

# WIGTOFT

## VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS



**June / July 2018**

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Well, the glorious weather we had certainly helped with the St Peter and St Paul Church Flower Festival. Once more, it was a great success which received many compliments. The Friends of the Church did a sterling job of decorating the Church and providing refreshments. We are grateful to all who worked tirelessly for this occasion. *Please see more on page 8.*

The Village Hall is preparing to hold a Summer Fair on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July. So please come along and join in the fun!

For a small village we have much planned throughout the year. If anyone would like to help in any way then you would be most welcome. It's good to meet others and to share in doing things together. Contributing to the life of the village is a worthwhile task.

Our local Fish and Chip shop at Sutterton is about to close as Peter and Karen are retiring. We would like to thank them for all the years they have served us, they will be sorely missed.

I am sure you would like to join with me in wishing the newly married royal couple a long and happy life together. It was, to say the least, a wonderful wedding! I suspect ladies enjoyed watching all the fashions while men may have waited patiently to watch the FA cup final between Chelsea and Manchester United. I am writing this before the result - so, may the best team win.

If you have any items, comments or letters you wish to have printed then please let our Editorial Team know. We would be happy to hear your views.

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# St. Peter & St. Paul

## WIGTOFT PARISH CHURCH NEWS

### OUR VILLAGE CHURCH IN WIGTOFT

Our village church here in Wigtoft, St. Peter & St. Paul, needs all the help that we villagers can give to keep this local church working and open.

As many of you are aware we have recently been able to secure a grant to have roof repairs done to keep the church weatherproof, hopefully for many years to come.

Our Group of Friends work hard organising our Events to raise funds for the church.

We are now looking for somebody to help with our administration and to work alongside our current secretary with some of the paperwork. It is not too strenuous and if anyone is interested, even if you are not familiar with church procedure, could you please contact Myrtle on 01205 460208. Please leave a message and contact details if I am not available to answer, I will return your call, and we can arrange to meet for a coffee and a chat. We are a very friendly bunch!!!!

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
Myrtle Holliday

### Wigtoft Church Flower Arranging

The flower arranging in the  
Church is being done  
in June by Jean Knight  
and in July by Libby Craggs

### Members of the Wigtoft Parochial Church Council are:

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

### Church Lottery Winners April 2018

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Mrs V Mills (£20)  
2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Mrs A Marshall (£10)  
3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Mrs A Scrupps (£5)

*Drawn at the Coffee Morning 28<sup>th</sup> April*

### Church Lottery Winners May 2018

1<sup>st</sup> ..... Mr M Franklin (£20)  
2<sup>nd</sup> ..... Mr M Core (£10)  
3<sup>rd</sup> ..... Mrs V Mills (£5)

*Drawn at the Church service 20<sup>th</sup> May*

## The Haven Group Church Services For June

Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
3 <sup>rd</sup>					<b>10.30am</b> Group Service
10 <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
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion
24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>4pm</b> Evensong

## The Haven Group Church Services For July

1 <sup>st</sup>				<b>10.30am</b> Group Service	
8 <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>10.45am</b> Holy Communion
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion
29 <sup>th</sup>		<b>10.45am</b> Joint Service with Methodists	<b>9.15am</b> Holy Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Holy Communion

# Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

## June 2018

## July 2018

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

## Village Hall News

We now have a final amount of money raised from the Saturday morning bacon butty mornings from October 2017 to March 2018. The total raised was £1872.07. Once again a big thank you to everyone involved and who supported.

We are in the process of getting quotes for having the car park repaired and re-surfaced. Obviously this all depends on cost but the committee will keep you informed through the newsletter.

The committee are going to hold a Summer Fair / Table Top on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July from 10-2. Anyone wishing to have a stall please contact Wendy on 461005. Otherwise why not come along and support the hall. Teas, coffees and cake will be available.

### **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 £9 per hour, which includes heating,  
lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.*

### **Summer Fair Wigtoft Village Hall**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018. 10am - 2pm**

A Table Top Sale with various and interesting  
items will be available.

If anyone is interested in having a stall at £5  
Please contact, **Wendy Tel:- 01205 461 005**

There will also be, Tombola, Raffle and Refreshments.

