# WIGTOFT VILL&GE NEWS & VIEWS



## **June / July 2019**

Coffee Mornings In the Church every Saturday 10am until Noon

**Village Events** In The Coming

**Months** 

Cream Teas, Wigtoft Church Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2-5pm

Jean Knight's Open Garden, Sutterton Sunday July 28th, 10am - 4pm

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Has summer arrived? It certainly feels like it. At present the whole village is bathed in glorious sunshine, long may it last!

Welcome once more to our Wigtoft News and Views. Much has happened this past couple of months. We have celebrated our annual Flower Festival. (see page 8). The Village Hall now has a very smart car park (see page 6). Bacon Butties are being served in Church on Saturday mornings.

Everyone appears to be busy and planning ahead. For a small village, it's all go!

We do have three vacancies within village organisations. One at the Parish Council (see page 27). A treasurer for our Newsletter (see page 10) and a Book Keeper for the Village Hall (see page 6). These are important vacancies and need to be filled. None are arduous, they just require a little time and commitment. If you are interested then please contact the appropriate people.

We also require one or two folk to distribute our magazine, again just an hour once every two months. This comes with a bonus!! It encourages us to walk and lap up the beautiful weather and landscape.

Enjoy the magazine. Appropriate comments are gratefully received. Remember, this is YOUR magazine.

## Help with the Magazine

As well as a treasurer for the magazine we also need help with the deliveries. At the moment the main area where help is needed is in Burtoft Lane, about 15 magazines. If you are able to help with these deliveries or with anything else to do with the magazine, please contact one of the editorial team

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# St. Peter & St. Paul Wigtoft Parish Church News

## Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting

On the 8th of March the Parochial Church Council held its annual AGM.

At that meeting it was decided to continue for the coming year with the team doing the Church Warden's duties. John gave us a report of the Church finances.

There are twelve people on the Church electoral roll for the parish.

The PCC members were re-elected for another year and Jackie Core was also elected on to the PCC. The Church officers were elected as follow:-

Secretary - Jane Barkham, Treasurer - John Craggs

Revd. Charlie thanked us for all of our hard work. He hopes that we are all able to go forward from this year.

Jane gave a general report on the Church. She thanked the Friends of the Church for all their hard work, and also the people that come to clean the Church each month. Jane also thanked John and Colin for keeping the Churchyard tidy.

I would also like to thank everyone from the village who support us at the events we put on each year. We look forward to another successful year.

#### Jane Barkham PCC Secretary

## **Church Finances for 2018**

Our finances went quite well in 2018. Coffee mornings raised £1750, other events raised a total of £4930, regular donations came to £984, Church lottery £440 and other donations and service collections and fees came to £2169. We also had a donation of £1000 from the Wigtoft News & Views and £1000 from the Parochial Charity to pay for a new lawnmower and carpet. The overall income, including investments, for the year came to £12,685

Running costs for the year includes insurance at £2368, electric £830, fees to the Diocese £1081, security alarm £760 and clock maintenance for 3 years £691.

We bought the new lawnmower, carpet and notice board out of the churchyard fund and our maintenance fund.

Total expenditure for the year came to £8035. We were therefor able to add £4650 to our reserve fund to go towards the nest maintenance project, possibly a new heating system for the Church.

Thanks must go to the Friends of the Church who work hard to raise funds, and to all those who give regularly to help to keep the Church going.

John Craggs PCC Treasurer

	The Hav	en Group	Church Se	rvices For	June
Date	Wigtoft	Swineshead	Sutterton	Donington	Bicker
2 <sup>nd</sup>			<b>10.30am</b> Group Service		
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Communion	10.45am Communion	10am Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Communion	<b>8am</b> Communion
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Communion	<b>9.30am</b> Communion	<b>10.45am</b> Communion
23rd		10.45am Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Communion	9.30am Communion	<b>4pm</b> Evensong
30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>10.45am</b> Joint with Methodists	<b>9.15am</b> Communion		
	The Hav	en Group	Church Se	ervices Fo	r July
7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>10.30am</b> Group Service			
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.15am</b> Communion	10.45am Communion	10am Communion 3.30pm Jelly Church	9.30am Communion	<b>8am</b> Communion
21st	<b>9.15am</b> Communion	10.45am Communion	9.15am Communion	9.30am Communion	10.45am Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>		10.45am Communion	<b>9.15am</b> Communion	9.30am Communion	<b>4pm</b> Evensong

