

WIGTOFT

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



October / November 2018

Village Events In The Coming Months

Bacon Butty Mornings, Saturdays in the Village Hall
October 14th - Harvest Celebration in the Church
November 13th - Scraps Open Coffee Morning
November 9th - Village Hall Christmas Fair
November 30th - Carol Service, 6pm in the Church
December 1st & 2nd - Christmas Tree Festival

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Well here we are, October again and Christmas fast approaching. I find it even harder and more confusing as I am putting this together in September but have to try to include items that cover events up to December - but then, as many will confirm, I'm easily confused.

The Church coffee mornings held over the summer months were once again a great success, getting people together for a chat and raising £1750 to help with Church funding. The PCC would like to thank the ladies for their hard work, it's not just the two hours on a Saturday morning, but all their work preparing for it before the day (buying all the food and making cakes - and scones!), setting up early on the Saturday morning and clearing up after everyone has gone.

October sees the Bacon Butty mornings starting once again in the Village Hall raising funds for the upkeep of the building. The next major project that the Village Hall Committee are planning, and which needs funding, is the resurfacing of the carpark. This currently has a very uneven surface and floods quite badly, so this is a well worthwhile project, so please show your support.

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St. Peter & St. Paul

WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

Holland Places of Worship Festival

This year we joined in with the Holland Places of Worship Festival for the first time. There was a display of photographs of the village past and present. We also had a screen on which a continuous run of photographs were being shown. Our thanks go to John for setting up the screen. This event is not really a fund raising event but we did have some stalls and we sold light refreshments each day and £82-50 was raised for Church funds. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that manned the church both days. Also a big thank you to everyone that loaned us photographs of the village and Church for the event.

Jean's Open Garden

This year it was a wet day but we still had an enjoyable time. The morning started with Radio Lincolnshire coming along with Pirate Gold. For those who haven't heard the program it starts with them reading out a clue and then people ring in to say where they are to go next. The first clue was read out at Jean's and then they went on to Spalding. Even though it rained on and off all day people turned out to see Jean's garden. This event raised £350 for church funds. Our thanks go to Jean for opening her garden and raising funds for us. Our thanks also go to all the people who helped Jean. Once again thank you everyone.

Jane Barkham, PCC Secretary

Wigtoft Church Cleaning

*In October Church cleaning day is Wednesday the 10th
and in November it will be Wednesday 14th*

10am until noon on both days.

All who would like to help out are welcome

Wigtoft Church Flower Arranging

Flower arranging in the
Church is being done
in October by Jane
and in November by Wendy

Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

The Haven Group Church Services For October

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
7 th	10.30am Group Service				
14 th	3pm Harvest Festival Followed By Meal & Auction	10.45am Communion	10am Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Communion	8am Communion
21 st	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	10.45am Communion
28 th		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	6pm Evensong

The Haven Group Church Services For November

4 th					10.30am Group Service
11 th	10.45am Remembrance Service	3pm Remembrance Service	10.45am Remembrance Service	10.30am Remembrance Service	10.45am Remembrance Service
18 th	9.15am Communion	10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	10.45am Communion
25 th		10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	4pm Evensong
30 th	6pm Carol Service Christmas Tree Festival				

Church Lottery Winners August 2018

1st Mrs K Smart (£20)
 2nd Mrs B Banfield (£10)
 3rd Mr A Holland (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning August 18th

Church Lottery Winners September 2018

1st Carol Kelk (£20)
 2nd Leslie Waudby (£10)
 3rd Ann Scrupps (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning September 22nd

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

October 2018

November 2018

Mon	1	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Thu	1	6pm	Dog Training
Tue	2			Fri	2	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Wed	3	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	3	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Thu	4			Sun	4	10.30am	"The Gathering"
Fri	5					3pm	Private Booking
Sat	6	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Mon	5	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	7	10.30am	"The Gathering"	Tue	6	2pm	PCC Meeting
Mon	8					5pm	Private Booking
Tue	9	10am	Scraps R Us	Wed	7	6pm	Dog Training
Wed	10	6pm	Dog Training	Thu	8	6pm	Dog Training
Thu	11	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	9	6pm	Christmas Fair
Fri	12			Sat	10	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Sat	13	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Sun	11	10.30am	"The Gathering"
		1pm	Private Booking	Mon	12		
Sun	14			Tue	13	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	15	7pm	Gardening Club	Wed	14	6pm	Dog Training
Tue	16			Thu	15	6pm	Dog Training
Wed	17	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	16	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	18	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	17	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Fri	19	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sun	18	10.30am	"The Gathering"
Sat	20	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Mon	19	7pm	Gardening Club
Sun	21	10.30am	"The Gathering"	Tue	20		
Mon	22			Wed	21	6pm	Dog Training
Tue	23	10am	Scraps R Us	Thu	22	6pm	Dog Training
Wed	24	6pm	Dog Training	Fri	23		
Thu	25	6pm	Dog Training	Sat	24	10am	Bacon Butty Morning
Fri	26					Noon	Private Booking
Sat	27	10am	Bacon Butty Morning	Sun	25	7am	Bird Show
Sun	28	10.30am	"The Gathering"	Mon	26		
Mon	29			Tue	27	10am	Scraps R Us
Tue	30			Wed	28	6pm	Dog Training
Wed	31	2pm	Friends Of The Church	Thu	29	6pm	Dog Training
		6pm	Dog Training	Fri	30	6.30pm	Bird Auction