Please come along and support your village.

It will be an enjoyable afternoon.

*All proceeds towards the Village Hall Funds*

## Topical Talk

Have you ever watched swimming or diving on TV and found yourself unconsciously holding your breath? There are some tribal people in Indonesia that are very good at this – they can hold their breath under water for 4 or 5 minutes. This has come about because they are mainly sea faring people who get most of their living from diving, being hunter-gatherers, but doing this at sea.

These are the Bajau, known as Indonesian sea nomads: their houses are constructed on stilts in shallow water and they construct their own boats on which, in some cases, they live. They live almost entirely by hunting at sea – besides being able to hold their breath for long periods, they can also dive to depths of up to 70 metres.

Legend has it that many centuries ago, a beautiful princess was kidnapped and taken out to the Pacific: her father ordered his people to search for her but she was never found – ashamed to return, they stayed at sea, building their houses on stilts and diving for food. Whether there is any truth in the legend is debatable, but there is no doubt that their ability to hold their breath has been developed over a long period and something must have happened to bring this about.

If you are one of the large number of people who enjoy a glass (or two) of cheap South African “plonk”, your days of buying this may be numbered. South Africa is in the grip of a drought – so severe that a local entrepreneur is actually working on a scheme to tow large icebergs from the Southern Ocean to the coast of South Africa to use to supplement the water supply.

This drought has caused a 30% drop from the country's grape harvest which coincides with a world shortage of wine and will mean that the price of their wine will start to increase. The country is the eighth largest producer, supplying around 4% of global production. Britons bought an average of 26 bottles per person, at a cost of £5.56 per bottle last year, making us one of the largest importers of wine in the world.

Cape Town has been declared a national disaster area and the city has become the World's first big city to run out of water.

A 65 year old Londoner has become the World's first patient to have a cancerous lung tumour blasted away in a painless pioneering surgery procedure that did not even puncture the skin. The patient recovered immediately without any pain or discomfort and was ready to go home the next day after surgeons at St Barts hospital used GPS-style technology to reach the tumour in her lung without having to resort to cuts, needles or having to puncture the lung itself.



After inserting a catheter through the patient's mouth surgeons were able to use 3D images to guide them to the growth and blast it with a targeted dose of microwave energy – film shows the tumour exploding, much like the target of a missile strike. Doctors have hailed the breakthrough as the beginning of a new era in treatment for previously untreatable lung tumours.

There is no sign of cancer in the patient on follow-up scans since the operation in February but she will continue to be monitored, but at the moment there is no need for further treatment.

The search for the Malaysian airliner that went missing in March 2014 on a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing has become the World's costliest search for a missing aircraft.

There were high expectations recently when a wreck was discovered 12,000 ft down in the Indian Ocean, but on closer examination it turned out to be the wreck of the West Ridge, a 220ft vessel built in Scotland which was lost in 1883 whilst carrying a cargo of coal to India. She was lost with all hands and her whereabouts has been a sea faring mystery until now.

It is a well known fact that these coal-carrying ships were prone to explosions due to the build-up of gasses from their cargo. Between 1878 and 1886 no less than 302 British registered ships with coal cargoes disappeared at sea.

Meanwhile the search for the missing airliner continues. The searchers, an American company, were to be paid \$90 million if they found the aircraft which was lost, along with all 239 people on board .

*Colin Scrupps*

## **A Thank You From Virna**

To all the people who helped to spring clean the Church after the roof repairs were finished, a heartfelt thank you. It was a bit of a rush to get it done for the wedding and Flower Festival the following week, but as usual you turned out in force and did a wonderful job.

This leads me onto the Flower Festival, the Church looked beautiful a credit to all the ladies who did the arrangements. It was a successful event and made a profit of £1125 towards Church funds. A big thank you to all the helpers over the 6 days, to all who donated cakes and all the visitors both local and from far and wide who were very complementary.

Friends of Wigtoft are looking for more helpers at our events and our regular Saturday coffee mornings. You are welcome to join us, come to the next meeting in Church which will be on July 18th at 2pm or come to a Saturday coffee morning or contact me on 460259.