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

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

## Wigtoft Church Cleaning

The next cleaning of the Church will take place on Wednesdays June 12<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup>

All who would like to help out are welcome

## Wigtoft Village Hall Dates & Information

June 2019

July 2019

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Sat	1			Mon	1	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sun	2	10am	"The Gathering"	Tue	2		
Mon	3	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Wed	3		
Tue	4			Thu	4		
Wed	5			Fri	5		
Thu	6			Sat	6		
Fri	7			Sun	7	10am	"The Gathering"
Sat	8			Mon	8		
Sun	9	10am	"The Gathering"	Tue	9	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	10			Wed	10		
Tue	11	10am	Scraps R Us	Thu	11		
Wed	12			Fri	12	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Thu	13			Sat	13		
Fri	14	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sun	14	10am	"The Gathering"
Sat	15			Mon	15	7pm	Gardening Club
Sun	16	10am	"The Gathering"	Tue	16		
Mon	17	7pm	Gardening Club	Wed	17		
Tue	18	Noon	St Barnabas	Thu	18		
Wed	19			Fri	19		
Thu	20			Sat	20		
Fri	21			Sun	21	10am	"The Gathering"
Sat	22			Mon	22	Toani	The dathering
Sun	23	10am	"The Gathering"	Tue	23	10am	Scraps R Us
Mon	24			rue	23	Noon	Straps R Os St Barnabas
Tue	25	10am	Scraps R Us	Wed	24		
Wed	26			Thu	25		
Thu	27			Fri	26	6.30pm	Bird Auction
Fri	28	6.30pm	Bird Auction	Sat	27		
Sat	29			Sun	28	10am	"The Gathering"
Sun	30	10am	"The Gathering"	Mon	29		
				Tue	30		
				Wed	31		
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## Village Hall News

## A New Car Park!!

Wigtoft Village Hall has acquired a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund of £8,000, for which we are most grateful.



It has enabled us, with existing funds, a donation from the Wigtoft News & Views and winter Bacon Butty Mornings, to resurface and attend to drainage in the car park, which was much needed.

Our thanks and appreciation are extended to all those who have attended fund raising events and given donations over the years.



We could not have done it without you!

A very special thank you to Alison Goad, our secretary, for all her hard work in acquiring the grant.

Well done and THANK YOU to all!!!

## Village Hall Committee Vacancies

Wigtoft Village Hall requires a Book Keeper from December 2019 to take care of finances.

Also a Chairman to convene and attend approximately four meetings a year, again from December 2019.

If you feel you could help in either of these roles and would like further information please contact,

Sally Tel:- 01205 460117 or Alison Tel:- 01205 461522

## **Booking Wigtoft Village Hall**

To book the Village Hall, please contact Wendy on 01205 461005

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

# WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

# COACH TRIP TO FAIRHAVEN GARDENS near NORWICH

## TUESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Pick up 9am KIRTON, SUTTERTON, WIGTOFT, BICKER

COST £20 per person (Includes Entrance Fee) £10 deposit

For further details please contact 01205-460400 01205-460546

## Open Garden

Sunday July 28th 10am - 4pm Jean Knight's Garden Station Road, Sutterton

Come along to see a beautiful garden and get some ideas for your own Cream Teas, Cakes, Jacket Potatoes, Bacon Butties

## \*\*\* Scraps R Us Open Morning \*\*\*

Scraps R Us are holding an Open Morning on Tuesday July 9th 10am until Noon

Please join us for coffee and cake and see the crafts we make.