Wigtoft Village Christmas Fayre

Wigtoft Village Hall

Friday November 9th 6pm - 9pm

Christmas gift stalls for you to peruse at leisure
Tombola and Raffle

Light refreshments will be served

Stalls are available at £5

Please contact Wendy 01205 461005

Or Sally 01205 460117

Please come along and bring your friends to
this annual festive event and join in the fun!

Booking Wigtoft Village Hall

To book the Village Hall, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005
or e-mail villagehall@wigtoft.com

*The hire charge is £9 per hour, which includes heating,
lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.*

The Gathering

Daphne Watson & Bridget Langley invite you to join us at "THE GATHERING" on Sunday mornings from 10.30 to 11.45 in Wigtoft Village Hall. We are looking forward to meeting you for Praise, Worship, Prayer and Friendship in the family of God.

*The dates for October are the 7th, 21st and 28th
and in November the 4th, 11th and 18th*

We live just down the road at Pasturelands, Kirton, so do please call on us at any time or phone **01295 723259** for more details.

Daphne and Bridget

Reindeer

Avis M Padley

I have always been fascinated by the swift footed reindeer and various TV programmes have fuelled my enthusiasm. Both sexes are antlered. Most deer grow to a height of 4 feet at the shoulders. The brownish-grey animals have lighter faces and neck. Laplanders domesticate reindeer and rely on them for meat, milk and skins.

When we visited Baytree's Winter Wonderland I was thrilled to find that my small great-niece said her favourites were the real reindeer. She liked these better than Father Christmas in his grotto.

The only free range reindeer herd in the United Kingdom is the Cairngorms. Visitors are welcome to walk amongst the deer and feed them by hand.

Both females and males grow fresh antlers each year. They are not aggressive but are afraid of dogs, perhaps they think of wolves who are the dog's ancestors? Can you name Father Christmas reindeer? Prancer, Dancer, Dasher, Rudolph and the rest!

Reindeer can tolerate temperatures as low as minus 70°. Their enormous feet dig up the snow to find lichen and edible mushrooms. All in all they are delightful animals and worthy of our attention, at Christmas and other times.

Bereavement

It is with sadness that I report the passing of our neighbour, Gwen Jackson of Flambards, Asperton Road.

Gwen lived in this village from the age of 15 years when she moved here with her parents and siblings and stayed here throughout her life. She married Trevor in Wigtoft Church and they setup home in the village together. She worked for several farmers locally over the years.

Gwen suffered from ill health in later years and died in Pilgrim hospital on June 9th. Rest in peace Gwen.

Lynne Nicholson

Jean's Open Garden

I would like to thank all the helpers and everyone who made cakes. Thank you also all those who came to support me on what was a wet day, you were very good to turn out.

A big thank you for all the kind donations given, we raised a total of £350 - amazing, THANK YOU ALL!

Jean Knight

St Peter & St Paul Church



Wigtoft



Harvest Celebration

Sunday October 14th



Harvest Songs Of
Praise Service 3pm



Buffet meal followed by
Auction of produce from 4pm

Tickets - £5 5-12 years - £2.50

Children under 5 years - Free

Available from Virna 01205 460259

and Jane 01205 460714

All procced towards Church Repair Funds



Topical Talk

Did you enjoy the long, hot, dry summer that we have just had?. If the reports are to be believed it was the hottest summer on record – even hotter than that of 1976. I remember that year particularly well as I had taken on the job of mowing the churchyard at Swineshead, which was very overgrown – this was before the days of strimmers and could only be done by the old method, mowing by scythe. Myself and George Reed, who was retired but helped me out when he could, carried out the task, but found that we had to make an early start in the morning and pack up around lunch time – it just got too hot to do that type of work in the afternoon. Mowing in a churchyard was never easy due to all the grave stones “getting in the way”, we were forever breaking the points on our blades as we hit the stonework. Thank goodness for strimmers – you lose less “sweat” with them and they do a better job.

