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A **proper** car outside Easthorpe Court, can anyone identify the model?

VILLAGE NEWS & VIEWS

JUNE/JULY 2017





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Welcome to the June/July issue of your village magazine.

I start this issue with a number of apologies for errors in the last issue, the first one being the description of the cover photograph. The details I was given of the main people was that they were Arthur and Mavis Fisher who ran the Swan public house in the village. I have since been informed that it was in fact Mavis Fisher, however the man next to her was not her husband but her darts partner Harry Thompson. The editorial team would like to apologise for this error.

The other two errors (there were probably more but no others have been pointed out yet) were related to the adverts. We got the telephone number of the Ship Inn wrong, it should be 01205 260764, and the Taxtastic advert was left out in error. Again we apologise for these mistakes and the person responsible will be sacked as soon as we find a replacement.

The Flower, Art & Craft Festival held in the Church over two weekends in April & May was once again a success, raising over £1700 for the Church roof repair fund. The friends of the Church group worked very hard both over the weekends and on the lead up to it, managed once again by Jean Knight. The group also raised a total of £239.70 prior to the event to fund the purchase of flowers and food for use over these weekends. (*More on page 8*)

The editorial team would like to thank all the advertisers for their support and renewing their adverts again this year. Without their support we would not be able to produce your village magazine.

Please remember that the Church Coffee Morning on Saturday June 17th will be moved to the Village Hall because of a wedding in the Church that day.

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St. Peter & St. Paul Wigtoft Parish Church News

Report for AGM for Year ending 2016

It is once again very encouraging to be able to report that we have had another successful year. Team work is continuing well and the Group of Friends have worked hard to put on various events which have raised much needed funds for the church.

We were absolutely delighted to hear that our Grant Application for Roof repairs had been successful, following this we then had to find another architect as our original choice was not now available. Fortunately we were able to secure the services of Graham Cooke who has been very professional and a great support to us. We have had some various hiccups and difficulties along the way but I am sure we would all like to thank the PCC Treasurer for the time and quality of work that he has given to this project. We are now anticipating a meeting of the architect and CEL, the contractor, to take place in May, and have already received our first amount of money, so hopefully we will be able to see some work starting this year.

There are many villagers who continue to contribute much time and energy to ensure that the church runs smoothly, is kept clean and the churchyard and building maintained in good working order.

Thank you Charlie for your continued support, we are making good use of the space at the rear of the church and it has proved to be a good social area.

Our services continue to be at 9.15am on the second and third Sunday of the month with a Group service on the first Sunday in rotation with other churches in the group.

We had a visitation from the new Archdeacon of Boston who was checking our paperwork and general running of the church, she said that was all in order and up to date.

The PCC is most grateful for any donations given this year both privately and the increasing generous amounts that the hard working Group of Friends raise for the church. *Thank you all, it is appreciated so much.*

	The Haven Group Church Services For June							
Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker			
4 th		10.30am Group Service						
11 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion			
18 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.45am Holy Communion			
25 th		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evensong			
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16 th	9.15am Holy Communion	10.45am Family Church	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	10.45am Holy Communion			
23 rd		10.45am Holy Communion	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4pm Evensong			
30 th		10.45am Joint service with the Methodists	9.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	10.45am Holy Communion			

Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

June 2017

July 2017

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

Village Hall News

Once again the Saturday bacon butty mornings proved successful and we managed to raise an amazing £2407.77. Thank you to all who helped, donated and supported. It really is appreciated and makes a huge difference.

We've decided to use the money for a new fire door and to block off space next to disabled toilet to make a cupboard. We're also going to replace some of the kitchen equipment. Not sure what our next big project will be but as soon as we decide we'll let you know.

Our next fund raising event will be a Christmas Fair in November, I know no one wants to be thinking of Christmas but it will be here before we know it, but if you have any tombola prizes, raffle prizes or bric a brac you would like to donate please let a member of the committee know.

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 £8 per hour, which includes heating, lighting and the use of the kitchen and all crockery.