**Virna**

# Wigtoft Church Finances

Following the Parochial Church Council Annual general Meeting in April where the 2017 Church accounts were approved it's time to let you know how we did last year.

2017 and 2018 are exceptional years financially for Wigtoft Church. The Roof Repair Project affects how our finances look because of grants awarded for the project and use of our own funds going towards the costs. The project is still ongoing and once complete we will be able to publish the figures for this.

Firstly, on behalf of the PCC, I would like to thank everyone who has helped raise funds over the year in whatever way. This may be from collections at services, regular donations, one-off donations or support at Church fundraising events. I would also like to thank the Friends of the Church group for all their hard work organising events for the Church and to the ladies of Scraps R Us for their generous donations.

As always we are very careful how these funds are used. We currently have four funds that income from the various sources are allocated to. There is the General Fund that covers our normal day to day running costs. This consists of things like building insurance, electricity, the alarm system, our Parish Share (paid to the Diocese to pay our Vicar etc.) and other general expenses.

We then have the Fabric Fund, for repairs and maintenance of the building. There is also a Churchyard Fund, which pays for maintenance of the Churchyard, this includes tree pruning etc, and in 2017 we had a number of trees that needed either pruning or felling because they were dangerous so our costs here were quite high. The normal maintenance of the churchyard - grass cutting etc. is all done by volunteers so at the moment that does not cost us anything.

In 2017/2018 we also have the Roof Repair Fund to pay for the work currently being done on the roof. Funded by grants, donations and our own funds.

Below is a breakdown of the income and expenditure for 2017.

## Income

Collections & Book Jars	£1,403	Regular Donations	£ 1,081
Coffee Mornings	£1,701	Roof Repair Project	£65,470
Lottery (after prizes)	£407	Investment Income	£ 435
Events	£5,198	Special Service Fees	£1,562

## Expenditure

Electric	£ 404	Insurance	£2,297
Roof Repair Project	£4,321	Parish Share	£ 833
Churchyard Maintenance	£1,475	Security/Alarm	£1,044
Service Requisites	£ 10	Miscellaneous	£ 405

# Defibrillator

We now have a defibrillator in Wigtoft for use in medical emergencies. This has been funded by Scania and The Dragon Boat Race Charity for the village. It is located outside the Village Hall just to the right of the entrance door (it's that big yellow box!)

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation, and it's an essential life saving step in the chain of survival. If you come across someone who has had a cardiac arrest, it's vital to call 999 and start CPR.



Instruction on how to use the device are on the box. But basically you have to call 999, the operator will assess the situation and if they feel that use of the defibrillator is necessary they will give you a code to unlock the door of the cabinet, you can then take the machine to the patient and the 999 operator will give you instructions on what to do to use it.

Hopefully no one will need to use this machine, but at least we know that it is there in an emergency.

## **Wigtoft Church Cleaning**

***Now that the Church roof repairs are completed  
cleaning of the church can get back to normal.***

***In June cleaning day is Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup>  
and in July it will be Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
10am until noon on both days.***

***Anyone who would like to help out is welcome  
(refreshments and gossip provided)***

A female successor to my deceased mousehound friend is now living nearby. I had become close to Bertie mousehound but a replacement can never be found for any canine friend.

I hope you will find my notes amusing but don't be fooled, the dancing bright eyes could melt your heart, but the little monkey really does get up to serious mischief. She is definitely not labradorable as my own dogs were, but is still enchanting.

As she snoozes briefly she dreams of being chased by my visiting cat - her arch enemy. On awakening she decides to drape herself, scarf-like, around my neck. Peace again, but I am soon startled by a sharp nip to my right ear. As I retaliate by replacing her on the settee cushion she decides to grip my hand in her jaws. My skin is old and thin and is easily damaged.

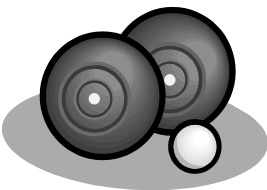
In case cat or the garden birds have left a few crumbs their areas are inspected on each visit. She specialises in biting, chewing, snoozing and sleeping "Let sleeping dogs lie" doesn't last for long. When out she loves to chase around and imagine she is hunting rabbits, nothing beats a run in an open field, not even a bowl of food or a snooze in a warm place. Whilst asleep she is just awake enough to keep an eye on her humans.