This leads me on to an article that I have read recently about weather conditions in Australia. They have suffered their worst drought in decades and wild animals and birds are heading towards towns and cities in a hunger-fuelled mass migration – herds of camels are rampaging through wheat fields in Western Australia after walking hundreds of miles in search of food and water; they have never been seen so far south before. Large numbers of kangaroos are to be seen in the Canberra suburbs, having come from the west where the grass has run out. Further north, large flocks of corellas, a type of cockatoo native to Australia, have flown from the deserts and plains into Sydney's well watered parks and reserves: a manager at Taronga Zoo said he had never seen such large flocks in his life in Sydney - “There's more food in the city and we irrigate lots of sports fields” he said. Towns out in the countryside are warning drivers to be very wary of armies of emus that have taken over parks and gardens. Kerry McKenzie, a wildlife carer who has been travelling near Canberra, said that it was heart breaking to see all the bodies of kangaroos by the roadside where they had been hit by vehicles while foraging.

Meteorologists in Sydney have reported that the city has not had such a sustained dry spell as bad as the current drought since 1928.

I don't think we can complain too much about our weather this year really – at the moment there are no kangaroos grazing the verges and I haven't seen many starving camels recently.

John Ford DFC died recently aged 95. You won't have heard of him – he was born in Wanstead east London in 1922, the fourth of six children. In 1941, at the age of 19, he applied to join the RAF Volunteer reserve – he undertook elementary flying training, and was then sent to Canada for further training and gained his wings in 1943. He was posted to East Kirkby, Lincolnshire with No

57 Squadron as a Lancaster bomber pilot. On the night of Sept 27th 1944, whilst on a bombing mission over Germany, he and his crew were lucky to escape with their lives when their Lancaster took several direct hits from ground fire and an attack by a German fighter. Ford was injured in the leg and his mid-upper gunner was badly wounded – the aircraft was badly damaged, with one of the engines disabled. Despite the damage Ford was able to bring the plane to bear over the target and dropped his bombs: he brought the plane back over the North Sea where he and his crew considered bailing out – in the event they decided that they should all stay with their wounded comrade and eventually landed the plane at East Kirkby with the five able bodied crew moving around the craft to help to balance it as the craft made its approach – for his actions Ford was awarded the DFC.

He retired from flying in 1958 and set up a car sales business in Bedfordshire, which is still active today, being run by family members.

Ford was twice married and had three children with his first wife and three with his second.

Colin Scrups

Christmas Craft Days

Craft sessions are being held to prepare for the decorating of Church Christmas trees this coming December.

These will be held on Mondays, October 8th and November 5th in Wigtoft Church from 10am to Noon.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please come and join us. For further information contact Jean. Tel:- 01205 460546.

Scraps Open Coffee Morning

The ladies of Scraps are holding an Open Coffee Morning in Wigtoft Village Hall on Tuesday November 13th, 10 am until noon. Please come along for a coffee, biscuits and a chat.

Everyone welcome

How many readers remember our country as it was when our Queen came to the throne? Britain was then a cold, damp and uncomfortable place. Few people could afford central heating and only a minority had a telephone.

Ration books were still around and Friday nights were remembered as bath nights, when the tin bath was lifted from its hook and brought before the fire. The fireplace also heated the water in a side boiler and the oven.

Stodgy dinners, including suet puddings must seem ancient history! We did enjoy active games and there were very few overweight children.

There were around three million cars on the road but they didn't travel at 100 mph in built up areas!

Fridges and washing machines were expensive and only owned by the wealthy.

In 1952 many houses still had an outside lavatory with wooden seats. How many residents would like to go "down the garden path" with a lantern in the winter months? Today's young people often moan about being bored but would find it very, very difficult to live as their great-great grandparents and grannies used to do. We should all be most grateful for our present days of science and technology.

Light Up Wigtoft This Christmas

AN EARLY REQUEST - Wigtoft Christmas Tree Festival will once again take place at St Peter & St Paul's Church beginning on Friday November 30th with a Carol service at 6pm to which all are welcomed. The festival continues over the weekend of December 1st and 2nd.

Those living in the vicinity of Asperton Road, Church Road and Main Road are encouraged to put a light either in their window or to light a tree in their garden.