Church Lottery Winners April 2017

 1^{st} Leslie Waudby (£20) 2^{nd} Val Johnson (£10) 3^{rd} Barbara Pickwell (£5) Drawn at the Flower Festival 22nd April

Church Lottery Winners May 2017

 1^{st} Mr S Taylor (£20) 2^{nd} Mrs P Robinson (£10) 3^{rd} Mr C Tunnard (£5) Drawn at the Coffee Morning 20^{th} May

Church Cleaning

Church cleaning for June will be Wednesday the 14th and for July, Wednesday the 12th from 10am both days

We also share together in a chat (what the rest of us call a gossip) and a cuppa.If you would like to help please come along, you will be made most welcome

Bereavement

We announce the passing away on the weekend of 6th/7th May of **Roy (Rookie) Barnett**.

He played for the Wigtoft Bowls Club and spent many years as a land worker.

We offer our sincere condolences.

Blisbury Charity Student Grants

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

Please apply by letter giving full particulars by the 9th September 2017 and send to:

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





Cream Teas, Raffle, Tombola & Stalls



Flower, Art & Craft Festival Report

I would like to thank the following people.

Everyone who helped arrange flowers. The kind people who made jams and chutneys that helped pay for the flowers. Scraps, who donated £113 - this money paid for the refreshments both weekends. Roger Ward for his lovely conifer display and his kind donation from the proceeds. Thanks also to John for all the printing. To all those who made cakes and helped in the kitchen, while others gave of their time to provide and man stalls. We couldn't manage without each and every one of you, thank you.

The atmosphere was just great over both weekends. We met many new people who were very complimentary about the flower displays. Also, about our wide range of refreshments. These were much appreciated by all those who attended. People also commented on our lovely church and the warm welcome they received.

We raised the magnificent amount of £1,701.22p. Which exceeds last year's total. So well done to everyone.

We are now looking forward to our next event which is "Cream Teas In the Church" on Saturday June 24th 3pm - 5pm. Please come along and bring your neighbours and friends and join in the community spirit and fun.

If anyone would like to join "Friends of the Church" then please do so, all are welcome. For further information contact Jean Tel: 01205 460546

Jean Knight

A BIG THANK YOU from Virna

To "Friends of the Church" I want to say a big thank you for all your hard work in making the church look so beautiful for the Flower, Art and Craft Festival.

I went away on holiday with my daughter and granddaughter to watch tennis and thoroughly enjoyed it. Only to see, on my return, how lovely the Church looked.

You are a great team of workers who do a wonderful job in raising money for the church, we couldn't do it without you!

Virna Atkinson.

Thank you

The "Friends of the Church" would like to thank Lesley and Rob for their donation in memory of Martia who sadly passed away.

Martia, regularly attended at all our functions and is sadly missed.

When I retired, more than three decades ago I was determined to enjoy the rest of my days. So many of my friends and colleagues had left this world too soon and I decided to enjoy every moment possible.

My hair is grey and my wrinkles deep set but why disguise the lines of a lifetimes experience? Some have died before the inevitable has happened.

If I decide to read for hours or get hooked when checking jigsaws or give to charities, who will disturb me? Mostly the doorbell or telephone. Sometimes I dare to sing the melodies of the 40's, 50's or 60's. No-one can hear me.

My skinny body shows the muscle shrink brought by the years and my walk is slow and careful. As the young ones glance I know they too, will be old one day. I remember the carefree days of youth very clearly and remember the important things such as eating, drinking and taking my pills regularly, I forget names occasionally but who doesn't? Anyway some things and people are better forgotten.

When we lose a loved one, be it human or pet we must grieve as we are human. This way we can recall the cherished details of the part of our lives we have spent together. The happier we have been together, be it person or pet, the greater will be the pain of separation. During life we all lose someone who is irreplaceable.

We care less about what others think as we grow older. I am often wrong, but imagine that I am right in my decisions and actions. My rights can be very wrong.

Being old has set me free to be myself. I love to wear my nightie and dressing gown until 9.30 - 10.30am if no callers are expected and even sneak out to feed the birds improperly clad! I can eat when I am hungry and have ice-cream whenever I fancy it.

A wear and tear process happens to everyone over 50 but often causes little inconvenience. Bones grow knobbly and aches and pains multiply. Stiffness, limitation of movement or joints or limbs plague us. Pain can be controlled and help given in serious cases so be happy and keep moving.

None of us will live forever so while we are still here don't worry about the past or the future - BE CONTENT!