Mousehound No. 2 loves to run wild in the garden but pesky flying creatures drive her mad. A sprinkling of snow earlier this year drove her to distraction.

She watches the dogs next door and wishes she was much bigger. Some things she can chew, mostly human, others are not allowed. Sometimes just one ear stands up and she looks as though she is about to fly.

She would love to help by digging giant holes in the flower beds but is firmly discouraged. She is sure there are mountains of bones beneath the surface. Humans are not always right!

*More next time*



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# Wigtoft Village Events 2018

Coffee Mornings to raise funds for Wigtoft Church will take place every Saturday morning in the Church until September 22<sup>nd</sup>

On September 29<sup>th</sup> there will be a Bacon Butty Morning in the Village Hall in aid of McMillan Cancer Support

From October 6<sup>th</sup> Bacon Butty Mornings will start in the Village Hall once again for the winter months to raise funds for the Village Hall.

All sessions will be from 10a.m to 12 noon.

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**Cream Teas** - Wigtoft Church  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm to 5pm

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**Summer Fair** - Wigtoft Village Hall  
July 29<sup>th</sup> 10am - 2pm

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**Jean's Open Garden**  
August 12<sup>th</sup> 10am till 4pm

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**Holland Deanery Open Churches** - Wigtoft Church  
September 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm

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**Garden Club Flower Festival** - Wigtoft Church  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am to 4pm

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**McMillan Coffee Morning** - Wigtoft Village Hall  
September 29<sup>th</sup> 10am to Noon

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**Harvest Event** - Wigtoft Church  
October 14<sup>th</sup> 3pm to finish

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**Christmas Tree Festival** - Wigtoft Church  
November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am to 4pm



## Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

What a wonderful bank holiday for the weather, it ignited the plants and trees like a firework. Instead of being delayed I think every type of plant is ahead now with blossom bursting everywhere. Think about putting in supports for tall perennials like Delphiniums, Gladioli, Verbascum and even Lupins, while the ground is soft enough to push canes or sticks well down into the soil. If you are growing Clematis or Sweet peas, tie them to their supports regularly, as they soon become a tangle.

You can lift and divide overgrown daffodil bulb clumps when the leaves have died down, but re-plant them immediately while the soil is still dampish.

In the vegetable garden harvest established Rhubarb by pulling, not cutting, taking no more than half at any one time. Newly planted crowns are best left for the first year to establish well. Put supports in place for climbing beans, harden off greenhouse grown plants for a couple of weeks or plant bean seeds directly in the ground.

If you grow late flowering herbaceous perennials such as Golden Rod, Michaelmas Daisies and Sedums, to spread the flowering, give them the Chelsea chop now (halve the height of them) it also stops them flopping and become bushier.

You know the old saying. "So much to do and so little time", well that sums May up well I think..

Regards from Sam



# Cream Teas



## Wigtoft Church

Saturday June 23<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm

Cream Teas, Raffle, Tombola & Stalls



Come along and bring your  
friends to enjoy a  
delightful afternoon



# The Blisbury Charity

This charity was created by William Blisbury for the education of poor children in Wigtoft.

Not a great deal is known about the personal circumstances of this benefactor but it can be assumed that he was involved in farming as that was the principal local industry at the time.

The first recorded school in Wigtoft was the one that was endowed by Blisbury in his will of 1714. It is thought that this was held, in the first instance, in the church, as a record of 1790 states "Great inconvenience having arisen from using the vestry as a school, the trustees of Mr William Blisbury's charity have expended £30 in repairing and fitting up a school room". The vicar gave one guinea and the parishioners seven guineas towards the expenses.

In his will Blisbury also left two cottages, along with their yards, and stipulated that the rents from these was to be used for the education of poor children in Wigtoft. At the time, one cottage was tenanted by a Mr Thomas Millington and the other by Thomas Hatchet. There is no indication of where these cottages were located, but possibly one of these may have been the old "Golden Fleece" pub, as it has a plaque on its facade with Blisbury Charity written on it.