It is an opportunity for us all to work together to celebrate our festival and of course Christmas itself. So, let's all join in the fun!

Jigsaws Wanted

Wigtoft Church would like more jigsaws to sell. So, if you have any unwanted ones, please leave them in the Church next to the books.

If you would like to buy a jigsaw or a book come along to the Church and browse the selection available.

St Peter & St Paul Church

Wigtoft

Christmas Tree
Festival



Carol Service 6pm

Friday 30th November

Followed by light refreshments

This Year's Theme

The 12 Days Of Christmas

Open Days

1st & 2nd

December

10am - 4pm



Sponsor a tree for this Christmas celebration



Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

September is the month for planting Daffodil and other spring flowering bulbs, the exception being Tulips which are best left until November. They do best in well-drained soil but if like me you have heavy clay, a layer of grit or sharp sand put under the bulbs helps to stop them rotting and helps them multiply in the following years. If you would like to have bulbs flowering indoors for Christmas, the Daffodil Narcissi "Paper White", Hyacinths and Crocus look lovely in ornamental pots. When buying for indoors look for the prepared indication on the packet and plant now, pot into John Innes No.2 or a soil-less compost or special bulb fibre. Keep them cool and dark at first then put them in a warm light spot in mid-November to hopefully flower at Christmas. They make lovely presents for garden lovers.

Prune tall growing shrubs that are hard pruned in the spring such as Lavatera and Buddleia by half now to reduce damage over the winter.

Gardening for wildlife; leave mature ivy plants unpruned, the flowers provide a valuable late source of nectar for insects and the berries which are pretty anyway are food for many birds who visit our gardens.

Let's hope for a nice October to prune back evergreen shrubs and overgrown deciduous ones, to get ship-shape for winter.

I love the Autumn temperature for working in and think it smells lovely at this time of year outside.

Have fun!!

Regards from Sam

Wigtoft Village Hall Bacon Butty Mornings

Our winter Bacon Butty Mornings will start again on October 6th 10am until noon

We will have our delicious Bacon Butties and cakes each Saturday until next spring

If you are able to help out at any time please get in touch, the more help we have the easier it is to organise.

All funds raised go towards the maintenance and development of this village facility.

Wigtoft School

It is now 40 years since Wigtoft School closed in 1978. This is a photograph of the last pupils to attend the school, together with the head teacher, Mr Allerton and a teacher, Miss Cranwell. Many of the pupils have been identified are listed below.



The older children at the back, Teresa Searl, *unknown*, Marcus Green, *unknown*, Stephen Jackson, Christian Richmond, Ruth Atkinson, Tracey Carr, Nicola Adams, Sally Holdershaw, Michael Atkinson, *unknown* Shirley Brooks, *unknown*, Bridget Harker, Paul Johnson, Christian Squires, Daniel Hamer, Zoe Ward, *unknown*, Amy Squires, Teresa Carr, Sharon Cooper, *unknown*, Timothy Ward, *unknown*, Richard Gregg, *unknown*, *unknown*, Peter Gregg .

Apologies for any mistakes, but I was not here then so I would not recognise any of them.... Editor

Wigtoft Christmas Tree Festival

Preparations for the annual Wigtoft Christmas Tree Festival are underway.

If anyone would like to sponsor a tree please contact Jean on 01205 460545

All proceeds towards Church funds

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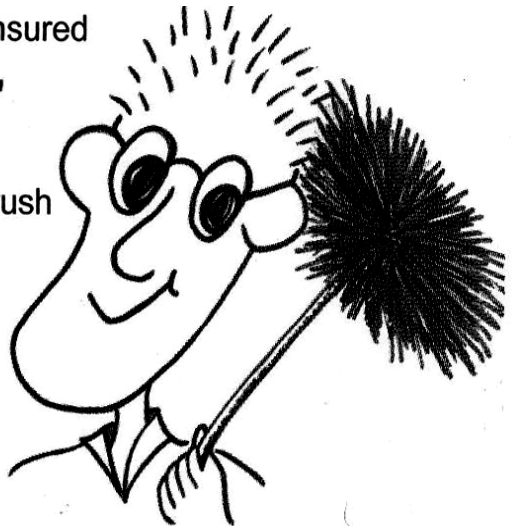
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LOCAL & RELIABLE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Suttonton Methodist</i>		Blue/Brown Bin	10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10.30am Holy Communion Group Service <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	10am - Noon Craft day <i>Wigtoft Church</i> 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		10am Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>		Green Bin Collection	10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
3pm Harvest Celebration <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Suttonton Methodist</i>		Blue/Brown Bin	10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>					6.30pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
28	29	30	31			
Clocks go back 1 hour at 2am	10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		Halloween		Green Bin Collection	
			2pm Friends of the Church Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>			