## Wigtoft Flower Festival 2019

## Landing on the Moon!!

What a wonderful event we had at our Flower Festival held on two consecutive weekends at Saint Peter and Saint Paul's Parish church here in Wigtoft.

The displays reflected songs celebrating fifty years since the first man, Neil Armstrong, landed on the moon in 1969.

Besides wonderful floral arrangements we had various home produce and craft stalls. Of course, Friends of the Church are renowned for their delicious refreshments which exceeded all expectations.

Our thanks go to all those who came, the many compliments received and to all those who spent their pennies.

It goes without saying we could not do this without a group who work tirelessly in all areas. A hearty **THANK YOU** to everyone.

The success was reflected in the amount raised, a total of £1,670.

Please look in the magazine for our next event. Bacon Butty mornings continue in the Church from 10 am to mid-day every Saturday. So why not come along and join us.



# Cream Teas Wigtoft Church



Saturday June 29th 2-5pm

Cream Teas, Stalls, Raffle & Tombola

Come along and bring your friends to enjoy a delightful afternoon



## **Topical Talk**

It is believed that the remains of Capt. Matthew Flinders, the Donington born explorer have been found during excavations for the HS2 railway. These excavations are taking place at St James' Gardens, a former burial ground next to Euston Station in London. This work will see the remains of 40,000 people being relocated. It was thought that identifying Flinders remains would be almost impossible but a lead breastplate that had been attached to the coffin lid meant that positive identification was possible.

Flinders was born in Donington in 1774 and at the age of 15 and joined the Royal Navy; he became a distinguished navigator and cartographer and was the first person to circumnavigate Australia. He died aged just 40 in 1814.

There is a campaign to bring the explorers remains back to his birthplace, Donington, a fitting tribute to a great man.

How many of us come into contact with dementia sufferers in our life?. My thoughts are that there are a great many of us. The task of caring for patients, who are mostly family or friends, has, unfortunately, no positive end, but is a task that hundreds of thousands of people are doing all the time, and willingly. Different people have different reactions when confronted with Alzheimer's and similar conditions. If someone breaks an arm or a leg this can be classed as a "positive" injury, where you can see, hopefully, a steady improvement, but with dementia the opposite is the case: many find this difficult to cope with because the patient can look just like a "normal" person with no outward signs of illness. This often results in friends being split into two categories – the ones who can cope and offer their help and support and the ones who cannot and who just seem to fade away.

A few years ago we had an aunt and uncle who lived in Woodhall Spa; she developed Alzheimers and he, although his mind remained sharp, developed osteoporosis and they both had to surrender their driving licences which they found very difficult. Ann and I regularly went over on a Thursday to help where we could, Ann doing a bit of ironing, tidying up and helping any way possible: I would do a bit of gardening and then take Uncle into Woodhall, they lived about half a mile out of the village, to do a bit of shopping, get his hair cut or whatever needed doing. I always found it strange how grateful Uncle was that I would take him into the village to do these things, but now I realise why he was so grateful it was the respite that he valued and the chance to converse - he was a highly educated man, having been a university lecturer in Reading most of his working life and Auntie had been a teacher. They both belonged to various organisations in the village, such as Probus, Gardening Club, Operatic Society and the Church. After they were taken ill we noticed that very few people from these organisations enquired after them, the one main exception being the lady next door who proved to be a "gem". The thing that I personally noticed most was the

lack of contact from the church, where they had been regular worshippers and held various "posts" within the church; to my knowledge not one person from the church ever inquired after them or visited.

Sadly they have both passed away now but we have some happy memories.

Another "colourful" figure from the general election scene has passed away, Lord Toby Jug died recently aged just 53. He was the founder of the Eccentric Party and one time friend of Screaming Lord Sutch. His party policies included plans for a 5-day weekend, a 2-day week and a requirement that sleeping policemen be replaced by members of the House of Lords. He advocated the construction of taller buildings for higher education and the nationalization of crime to ensure that it did not pay; discarded chewing gum was to be used to fill pot holes, swimming pools would be drained once a week to allow access for non-swimmers and text lanes would be introduced on footpaths to prevent mobile phone user pedestrians walking into lampposts – bottles of beer would be placed on beaches so that an invading army might get drunk instead of attacking.