In a report from 1837 it is stated that the school in Wigtoft was for the teaching, free, of reading English and writing to the poor children of the parish – these children being from parents who were paying less than £10 per annum rent; 18 children fell into this category, though for arithmetic they had to pay. There were about 20 paying scholars. At this time the charity income was £48-14-6 per annum, but this was subject to a deduction of £15 pa for interest on debt for re-building the houses.

At the Enclosure of the fens in 1773, 9 acres of land were allotted to the charity – this land is in the Fenhouses and is still part of the charity.

A new school was built in 1830 by public subscription; this was finally closed in the 1970's when a new school was built in Sutterton. The school building was sold and the proceeds invested by the charity – this also happened when the Golden Fleece was sold; it was bought by Bateman's Brewery many years ago.

The funds provided by this charity are available each year to help pupils and scholars of the parish of Wigtoft to further their education, subject to the approval of the trustees.

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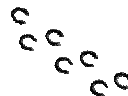


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9.15am Holy Communion Wigtoft Parish Church	7.30 pm Parish Council Meeting Wigtoft Village Hall	10am Scraps R Us Wigtoft Village Hall	10am Church Cleaning Wigtoft Parish Church		6.30pm Bird Auction Wigtoft Village Hall	
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The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire, Marc Jones, has asked for our help with the National Rural Crime Survey.

It was last completed three years ago and revealed the huge financial cost of crime to rural communities – at £800 million per year.

The survey has the backing of Marc Jones who was behind the county joining the Network. In 2015 Lincolnshire was not included in the survey.

To help police, local authorities and Government officials better understand the issues facing those living in rural communities we are asked to complete the survey which can be accessed online at:

[www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research/internal/2018survey/](http://www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/research/internal/2018survey/)

by Sunday 10th June.

## Sutterton Fish & Chip Shop

After 25 years of serving the local community, and enjoying every minute, we have decided it is now time for us to retire and start the next chapter of our life.

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There has been a Fish and Chip Shop on this site for over 100 years, and it is with a heavy heart that we will be closing another village shop.

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*When God had made the earth and sky  
the flowers and the trees  
He then made all the animals and all  
the birds and bees.*

*Then when his work was done and not  
one was quite the same  
He said, "I'll walk this earth of mine  
and give each one a name."*

*And so he travelled land and sea  
And everywhere he went  
A little creature followed him  
Until his strength was spent*

*Then when all were named upon  
The earth, and in the sky and sea  
The little creature said to Him  
"Dear Lord, there's not one left for me."*

*The good Lord smiled and softly  
Said, "I've left you to the end, I've turned  
My own name back to front and  
Called you Dog, my friend."*

## Garden Waste Collection Service 2018



### Brown Bin Collections

**Garden waste collections in June  
will be Friday the 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
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## Sutterton Methodist Church Services for June/July

- |                       |         |                                       |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> June  | 10.30am | - Mr Roy Saxby                        |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> June | 10.30am | - Rev. Alan Barker                    |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> June | 10.30am | - Rev. Davis Curran                   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> June | 10.30am | - Mrs Dee Moden                       |
| - - - - -             |         |                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> July  | 10.30am | - Circuit Celebration, Broad Street   |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> July  | 10.30am | - Mr John Hewett                      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> July | 10.30am | - Rev. Bruce Thomson (District Chair) |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> July | 10.30am | - Mrs Pat Gooding                     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> July | 10.30am | - Rev. Bob Prichard                   |



John Foxe was born in Boston (Lincs) in 1516 – he was a clergyman and author and was also a Puritan. As an author he is best known for his book entitled “Foxe's Book of Martyrs”.

His father died when he was young and his mother re-married. He was educated at Oxford where he became proficient in the Hebrew language. Whilst he was at college he became embroiled in a religious web, going against some of the religious beliefs held at the time. He had been expected to take Holy Orders and become a priest, but he resigned from his post because of his opposition to celibacy, likening it to “self castration”. Foxe's religious beliefs led to a break in his relationship with his step-father, and may even have put his life in danger. He personally witnessed the execution of a man called William Cowbridge in September 1538; he had been accused of heresy and was burnt at the stake.