Age Calendar

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Blue/Brown Bin	3 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
4	5 Bonfire Night 10am - Noon Craft day <i>Wigtoft Church</i> 7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	6 2pm PCC Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	7 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i>	8	9 Green Bin Collection 6pm - 9pm Christmas Fair <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16 Blue/Brown Bin	17 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>		10am Scraps R Us Open Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am Church Cleaning <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>		6.30pm Bird Auction <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	
18	19	20	21	22	23 Green Bin Collection	24 10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>
9.15am Holy Communion <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	7pm Gardening Club <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>		10am - Noon Coffee Morning <i>Sutterton Methodist</i>			
25	26	27	28	29	30 Blue/Brown Bin	
	3pm Newsletter Meeting <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>	10am Scraps R Us <i>Wigtoft Village Hall</i>			6pm Christmas Tree Festival Carol Service <i>Wigtoft Parish Church</i>	

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Local Worthies

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) & John Wesley (1703-1791)

Charles and his brother John were the founders of Methodism. They were two of the 19 children of Samuel and Suzanne Wesley, of the rectory at Epworth, North Lincs; Samuel was the vicar there. Only 10 of the children lived to maturity. Samuel, besides being a clergyman, was also a poet, but his poor judgement in financial matters led to his being in prison for a time for debt.

Charles was educated at Westminster School and Oxford: it was while he was at Oxford that he and a group of like minded people formed a prayer group – they were often mocked by others as being a “Holy Club” and “Methodists”, being methodical in their detailed study of the Bible. After graduating Charles followed his father into the Church in 1735.

Apart from being recognised as the co-founder of Methodism Charles was a prolific hymn writer, having written over 6,000 during his life time.

Late in 1735 Charles and John sailed for America, to Georgia, at the invitation of the Governor there; Charles was appointed Secretary of Indian Affairs and went as chaplain to the garrison and fort at Fort Frederica. Things did not turn out too well for him and he was largely rejected by the settlers. In July 1736 he was appointed as Bearer of Despatches to the colonists, returning to England – he never returned to America.

On May 21st 1738, whilst living in London, he experienced an evangelical conversion (presumably to Methodism): it was after this event that he began writing his hymns and around 1739 he and his brother took to open air preaching. Unfortunately, due to ill health, Charles had to stop his field preaching and travelling by 1756 and he settled down in St Marylebone parish in London and worked there for the rest of his life.

Whilst they were travelling the country preaching the brothers covered vast distances on horse back, moving throughout Scotland, England, Wales and Ireland, with London, Bristol and Newcastle being their main centres.

Charles’ wife Sarah, also known as Sally, was the daughter of a wealthy Welsh magistrate who had converted to Methodism. Sarah and Charles moved into a house in Bristol in 1749 (on their marriage): she accompanied the brothers on their preaching journeys throughout Britain.

In 1771 Charles obtained another house in London and moved to this from Bristol.

Of their 8 children, only 3 survived infancy – Charles Junior, Sarah and Samuel. Both Charles Junior and Samuel were organists and composers. Charles Junior spent most of his career as the personal organist to the English Royal Family

and Samuel became one of the most accomplished musicians in the world and is often referred to as the “English Mozart”.

Charles was 80 when he died in 1788 – he is buried in Marylebone Churchyard. On his deathbed he insisted that he was still a member of the Church of England.

Quite a few of his hymns are still popular today, among these being “Jesus lover of my Soul”, “Hark the Herald Angels sing” and “Love divine all love excelling”..

His hymns have featured in TV shows such as “South Park” and “The Simpsons” and have been recorded by such stars as Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton and Mariah Carey.

There is a Wesley Memorial Church at Epworth, his birthplace.

Colin Scrapps



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Sutterton McMillan Coffee Morning

The Sutterton Ladies Club would like to thank everyone who helped with their McMillan Coffee Morning held on Friday August 17th at Sutterton Village Hall.

Thank you to those who helped both before and during the day and to those who donated gifts and money, and not forgetting everyone who came and supported us throughout the morning.

We made the wonderful sum of £743, which was an amazing amount for such a worthwhile charity that helps so many people at a terrible time in their lives.

All your kindness and support was most appreciated.