Readers Letters & Comments

Dear Editor



I write on behalf of the friends I live with in Wigtoft, and we have a number of complaints.

First we would like to complain about the noise in our surrounding area, mainly on a Sunday but it seems to happen in different ways at different times. On a Sunday the noise tends to come from a machine at the back of our home and from various people around the building but mainly from a man at the front dressed in strange clothing. We live in the Church and expect our rights to peace and quiet to be respected. Please keep the noise down or we will take matters into our own hands

Our second complaint is about the lack of mobile phone signal in our chosen home, this limits our internet access and email use significantly. We have a right to a decent signal in our home and expect steps to be taken to rectify this situation as soon as possible.

If these situations are not resolved we will take the matter further, as a protected species our rights far outweigh those of other residents of the village.

On a more positive note, we would like to thank the person who leaves copies of the magazine in the Church for us to read as we do not get out much. We would also like to thank the ladies who clean our mess up in the Church every month. However could we ask them not to make so much noise whilst they are cleaning as we sleep in the day and they keep on waking us up.

Bertie the Bat

On behalf of the batty residents of Wigtoft Church Sent via E-Mail over our very slow connection

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

Wigtoft Church Flower Arranging

Flower arranging in the Church for June will be done by Jean Knight.

In July Libby Craggs will be doing the flowers.

Thanks to all who help with this

Topical Talk

Donald Trump, love him or hate him, you cannot pick up a paper turn on the TV or radio without being hit by his name. When I was a boy, a "trump" was an embarrassment, it was a "breaking of wind". You could possibly say the same about Donald (on both accounts).

The Trump family originated from Germany. In 1885 Friedrich Trump emigrated to the US at the age of 16.He anglicized his Christian name to Frederick when he became a US citizen and he was the grandfather of Donald. Frederick amassed a fortune during the Alaskan gold rush, not by panning for gold but by opening restaurants and hotels for the prospectors in the region. After he died his fortune passed to his wife and son – the son was Fred Trump (1905 – 1999). Fred was born in New York and became one of the biggest real estate developers in New York City. Fred married Mary MacLeod (1912 – 2000) who was a native of the village of Tong, near Stornaway, Isle of Lewis, in the Hebrides: she was the daughter of a fisherman and emigrated to the US when she was 17, and worked as a maid in New York. Fred and Mary met in New York and were married in 1936 – Donald John Trump, US President was born to them in 1946.

The family is related to the founder of H.J. Heinz & Co (Heinz beans, etc)

The property company founded by Donald's father and called Elizabeth Trump & Son was renamed by Donald as the Trump Organisation.

His business interests, which he had to put aside when he became President, are many and varied, involving several golf courses; the most high profile property is Trump Tower – this rises to 68 stories above 5th Avenue in New York and was originally the tallest all-glass structure in Manhattan and is still classed as one of the most distinctive buildings in the world. There are other Trump Towers in many parts of the world.

A few years ago he was responsible for the construction of a golf complex in Aberdeenshire and while this was in the planning stage Donald "locked horns" with the then First Minister of Scotland Alex Salmon, over planning consent, but Trump triumphed but it has to be said that Trump and Salmon finished up as not the best of friends.

Whilst talking of well known names, there can be none more well known, in the retailing sector at any rate, than that of Harrods store in London. But even this well known name has a dark secret. Charles Henry Harrod had a growing grocery empire in 1836 and was situated in Cable Street in the East End, close to London Docks where, in the 1800's goods from across the Empire were arriving in vast quantities. It was alleged that Harrod bought stolen goods from a Richard

Moran, who was a porter at another nearby grocers – he was seen by a constable delivering the sack of currents by cart. It appears that Harrod had been under observation for some time and is thought to have bought stolen goods such as tea and sugar for some time.

Together with the thief, Harrod was sentenced to 7 years transportation, from which it was likely he would never had returned as, on their release, such prisoners had to fund their own return fare to England. After a plea for clemency to the King the sentence was commuted to imprisonment – after serving a year on a prison ship in Portsmouth harbour, he was released and resumed his business career, the business having been looked after by his brother William,

The business was moved to the present site in Brompton Rd in 1854 and never looked back. A fire destroyed the shop in 1883 but it was rebuilt by Digby Harrod in its present form.