In the 2005 general election he stood as a candidate in Folkstone and Hythe and polled 175 votes against Michael Howard, the Tory Party leader.

They don't make them like this any more!!

Colin Scrupps

## **News & Views Treasurer Needed**

The News and Views magazine is in need of a Treasurer to begin in December 2019. This position comes into its own, more or less, in the early part of each year when advertising invoices are distributed. If you feel you can commit to this then please let a member of the Editorial team know. This is an important placement as we depend on such a person to make up our team, otherwise, the Newsletter would not survive!

We look forward to hearing from you.

## **Sutterton Methodist Church Services for June / July**



2nd June10.30am - Own Arrangement9th June10.30am - Rev. Maurice Perry

16<sup>th</sup> June 10.30am - Rev. Frances Ballantyne 23<sup>rd</sup> June 10.30am - Libby Craggs

30<sup>rd</sup> June 10.30am - Circuit Service

7<sup>th</sup> July 10.30pm - Mrs Dee Moden 14<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am - Rev. Alan Barker

21st July 10.30am - Lieut. Colonels Peter & Sylvia Daziel

28th July 10.30am - Mrs Liz Steel

## **News From Mousehound No.2**

## **Avis M Padley**

March 2 Bitterly cold today but I was bundled into the banger as its owner wished to attend a dog show. Glad I was wearing my overcoat as others of my breed were shivering in their natural clothing



- March 6 Went to the local park where I meet my doggy friends. We played 'retrieve the ball' for an hour and made as much noise as we were able. A terrified toddler ran screaming to his mum for comfort
- March 10 A burst of high wind and heavy rain hit me as my owner opened the door. I tried to turn back but was dragged out of doors
- March 19 Hooray Scrabble<sup>™</sup> today! I burst into 44A as soon as the 'would be boss' opens the door. My hostess removes my lead and gives me a quick treat as boss removes her coat. The ladies have two games then afternoon tea. I rush into the kitchen for more snacks. Why can't friends play Scrabble<sup>™</sup> every day?
- March 23 Mum not feeling well today so I comforted her by snuggling under her blanket. No wet cold and miserable walk today
- April 2 Heavy rain again. I turned for home after the necessary short distance. I know mum wouldn't pick up a wet dog to persuade me to continue the exercise
- April 4 Met a labradoodle-collie cross dog. He didn't retrieve the ball for his owner so I showed him
- April 8 Mud in the road. I rolled in it! Was given a shower on reaching home. I stood in the bath but didn't enjoy it at all!

# Church Lottery Winners April 2019

 $1^{\text{st}}$ ..... Mr M Billing (£20)  $2^{\text{nd}}$ .... Mrs J Knight (£10)  $3^{\text{rd}}$ ..... Mr P Smith (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning April 27th

## Church Lottery Winners May 2019

1st...... Mrs C Waudby (£20) 2nd...... Mr P Smith (£10)

3<sup>rd</sup>...... Mrs S Ward (£5)

Drawn at the Coffee Morning 25th May



## Sam Snail's Jobs In The Garden

After the lovely warm spell of weather over Easter, May has started on a different level altogether. In the greenhouse growth of tomato and cucumber plants has slowed down.

Germination of courgettes and sweet corn is a bit haphazard, but beans are now growing well but I am a bit nervous of putting them in the cold frame after a couple of early morning frosts.

I have divided the hosta plants that were growing in big pots and now have twice as many to stand in spaces in the borders later. Although it is preferable to do this before the leaves unfurl, with a little care you can still do it, as the leaves grow bigger with more space.

Ponds are benefitting from the rainfall as they were so depleted after the hot summer. Water lily leaves are growing well as are the pond irises.

Why does the weather always get wet and windy when the beautiful peony flowers open up, so disappointing as they shatter so easily, oh well that's gardening for you.