Ancaster, Lincolnshire

In 1724 the Holbeach born antiquarian William Stukeley wrote about Ancaster, "That in the area of Castle Close, where a dovecote stands, there were many foundations standing above ground surrounded by a ditch and rampart" - sadly, none of these remain today: it is thought that these would have been robbed by local inhabitants to build their houses - many of the older properties in the village no doubt contain stone that was quarried by the Romans and probably re-used several times since.

The village and area around Ancaster has had permanent human settlement since the Iron Age (700 BC) and probably for much longer. Over the years there have been many small excavations and assessments in the area, but no large scale research has been carried out to bring the whole together. Quite a few of the finds in the village have come about when work has started on new buildings and the archaeological remains have been discovered during the initial work.

Remains of Stone Age activity (pre 700 BC) have been found in the form of flint tools and excavations in the 1960's uncovered the remains of a substantial middle Iron Age settlement on the Castle Quarry site and more evidence was uncovered under the modern cemetery. All this shows that when Roman forces reached Ancaster soon after their invasion in 43 AD they would have found a thriving settlement in this area.

The Middle Stone Age relates to a period of around 25,000 - 50,000 years ago. Flints relating to this period have mostly been found in the sand pits to the west of the village - the stone age people, known as Mesolithic people, probably led a nomadic lifestyle, known as hunter-gatherers, and probably stayed in the area on a seasonal basis. A large amount of flints and stone axe heads have been found at Caythorpe, north west of Ancaster.

There are a number of reasons for the village to be a good place for a settlement - there are a number of water sources, a definite must for habitation, which included natural springs, and the Beck, a tributary of the River Sleas which, until recently, never dried up: also, the silty soil in the area was fertile and easily drained making it ideal for early farming. But perhaps more importantly is the fact that the village (or town as it was in Roman times) is situated at the junction of a number of ancient trackways which give it a strategic importance, quickly recognised by the Romans as they pushed north - whoever controlled the Ancaster Gap controlled the traffic that passed through it; so it made a natural place for them to build a stronghold. This Roman settlement was to last for the whole time of the Roman occupation of Britain.

Unfortunately there are no written records from those times to shed any light on

the people who lived here. The name Ancaster comes from a Roman word (castrum) which means a Roman stronghold, the whole name of Ancaster means the Roman fort of Anna. There was another Roman fort at Great Casterton in Rutland which, like Ancaster, stood on the Roman road known as Ermine Street. There was a crossing of two Roman roads here – Ermine Street and King Street. Ermine Street was the main thoroughfare for the Romans between London and their main centres of occupation in Lincoln and York.

The development of Ancaster by the Romans was in three stages: firstly there would have been a temporary camp for the soldiers known as a marching camp – this was then succeeded by a more permanent fort with permanent fortifications. In the later years of Roman occupation the fort was abandoned, which left behind a civilian settlement which became the defended Roman town. All remains of Roman and Anglo Saxon occupation are protected as Scheduled Ancient Monuments.

As I have already said, much of Ancaster's ancient history remains undiscovered, the only meaningful excavation to have taken place was in the 1960's and 70's by Nottingham University; most discoveries have been made by accident, such as during new building work. During the 1960's excavations the remains of an Iron Age settlement were uncovered in Castle Quarry – these amounted to the sites of two roundhouses, with the remains of an oven in one of them.

Aerial reconnaissance in 1974 discovered a previously unknown Roman camp covering an impressive area of 28 acres.

In 1980 a new bungalow was being built in Roman Way in the village: during the digging of the foundations the builders uncovered the remains of Roman houses. There were the remains of a mortar floor and the walls still had painted plaster on them. The house appeared to have been a half timbered construction with a stone foundation. A far sadder find came from within the walls and floors of the building where the remains of at least seven babies were found – six of the babies were aged 0-6 months and one was pre-term, so may have been a miscarriage: apparently it was common Roman practise to bury babies in this way.

When digging out a garden pond in 1996 a gentleman in Angel Court in the village found the remains of a stone with a female figure carved into it. The figure was well preserved despite the years underground: she is holding a spear and shield and her hair is piled high in the Roman fashion – she is thought to be Minerva, a Roman goddess and possibly part of a domestic shrine.

To be continued.

Colin Scrapps

Wigtoft Bowls Club

And so we come, far too soon, to the end of another outdoor season. Thanks go to the village magazines of Wigtoft and Sutterton for supporting our recruitment of new members.

We now have several, very promising, new members and one or two returning older ones. This made team selection much easier for the four team captains, Geoff Dawson, Don Williams, John Davies and yours truly, Nigel Smith.

All in all a successful season in the Boston league with the club missing out on the Division 2 Three Wood title by only one point and also coming second in the Two Wood Division 2.