We still have not had any response from the anonymous complainant who objected last autumn to the way the laurel hedging was being handled in the churchyard. The hedge is still there and waiting for him (or her) to really show us how the job should be done – come on, don't be shy!!!.

Automation in farming

According to recent reports, we are in for a revolution in the farming industry. A spokesman for the Harper Adams University in Shropshire has said that the change in the industry over the next 5-10 years will be the equivalent of the change from driving horses to farming with tractors. Farm machinery will be operated remotely by farmers using an i-Pad devise and the robotic machines will be able to diagnose the soil quality as it progresses and distribute fertilizer and base ingredients as necessary.

The Climate Fieldview System, which has been adopted by tens of thousands of farmers across the US since its launch last year is being tested during the growing season in France, Germany and Ukraine, if all goes well it could arrive in the UK this autumn. Combined with drones and British-led advances in robotics such as self driving strawberry pickers and broccoli harvesters it raises the prospect of a radical kind of food production in which growers will manage their fields with little more than an i-Pad.

The University of Lincoln is developing self driving harvesters that can do the work of 6 fruit pickers and laser guided weed picking machines that can tear out unwanted weeds whilst leaving the main crop undamaged. In the future there may be little demand for the thousands of immigrants who come to Britain each year to pick fruit and vegetables.

Colin Scrupps

Never Let Grandchildren Draw You



A couple in the village found this drawing of themselves recently. The grandchild who drew this many years ago is now 30 and I think she is going to suffer

When she saw it again her first comment was "why so much nose hair on granddad?" - no mention on the single tooth of her grandmother!!

Can you guess who they are supposed to be?

Craft Morning

A craft morning to discuss the decorating of Church Christmas trees this coming December, will be held on June 13th at St Peter and Saint Paul Church Wigtoft, from 10am to mid-day.

If you would like to join us then please do so Light refreshments will be served.

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

Wigtoft Welcome Club

The Welcome Club meets at Wigtoft Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday at 2pm every month.

Everyone is welcome to join for £3 a year joining fee.

Play bingo for cash, and a raffle. Tea and coffee is served at half time.

Please contact Ray or Lesley Woods for further information on
01205 460234

Wigtoft Parish Church



Coffee mornings to raise funds for the Church continue for the summer months

Saturday Mornings 10 - Noon

Please note that because of a wedding being held in the Church on Saturday June 17th the Coffee Morning will be held in the Village Hall for this weekend.

Please come along for a friendly chat and light refreshments which now include bacon butties and home made cakes.

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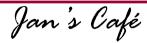
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Colin Dexter OBE, Sept 29th 1930 - 21st March 2017

Colin Dexter was born in Stamford; he was educated at Stamford School, a boys public school.

After completing his National Service with the Royal Corp of Signals he attended Cambridge University, from where he graduated in 1953, having read Classics.

In 1954 he started his teaching career in Leicester, teaching classics at Wyggeston school. Following this he had a spell at Loughborough Grammar School before taking up a position at Corby Grammar School in 1959, again teaching classics.



In 1966 he had to retire from teaching as he was getting increasingly deaf. He then took up a non-teaching post at the University of Oxford, a job he held until his retirement in 1988.

Colin Dexter was best known as the writer of the crime series of Inspector Morse which was made into a TV series.

His first books were General Studies text books; but it was while he was on holiday in Wales in 1972 that his crime writing career began. They were there on a family holiday and staying in a small guest house – it was on a Saturday and it was raining and the children were restless (he had a son and daughter). He was sat at a table with nothing to do and began writing: he wrote the first few paragraphs of a detective novel and this was to turn into the first Inspector Morse novel called "Last bus to Woodstock", this was published in 1975. He had 33 episodes of Inspector Morse televised between 1987 and 2001. Like Alfred Hitchcock, he had a habit of making personal appearances (only in the background) in his series.

After the Morse series ended with the death of the main character Dexter wrote a sequel called "Lewis", featuring Sergeant (now inspector) Lewis who was the "side kick" to Morse in the main series.

He had won many awards for his writing – he was appointed an OBE in 2000 for his services to writing and in 2001 he was awarded the Freedom of the City of Oxford and in 2011 the University of Lincoln awarded him a Honorary Doctorate.

He married Dorothy Cooper in March 1956 and they had two children, Sally and Jeremy. They lived in Oxford and he spent a great deal of his time doing charitable work. He had been diagnosed as diabetic.