Having abandoned what had been a promising academic career, Foxe fell upon hard times. One day, starving and hopeless, he was sitting in St Pauls church when a stranger sat down beside him and put a large sum of money into his hands – this stranger told him to be of good courage, for in a few days time God would give him a more certain future: he never knew who the stranger was but not long after he was hired as a tutor by the Duchess of Richmond. It was around this time that he married Agnes Randall (Feb 1547) and they had six children.

He spent several years in Europe where he went to escape from some of the controversy that his religious opinions created. He was never rich, but he was often poor, often penniless. He eventually returned home but always seemed to be involved in religious controversy.

In 1563 he was appointed Prebend of Shipton in Salisbury Cathedral; in other words he received a kind of pension or income from this: he retained this position until his death.

Foxe died in April 1587 – his widow Agnes died in 1605. their son Samuel prospered after his father's death and accumulated a substantial estate. He saved his father's manuscripts and these are now in the British Library.

According to experts, excluding the Bible itself, the three most important and influential books ever printed in Christian History are undoubtedly John Foxe's “Book of Martyrs” - John Calvin's “Institutes of the Christian Religion” and John Bunyon's “Pilgrim's Progress”.

*Colin Scrapps*

# Wigtoft Parish Church



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### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Ashtree Nursery, Cowbit
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Julie's Garden, Gosberton
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Dennet - Ice Cream

***WE ALSO ARRANGE VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:***

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

# Lincoln Cathedral - Part 5

## St Hugh of Avalon (1140-1200)

St Hugh was one of the most influential men to have been connected with the cathedral – he reigned as Bishop from 1186 until his death in 1200. he was a French nobleman, a Benedictine and Carthusian monk and a Catholic and finally an Anglian saint being canonized in 1220. In his lifetime the new cathedral at Lincoln, of magnificent proportions, was begun and was very far advanced when he died and he was buried within it. Legends have been built around his friendship with a swan at Stow and after his sainthood was bestowed on him he became the patron saint of swans.

A shrine was erected to him within the cathedral, but was lost when Henry VIII's men destroyed it in 1540 at the time of the Reformation.

## The Cathedral Bells

There are a total of 20 bells in the cathedral towers: in the south west tower there are 13 while the north west tower contains 2 more. In the central tower there are a further 5, which includes Great Tom, its largest bell and the one that strikes hourly. Great Tom is accompanied by a quarter hour striking clock which was installed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Great Tom was lifted into the tower in 1834: 2 further bells which were donated were lifted into place in 1880.

## The Font

The font in the cathedral is what is known as a Tournai font. It was shaped from a solid block of blue black Tournai limestone, known as tournai marble and quarried in Flanders. It has been dated to the mid 12<sup>th</sup> century, meaning that it survived the earthquake of 1115. It weighs around 2 metric tonnes.



## The Organ

There has been an organ of some kind in the cathedral since the 14<sup>th</sup> century. In St Hugh's Choir within the building there is a depiction of an angel playing a portable organ and this is dated to around 1370. Cathedral accounts from 1311 and 1442 mention fees for cleaning or setting up a new organ. The present one (a Willson) was first erected in 1826 and enlarged and improved in subsequent alterations, notably by "Father" Henry Willis in 1898. This was

Willis' last cathedral organ before his death in 1901. It has undergone two restorations, in 1960 and 1998, by Harrison and Harrison. A Lincoln industrialist, Alfred Shuttleworth donated £1,000 towards the cost of the new organ in 1898, which is the equivalent of £100,000 today.

## **The Services Chapels**

There are three Services chapels located within the cathedral – one to each of the fighting services. The idea grew after the first world war, the Regimental Chapel of the Lincolnshire Regiment being the first. In 1923 two further chapels were dedicated to airmen and seamen. In 1946 all three were redecorated and dedicated as Services Memorial Chapels.

The Soldier's chapel contains the Books of Memory of the 10<sup>th</sup> Foot, which became the Lincolnshire Regiment and finally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment.