We maintained our Division 1 place on Wednesdays despite it being a bit of a nursery for our new players.

Again we stayed in Division 2 of the Conningsby league on a Friday.

At the end of the season we competed for the John Murphy Trophy, an inter club doubles competition with partners drawn from the hat. It was played over two evenings between rain showers and was well won by Garry Franklin the village's new rising star with a little help from our own senior skipper, Graham Wilkinson.

Many of our players continue playing indoors at Boston Bowls Club during the winter.

Anybody wishing to be involved with this very friendly club please contact me on 01775 840894, you will be very welcome.

Nigel Smith

Boston & District Bowls League 2018					
3 Wood 12 Player Division Two					
	Pd	For	Ag	Diff	Pts
Castle	12	883	716	167	101
Wigtoft	12	935	692	243	100
Goodfellowship	12	752	818	-66	74
Frieston	12	748	763	-15	66
Jubilee Park	12	740	848	-108	55
Wrangle	12	746	883	-137	55
Swineshead	12	710	794	-84	53
2 Wood 12 Player Division Two					
Boston West End	12	1067	662	375	101
Wigtoft	11	874	757	117	82
Friskney	12	841	868	-25	82
Donnington	12	877	868	9	75
Jubilee Park	12	869	888	-19	66
Frieston	12	752	975	-223	48
Forbes Road	11	658	892	-234	36
3 Wood 9 Player Division One					
Kirton A	10	532	473	59	59
Burton House	10	531	503	28	55
Sticknew	10	483	530	-47	49
Swineshead	10	487	514	-27	46
Wigtoft	10	481	515	-34	46
Friskney	10	498	477	21	45
Coningsby & District Bowls League					
Division Two					
Sleaford Road	14	751	675	76	71
Jubilee Park A	14	707	603	104	69
Swineshead	14	755	645	110	66
Billinghay	14	681	655	26	61
Boston West End A	14	736	716	20	60
Burton House	14	672	683	-11	52
Wigtoft	14	654	778	-124	35
Goodfellowship	14	596	797	-201	26

Flu Clinics

IMPORTANT NEWS REGARDING THIS YEAR'S FLU VACCINATION

Dear Patient

Please continue to support your practice by attending the flu clinics as shown below:

NHS England recommends Vaccination from October onwards.

Please do not panic to have your Flu Vaccine, as we continue to vaccinate for Influenza until the end of March 2019.

There are slight changes to the Flu Vaccination this season.

NHS England recommends that we use a new vaccine (Fluad Seqirus) for all patients 65 years and over and to continue to use our usual vaccine for all "at risk" groups including pregnant ladies aged 18 – 65 years.

The delivery schedule for the new vaccine (Fluad Seqirus) is to be staggered over three months which unfortunately disrupts our planned flu clinics. The delivery schedule is to be the same nationwide and all practices are to receive 40% stock in September, 20% October and the final 40% in mid-November. This is a major disruption as the majority of our patients will need the new Fluad Seqirus vaccine.

Please do not worry

We have ordered enough vaccine to cover all our patients, but as this is **a national delivery programme**, all other Pharmacies and GP practices are in the same position and will only have allotted supplies.

We will be holding TWO clinics at Sutterton Village Hall as in previous years and we look forward to seeing you there again for a Coffee and a slice of cake.

Date	Day	Time	Where	Appointment Needed
30.10.18	Tuesday	09:00 – 17:30	Fourfields School	No
31.10.18	Wednesday	09:00 – 17:30	Fourfields School	No
20.11.18	Tuesday	14:00 – 17:30	Surgery	No
From 21.11.18	Monday to Friday		Surgery	Yes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 2nd July 2018

Present: Cllr. S. Collingwood; Cllr. M. Tunnard; Cllr. P. Craven;
Cllr. M. Scrupps; Cllr. S. Baxter.

Also Present: Borough Councillor Mike Cooper

Public Forum: None

Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr B Leggott sent his apologies. County Councillor M. Brookes and Ward Councillor Aaron Spencer sent their apologies.

Police report

There was no Police presence or report received.

Notes of the meeting held on 4.6.18 to be approved and signed as minutes.

It was resolved to accept the above notes. The notes were confirmed and signed as minutes by the Chairman, Cllr SC.

Accounts for payment, budget figures and financial report.