Do what you can, when you can is my philosophy and enjoy it.

**Regards from Sam** 



# WIGTOFT and DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

### DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN GARDENING?

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

#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Holland with a display of his plants to buy
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Jackie Sturgess Clematis and climbing plants
August 19 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting in members garden

WE ALSO ARRANGE VISITS TO PLACES OF INTEREST FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT: Barbara - 01205 460400 or Jean - 01205 460546

## **Local Worthies** Sir William Robertson (1860-1933)

Sir William was born in Welbourne, Lincs. He was the son of Thomas Charles and Ann Robertson – his father was a tailor and postmaster in the village. He was educated at the local Church school and as an older pupil he was paid 6 pence a week to teach the younger ones. He left school in 1873 (aged 13) and became a boy gardener and boot boy at the village rectory, one of the lowest classes of domestic service in those days. In 1875 he became a footman in the household at Deene Park for the Countess of Cardigan.

William Robertson is remembered, not for his ability as a footman, but for his brilliant military career. He is the only British Army soldier to rise from being just a private to become a Field Marshall, the highest rank. He accumulated numerous military awards and was mentioned in despatches.

He began his military career in November 1877 by enlisting in the 16th Queens Lancers for 12 years; on his enlistment he was 3 months short of the minimum age of 18, but declared his age as being 18 plus 3 months. His mother was horrified by his decision to join the army, saying that the army was a "refuge for idle people". She said that she would not tell anyone what he had done because of the shame of it. On his first night in the barrack room he was so horrified by all the rowdiness that he contemplated deserting, but found that his civilian clothes, all parcelled up, had been stolen. However, he progressed and became a proficient soldier, winning prizes for sword, lance and shooting. He was promoted to lancecorporal in February 1879 and then became a corporal in April 1879. As a corporal he was imprisoned for 3 weeks and had his head shaven when an arrested soldier who he was escorting escaped. In May 1881 he was promoted again, to lance-sergeant and then to sergeant in January 1882. Whilst serving in Ireland he was able to further his education and received a certificate for this in 1883. Further promotion followed in March 1885, when he became a troop sergeant major.

Encouraged by his officers and the vicar from his old parish he gained an officer's commission and was posted as a  $2^{nd}$  lieutenant in the  $3^{rd}$  Dragoon Guards in 1888. now being an officer he found that he had a problem – normally officers were from moneyed backgrounds and were able to sustain an officer's lifestyle: fortunately, his regiment was posted to India where his pay was higher and expenses less than in the UK. His father made his uniforms and he kept his expenses down by drinking water with his meals and not smoking. He was able to supplement his income by studying with native tutors and then qualifying as an interpreter – all this while others like him slept in the hot afternoon.

He was promoted to lieutenant in 1891 and saw his first active service in the same year. He continued his service in India, which included mapping work in the North West Frontier. After 5 years in India he was granted leave in 1893 but, on

reaching home he found that his mother had died while he was away.

Returning to India he undertook a 3 month journey in the north of the country and in the process learned Gurkhali, the Gurkha language, from a serving Gurkha: this was the 6<sup>th</sup> Indian language he was fluent in. He became a Captain in 1895. Whilst on duty in a narrow pass he was attacked by his two guides, but after being fired on by one of them, who missed, he fought them off with his revolver; one of them was wounded and was later captured and executed – Robertson was later awarded the DSO.

He took part in the  $2^{nd}$  Boer War in 1900 and was promoted to Major in the same year and was also mentioned in despatches. Further promotion followed in subsequent years and he was knighted in Sept 1913.

On the outbreak of war in 1914 he became involved in planning and operations: after the war he became Commander-in-Chief of the British Army on the Rhine.

In December 1919 he was created Baronet of Beaconsfield – then in March 1920 he was promoted to Field Marshall, the highest rank in the British army. This was looked upon as a "consolation prize", as he then became just another on the long list of unemployed officers on half pay.

After this he held various posts, including Colonel of the Royal Horse Guards and also a member of the Royal Household. He was also President of the British Legion.