The Seamen's chapel has glass depicting famous early Lincolnshire settlers and explorers of the US and Australia, among them being Capt. John Smith, George Bass, Matthew Flinders and Sir Joseph Banks. There is a model of HMS Investigator in which Matthew Flinders charted the Australian coast.

The Airmen's chapel contains 4 impressive stained glass windows, made between 1953 and 1966. There are also overseas memorials, the Books of Remembrance of Groups 1 and 5 Bomber Command and 9 Training Command, with over 25,000 names.

## **Robert Grosseteste 1175 – 1253**

Robert Grosseteste became Bishop of Lincoln in 1235. He was a peasant's son from Suffolk who rose from his humble beginnings to become a scholar, a theologian, a mathematician, a philosopher and a would-be saint. He is reported to have had a sharp tongue and at one time had chastised the King. During his lifetime he was a lecturer at Oxford and was also appointed Chancellor of the University of Oxford.

After his death in 1253 he was venerated as a saint but Rome refused the canonization. His tomb in the cathedral was destroyed in the Civil War. The present tomb is a reasonably new one and was dedicated in 1953.

The cathedral, and indeed the castle, are both open to the public most days and there is a car park adjacent to the castle wall, so there is minimal walking. Charges apply and there is refreshments available in both.

*The end*

*Colin Scrapps*

# **MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (318)**

## **HELD ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT** S. Collingwood (Chair), S. Baxter, P. Craven,  
B Leggott, M Scrupps,

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from M. Tunnard, M. Brookes

### **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

Public Forum: two members of the public attended, regarding traffic speed along old main road.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

### **4. NEW CLERK POSITION**

Cllr Collingwood reported back with the findings from Boston Borough Council. Boston Borough could not help but LALC have a "clerk bank" which has supplied us with 2 possible candidates who would be interested in taking the position on a short term basis and help the council get back up to speed, it was agreed by all members attending that we contact A Fletcher with a view offering the position to her subject to a meeting with Chairman & Vice Chairman.

### **5. POLICE MATTERS**

No reports received and no officers attended.

### **6. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 5th March 2018**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2018 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Collingwood at the next meeting.

### **7. MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

We are still waiting for Maps showing the amenity grass areas in the village and a quote from Boston Borough to cut these, Email Aaron Spencer to chase this up.

We have had no response re pot holes that have been reported contact highways and if possible get a list of reported pot holes within the parish. We have had no response re footpath between church & bus shelter contact Boston Borough to confirm receipt.

Wicksteed contacted us to say they were looking into the protruding bolt that had been missed on the works order, contact Wicksteed to chase this and also the missing bolts on the toddler area fence.

Cllr Craven to contact Mr James Johnson re wildlife garden cutting.



**8. HIGHWAYS**

New report of standing water along the main road between Wigtoft & Sutterton, report to highways the worst area being outside Irelands Farm Machinery

**9. COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

None.

**10. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Invoice received for Footway Lights £ 613.70 to be deducted from precept receipt.

Precept received £3449 less £613.70 Total received £2835.30

VAT refund received £602.13

Current Account Balance £8483.68 Deposit Account Balance £2261.58

Two new signing authorities needed to add to the bank account.

Chairman to look over the forms before May meeting.

**11. PLANNING**

Weekly list of Determined Planning Applications received

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

Wicksteed fund raising flier, What's on in Boston Posters, Evolis Radar Speed Sign flier

Since our last meeting we have received correspondence from Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership informing us that they have conducted a survey on the main road between Wigtoft & Sutterton following complaints about speeding and once all applications have been passed they will be making use of the mobile speed vans.

We have received from Boston Borough Council an email regarding Data Protection and would we be interested in attending a training event.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It has been reported that fence panels are obstructing the diverted footpath Chairman to contact Lincolnshire County Council to report it. Sutterton Parish Council contacted Cllr. Collingwood re the speeding issue between Wigtoft & Sutterton. Sutterton PC to be invited to next parish meeting to discuss what is being done.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm



***The next meetings will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm  
All are welcome to attend***

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
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