Invoice date	Details of payment	Amount ex vat	Vat reclaimable
15.6.18	Pay	486.10	
15.6.18	PAYE	121.40	
15.6.18	Clerk use of home as office	20.00	
6.6.18	Printer Cartridges	30.83	6.16
6.6.18	USB Data storage stick	30.83	6.16
7.6.18	Virus protection	20.00	4.00
30.5.18	Payroll Services	15.00	3.00
TOTAL		724.16	19.32

Finance report

A 128GB memory stick has been purchased for £30.83.

Virus protection has been purchased for £20 from McAfee.

The application forms for Online Banking have not been completed due to the new Mandate not being accepted by Nat West. Hopefully, it will be an agenda item for the August meeting.

It was resolved to accept the accounts for payment and the budget figures for 1.4.18 to 30.6.18.

Planning applications:

None.

Correspondence

E-mail from BBC with copy of the latest Parish Council Newsletter e-mailed to Councillors 7.6.18

Poster giving upcoming surgery dates for Matt Warman, MP. Copy e-mailed to Councillors and Wigtoft News & Views. Poster placed on noticeboard, website and Facebook page.

Councillors Reports

Cllr PC suggested that the vacancy for a Parish Councillor should be advertised again in the Wigtoft News and Views and on the Facebook page. He reported that the broken lock on the notice board has been fixed by a resident, Jim Gregg of Asperton Road. The Parish Council would like to thank Jim for his help.

ACTION: Clerk to place advert for a Councillor in Wigtoft News and Views and on Facebook

Cllr SC reported that he has received a letter about the diverted footpath and the broken fence panels. The fence panels have been repaired and the footpath has been inspected and reopened.

Cllr MS reported that a load of black bin bags full of garden waste have been dumped by the Church Wall.

ACTION: Clerk to report as fly tipping to Boston Borough Council.

Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that:

The Noticeboard now has a new lock. The Clerk has the key

A Facebook page has been set up. It has a couple of photos on it but, like the website, it is work in progress.

An update on the Highways issues and amenity grass cutting

Maps have been received from LCC showing which areas of the village are cut twice a year by Highways under the safety cutting programme. This year the cuts take place in May and September. It was resolved not to take over the cutting of the "urban" highways verges in the village.

It was noted that the previously reported potholes in Clover Lane and Asperton Road have now been filled in. The Clerk asked Councillors if they see any that have not been filled in to let her know.

The Council had previously reported overhanging trees obstructing the view when exiting Sleaford Road onto the A17 and when exiting Burtoft Lane South onto the A17 looking in an easterly direction. Feedback from Highway was that

they had been inspected and were not considered to be a hazard so there would be no further action. Councillors are of the opinion that these issues are a hazard. It was resolved to invite a representative from Highways to meet with Councillors on site.

The slippery path in front of the Church will be dealt with in due course by LCC and the flooding onto the footpath at the junction of Mill Lane/Wigtoft Road has been reported but no feedback was available from Highways.

ACTION: Clerk to contact LCC to arrange meeting. Clerk to contact LCC for feedback about the flooding onto the footpath.

To discuss and agree the Code of Conduct to be adopted by the Council

Councillors went through the Code to ensure everyone understood the contents. It was resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct.

ACTION: Clerk to add to the website.

To discuss and agree the Standing Orders to be adopted by the Council

Councillors went through the Standing Orders and agreed appropriate amendments where applicable. It was resolved to adopt the amended version of the Standing Orders.

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

To discuss and agree the Communications Policy to be adopted by the Council

Councillors went through the Communications Policy to ensure everyone understood the contents. It was resolved to adopt the Communications Policy.

ACTION: Clerk to add to the website.

Meeting closed at 21:00

Due to lack of space the Parish Council Meeting Minutes printed here are a slightly cut down version. The full version can be found on the village notice board or on the Parish Council website at www.parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/wigtoft a link to which is also on the village website - www.wigtoft.com

Garden Waste Collection Service 2018

Garden waste collections in October will be Friday the 5th & 19th and for November the 2nd & 16th & 30th



Garden waste collections finish at the end of November for the winter months, they will start again in March 2019



Parish Council of Wigtoft

Vacancy for a Councillor

There is currently a vacancy on the Council and having been through the prescribed procedure, no election has been requested.

The vacancy will therefore now be filled by the co-option process at a meeting of the parish council on

Should anyone wish to be considered for this vacancy they should apply in writing to the council at the address below, by no later than 31st August 2018

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- c. his/her principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in that area; or
- d. he/she has during the whole of those twelve months resided in that area; or
- e. he/she has during the whole of those twelve months resided either in the parish or community or within three miles of it.

Please contact the clerk by telephoning 07383 276892 or email wigtoftpc@gmail.com if you require any additional information

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