He had written a clause in his will barring anyone ever playing the part of Inspector Morse after his death, he says that this is to prevent future actors "competing" with John Thaw (Insp Morse)

Colin Dexter was a mild mannered man but he had a razor-sharp mind. He had been National Crossword champion on a number of occasions. He liked a drink of beer, although being diabetic in his later years, this had had to be curbed, and he was a crossword fanatic, appreciated good music and was an avid listener to the "Archers".

His chosen lead name of Morse resulted from his friendship with a fellow crossword addict Sir Jeremy Morse. He went on to become Chairman of Lloyds Bank, a director of the Bank of England and was associated with the International Monetary Fund.

Dexter kept his "day job" at Oxford and he admitted that he never had to earn a living from his writing.

First edition copies of his first novel "Last Bus to Woodstock" now sell for around £1500.

Colin Dexter died peacefully at home in Oxford on March 21st this year.

Colin Scrupps



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Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

As the daffodils and tulips finish flowering nip the heads off but leave the stems and leaves to die back. This is beneficial to the bulb gathering nutrients to flower well next year. Ideas on

this have changed over the years as not so long ago gardeners used to tie them over or cut them down.

I didn't think I would be saying so early in the year that we could do with rain, but the borders are dry and compacted in my garden. First it was too wet to mulch now they are too dry. Prune back Forsythia and spring flowering shrubs, if you haven't already done so. Take any softwood cuttings as you do, as they should root well now. Insert two or three cuttings in a pot, keep damp and sheltered until roots appear at the bottom of the pot. Pot on one to a pot and you hopefully will have a replacement shrub or two.

Try to keep on top of weeds as they grow faster than the flowers you want. Mow lawns and trim hedges to keep the garden looking crisp, with the exception of wildlife areas. Although the wildlife areas can look to some people a bit messy they are so worthwhile.

Gardens I feel are more than just plants if you enjoy birds, insects and mammal watching.

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Regards, from Sam

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It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive "It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five". It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene. It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear. And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device. For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice. It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught. So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed. It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff, I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off.

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Wainfleet All Saints

Wainfleet is an ancient town and port standing on the River Steeping. The origins go back to at least the Roman times – Roman coins have been found here.

The Steeping River which flows into the Wash at Gibraltar Point, would have made access to this area easy for the Roman ships: there is strong evidence that a Romano-British settlement sat on the same site as the present town. The town was also mentioned in the Doomsday Book – 1086ad.

In the medieval period the town was a busy port, but as a result of silting up this eventually dwindled, and today it is just a quiet town.

The town is probably best known as being the birthplace of William Patten, better known as William of Wayneflete (the old spelling for the town). He was born here in 1395. He went on to become Bishop of Winchester and Lord Chancellor of England: he founded the Magdalen College at Oxford and ordered the building of Magdalen College School in Wainfleet to provide scholars for the Oxford college; it was designed to take seven boys and to educate them in Latin and Greek.

Points of Interest

Magdalen College. As I have already said, this was built on the instructions of William for the education of seven boys and to provide scholars for Oxford. The building itself is now a Grade 1 listed building: it is built of brick, much in the same style of Tattershall Castle, but much smaller. Actually, William had helped to complete the building of Tattershall many years earlier.



In 1755 the building became an elementary school for boys and girls, taking up to 60 pupils but by 1877 the number of pupils had fallen sharply; by 1933 the school was transferred to Skegness Grammar and the building stood empty for several years. It was used by the military during the war and after 1945 it was reopened as a school and served this purpose until 1966.

Having again stood empty for some time it was eventually renovated with the

help of volunteers and some grant money, becoming a museum and library and again served the community. Sadly, at the time of writing (2016) it is once again not in use – it appears to have become a victim of the governments policy of closing libraries. At the moment the building itself is closed and fenced off and there is no admission.

Barkham Street

This is an unusual street to find in a place like Wainfleet. Either side of the street is occupied by a terrace of stately, three-storied houses, which look so out-of-place in a small town - they would be more appropriate in the more affluent areas of London.