He married Mildred Palin in 1894: she was from a military family. Their first son died in infancy but they had two more sons and two daughters. His eldest son Brian Hubert (1896-1974) succeeded his father to become Baronet – he rose to become a general in the British Army. He became Baron Robertson of Oakridge in 1961.

Sir William died in 1933 from thrombosis aged 73. His interests were fishing, shooting and golf. The William Robertson High School in Welbourne is named after him.

Colin Scrupps

## **Blisbury Charity Student Grants**

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

Please apply by letter giving full particulars by the 7th September 2019 to:

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

These have been 'Doing the Rounds' in other village magazines, and I've been given permission to share them with you.......

Remember the days when you never had to leave home to do your shopping? Groceries, meat, bread, milk, coal and much more were delivered to your door. This all changed when we became more mobile as cars were more affordable and supermarkets became the one-stop shop. Probably the only Roundsmen left now is the milkman but some of them have left a legacy of legendary and amusing messages in the milk bottles.

I'm sure some of these will raise a smile as they have done for me

Dear Milkman, I have just had a baby please leave another one

Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk

Cancel one pint after the day after today

Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it

Milkman please close the gate behind you because the birds keep pecking the tops off the milk

Milkman could I please have a loaf but no bread today?

Please cancel milk. I have nothing coming into the house but two sons on the dole

Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby and I have been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks

Sorry about yesterday's note. I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round

When you leave my milk, please knock on my bedroom window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress

Please knock. My TV has broken down and I missed last night's Coronation Street. If you saw it, will you tell me what happened over a cup of tea?

My daughter says that she wants a milkshake. Do you do it before you deliver, or do I have to shake the bottle?

Please send me a form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and I did not know about it until a neighbour told me

Please send me details about cheap milk as I am stagnant

Milk is needed for the baby, father is unable to supply it

From now on please leave two pints every other day, and one pint on the days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk

Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow because I wrote this note yesterday

My back door is open. Please put milk in fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table in pence because we want to play bingo tonight

Milkman, please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out, and put newspaper inside the screen door. Ps Don't leave any milk

No milk. Please do not leave milk at No 14 either as he is dead until further notice.

## South Lincolnshire Blind Society

This not-for-profit charity helps and supports blind and partially-sighted people across the South Lincolnshire area to live as independently as possible by providing emotional support, specialist equipment demonstrations, information on different eye conditions and eye care, home visiting and telephone befriending and numerous social groups.

Do you or do you know anyone who might need their help?

They are very reliant on volunteers who help local people with sight loss to live well in our local communities. Can you help? Do you have a few hours to spare and would like to make a difference to someone?

Call the helpline today 01476 592775 or email slbs@blind-society.org.uk

For more information see <a href="www.blind-society.org.uk">www.blind-society.org.uk</a> or find them on Facebook - South Lincolnshire Blind Society

# **Wigtoft Parish Church**



## Saturday Mornings 10 - Noon

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

All funds raised for Church maintenance and repairs Organised and run by The Friends Of Wigtoft Church



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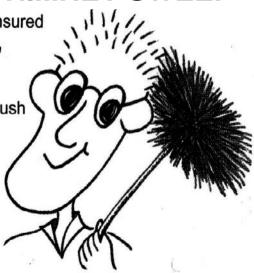
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At primary school level we cycled off to meet neighbours' children and decide what we would do each day. There were trees to climb and grass fields where we could imagine we were given strange powers to perform dangerous deeds. This was before health and safety had been heard of, there were no 'soft' landings to cushion our falls but this spurred us on.

We rode for miles on our bikes and sometimes applied the brakes too quickly. This resulted in grazed knees which were bathed with stinging disinfectant. No sympathetic looking for blackberries and bitter sloes to eat. Granny made sloe gin and reward us if we gathered a plentiful hoard.

Sometimes we would trawl a local stream for tadpoles. Containers of these swung perilously from our handlebars. I

kept various small wild creatures in suitable containers, but after my mother would discover the hiding places and set the fauna free.

