean - 01205 460546 or Rosemary - 01205 460902

Boston Borough Council

Bin Collection Dates for October/November



Friday October 2nd ----- Blue Bin & Brown Bin

Friday October 9th ----- Green Bin

Friday October 16th ----- Blue Bin & Brown Bin

Friday October 23rd ----- Green Bin

Friday October 30th ----- Blue Bin & Brown Bin

Friday November 6th ----- Green Bin

Friday November 13th ----- Blue Bin & Brown Bin

Friday November 20th ----- Green Bin

Friday November 27th ----- Blue Bin & Brown Bin



Please Note - The final garden waste collection for 2020 is on
November 27th, they should start again at the beginning of March 2021

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th July 2020

This meeting was held by a video link conference call due to the restrictions in force in relation to the Corona virus pandemic.

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

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

Public forum: None

Chairman's remarks – None

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr P Craven sent his apologies. He was unable to attend due to attending another meeting. 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

Police report – e mail received confirming no crimes or incidents reported.

Notes of the meeting held on 1.6.20 to be confirmed and signed as minutes.

The notes of the above meeting were not able to be signed as minutes due to the meeting being held by video link. In accordance with the requirements of the Transparency Code, the minutes will be published on the website as draft minutes. It was resolved to accept the notes as minutes. All notes will be signed as minutes at the next face to face meeting.

Financial matters: Accounts for payment for May; 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>
15.6.20	Pay	208.00		
15.6.20	PAYE	52.00		
15.6.20	Clerk use of home as office	20.00		
30.6.20	Payroll services	18.00		
13.6.20	Grass cutting	280.00		
8.6.20	AVG Internet Security	51.02		
TOTAL		629.02	0.00	629.02

<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
23.6.20	Drainage rates from tenant	57.73		
TOTAL		57.73		

Finance report:

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

PKF Littlejohn, the Government appointed auditors, have confirmed receipt of the certificate of exempt status for 2019/2020.

Planning: None.

Correspondence received since the June 1st 2020 meeting

LALC e news 1.6.20 emailed to Councillors 9.6.20

E mail from Citizens Advice Mid Lincs thanking PC for the £30 donation
emailed to Councillors 29.6.20

E mail from the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum requesting a poster to be placed on
the Noticeboard about Domestic Abuse emailed to Councillors 29.6.20

E mail from London Hearts re supply of defibrillators 18.6.20
e mailed to Councillors 29.6.20

Councillor's reports

Cllr SB – has been advised that the voluntary litter picking group are starting litter picking in the village again.

Clerk's report

I have been advised on 30.6.20 that the new website hosted by LCC is now ready to be set up. I will be attending an on line refresher training session on the 17.7.20 as the initial training was done in March. All information on the current website will need to be transferred to the new site as, once this is completed, the old site will be switched off. Administration of the new site is very different to the old site.

Cllr Bruce Leggott has confirmed that the fly tipping on Burtoft Lane North has been removed and that both street signs have now been repaired.

E mail received from Insurers with a response to the question about a bespoke policy. Forwarded to Councillors. No action at the moment. Clerk has diarised for March 2021 to investigate with other insurance companies.

To discuss the reopening of the play area/playing field and agree any actions required.

Advice had been received from Gov.UK, the Association of Play Industries and Boston Borough Council. Councillors discussed what actions needed to be taken prior to reopening the play area/playing field. It was resolved to bring forward the annual inspection undertaken by Wicksteed Leisure, contact Boston Borough Council to ask if they could print signage for Wigtoft and to undertake a Covid 19 risk assessment prior to reopening,

ACTION: Clerk to contact Boston Borough Council re signage and to order the annual inspection. Cllr GW to prepare a template for the risk assessment for Councillors to complete.

An update on moving the existing litter bin by the post box to a more suitable location.

The clerk advised Council that Boston Borough Council have now confirmed that they would be able to empty the bin if it were to be moved. It was resolved that Cllr SS would ask the residents who live adjacent to the proposed site if they own the strip of grass. Cllr SS to advise clerk of response. If the answer is no, clerk to contact Lincs County Council Highways department for permission to site the bin there.

ACTION: As above.

NALC new Model Member Code of Conduct consultation

The clerk went through the questions with Councillors and noted their responses.

ACTION: Clerk to add the responses to the online survey by the deadline.

To confirm the bank reconciliation check for 1.1.20 to 31.3.20 completed by Cllr SB and to agree who will conduct the next reconciliation check for 1.4.20 to 30.6.20.

It was resolved to accept the bank reconciliation check completed by Cllr S Baxter. Cllr S Bigham volunteered to complete the bank reconciliation for the period 1.4.20 to 30.6.20. **ACTION: Clerk to forward paperwork to Cllr S Bigham.**

To complete the annual review of the policies/procedures detailed below:

Equal Opportunities Policy; Complaints Procedure; Communications Policy. The policies and procedures were reviewed and updated where necessary. It was resolved to accept the updated versions.

ACTION: Clerk to amend the master documents and update them on the website.

Meeting closed at 20.30

The next meeting is on the 3.8.20 at 19:30 in the format of a video conference call.



Wigtoft Parish Council

You can find details from Wigtoft Parish Council, including members, meeting agendas, meeting minutes etc on the internet by going to

parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Wigtoft

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

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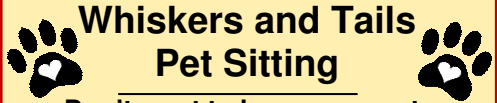
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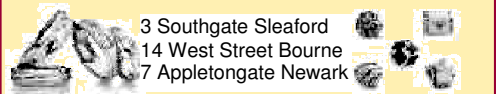
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