The history of these dwellings is that they were built in 1847 by Bethlem Hospital. Many years ago the story about these houses was that they had been designed to be built in London but had been built in Wainfleet by mistake – its a good story but not true: they are actually an exact copy of a number of terraces which were built at the same time in Southwark in London.

The Church

The current All Saints Church dates from 1820 – this replaced a much older Church which stood on the site and which had become unsafe. A quantity of materials from the old building were used in the construction of the new one.

The Buttercross

There is a 15th century buttercross standing in the market place and it is from these steps that John Wesley is known to have preached on occasions.

Historical

As part of Roman Britain Wainfleet was known as Vannona and was at the end of what was known as the Salters Way, which linked the Midlands with the coast at Wainfleet and Boston; this was all part of the valuable salt trade, with salt pans producing the salt on the coast. Traces of potteries have been found in the area. There is a Viking barrow (burial mound) at Northolme (near Wainfleet) and when the railway from Wainfleet to Firsby was being built another great barrow in a field near the station was cut in two and found to contain seven graves – they were round and lined with clay and around them were various shells and remains of bones and pottery.

William of Wayneflete is buried in one of the closed church yards in the town which is maintained by the Town Council.

Colin Scrupps

MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (309) HELD ON MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2017 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT B Leggott (Chair), M Scrupps, V. Atkinson, M. Brookes, S. Collingwood, M. Tunnard, S. Baxter, P. Craven & M. Piper (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

A. Spencer, M. Cooper

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended.

3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 6th February 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2017 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Leggott at the next meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

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

5. HIGHWAYS

Contact Council to ascertain whether we are responsible for any grass cutting in Wigtoft.

Sleaford road name: contact council again

6. PLAYGROUND

Contact T Blackamore re: loose grass around toddler area and grass verges around village.

Greenscape have cleared damage in Playground caused by high winds.

7. FINANCIAL

C/A £8740.80 D/A£2260.91

Cheque for Clerks Salary & Expenses £2370.00

Cheque for Greenspace £420.00

Cheque for Hire of Village Hall £250.00

8. PLANNING

There were two planning applications, change of use of land from agricultural to residential garden at Asperton Cottage Asperton Road Addition of a single storey glass canopy at Drove House..

There were no objections.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Celebration of Farming poster to display

10. A.O.B

Area around roundabout needs attention. Contact Malc Firth for advice.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 3^{rd} April 2017 at 7.30.pm

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10.30am - Circuit celebration at Broad St.
9th July
10.30am - Rev David Howarth

16th July 10.30am - Rev Alan Barker

 23^{rd} July 10.30am - Rev Keith Rowbottom

30th July 10.30am - Mr Barry Chapman

MINUTES OF THE WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (310) HELD ON MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2017 IN WIGTOFT VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT B Leggott, M Scrupps, V. Atkinson, M. Tunnard, S. Baxter & P. Craven, M. Cooper, M. Piper (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

S. Collingwood, A. Spencer, M. Brookes,

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public attended.

3. MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING HELD ON 6th March 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2017 having been previously circulated are to be signed by Cllr. Leggott at the next meeting.

4. POLICE MATTERS

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

5. HIGHWAYS

Footpath from Church – Asperton Road very slippery
Footpath adjacent to Chicken Farm also very slippery
Footpath alongside Church wall also needs attention
There are some large potholes outside Village Hall
Street lights are out along from layby at Village Hall – Sutterton
Clerk to contact Highways again on above matters.
Road sign for Sleaford Road.

6. PLAYGROUND

Councillors to contact Malc Firth RE; safety matting around roundabout. The first cut of the season was on March 15^{th} check for loose grass .

7. FINANCIAL

C/A £7817.20 D/A£2260.97 Precept received for half year £3299.02. Reclaimed VAT received £252.95 Village Hall annual Hire £250.00

8. PLANNING

There was one planning application; erection of fencing at Pandoras Box, Hoffleet Stow.

There were no objections.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Lincs NHS Trust

Audit information pack

LALC News

Notice of Elections

Local Plan

10. A.O.B

Annual Parish Meeting to take place at the May PC meeting Annual General Meeting also to take place at the May meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

The next meeting will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 8^{th} May 2017 at 7.30.pm

The next meetings will take place at Wigtoft Village Hall on Monday 5th June and July 3rd 2016 at 7.30pm

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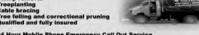
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