We also enjoyed favourite games like tag and hide and seek, which are now forbidden in the school playground.

HAPPY DAYS.

More next time

## The Gathering

We continue to enjoy our meetings in your lovely Village Hall.

Beginning on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm we are running an 8 week programme, "The Bible Course" at Pasturelands, published by the Bible Society, the course centres around ideas and discussions showing how all the books, characters and events fit together and form one BIG story from Genesis to Revelation. Whether we are new to the Bible or want to go deeper this is an excellent course for everyone. Please phone for more details and to enrol. We look forward to your company.

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## **Folkingham**

## The Village

Folkingham, although now thought of as a sleepy village, was once recognised as a bustling market town. It lies on the A 15 road north of Bourne; it has several historic buildings which include the site of a Norman castle, the remains of a House of Correction and the Greyhound Inn which was originally a large coaching inn. The village is the home of Major Lance Gerrard-Wright, the former equerry to the Duke of York and former husband of Ulrika Jonsson.

Folkingham was already a small hamlet when the Romans arrived in the area – they built one of their roads (Ermine St) which runs a few miles west of the village. There are three natural springs in the village, one of which is iron-water and reputed to heal skin diseases.

After 1066 William the Conqueror gave vast estates to many of his knights who had helped him in his conquest, and the area around Folkingham was given to Baron Gilbert de Gaunt (or Gant) – he was a relative of William's and a general in his army; the village was the seat of his estates in the area.

There is a market place in the village and in the 18th century it was used for the storage of timber: around this market area was a pond, a market cross and a small town hall; an area was divided by chains into enclosures for sheep, cattle, horses and poultry and for the sale of farm produce. In 1788 the third Richard Wynne, then Lord of the Manor and owner, found himself in financial difficulties and sold off the estate, which included the village, to Sir Gilbert Heathcote, whose great grandfather, the first Baronet was a MP, Lord Mayor of London and Governor of the Bank of England. When Sir Gilbert acquired the estate his idea was to transform Folkingham into a small market town. His changes included clearing the market place and equipping it to cater for all the stage coaches that used the main London to Lincoln road, which passed through the village.

In its heyday in the 1800's Folkingham was a busy and bustling place: being a busy coaching centre this led to many associated businesses being established: in 1856 there was no fewer than 60 commercial premises in the town – these included 4 bakers, 2 bankers, 2 blacksmiths, 5 boot and shoe repairers, 2 brewers, 3 butchers, 2 cattle dealers, 11 farmers, 3 Life and Fire officers, 3 hoteliers, 2 public house keepers, 2 wool dealers, 2 plumbers and glaziers, 4 tailors, 2 schoolmasters, a school mistress, 1 tanner, a saddler, chemist and hairdresser, a postmaster and a cooper besides 2 doctors and 2 clergy.

In 1863 the Folkingham Gas Light Co was founded and gas was produced from coal, although no large scale production was undertaken. The spacious market place has always been an attraction to visitors. It is on record that at the end of the 19th century a certain James Hissey travelled regularly from Bourne in his

dog cart and he was fascinated by its "numbing tranquillity". This is in stark contrast to the village 300 years ago when the market place was surrounded by "dirty looking thatched cottages and the inn was just a miserable hovel facing an open well, a market cross, a butchers and a non-descript Town Hall".



The Greyhound Inn, Folkingham

During WW2 RAF Folkingham came into being - it lies to the south west of the village and was an airfield that provided for troop carriers and airborne units and also acted as a decoy airfield. It was also used by the USAF. During the 1950's and 60's it was occupied by Bomber Command and used as a ballistic missile base; it is no longer in use by the Air Force but is now a storage area for heavy construction equipment by a local company.

The airfield is on record as being a "dummy" airfield and was equipped with dummy planes with lots of activity in order to lure Luftwaffe pilots away from the real airfield at Grantham (RAF Spitalgate) - it even had landing lights to draw attention at night.

The runways were used in the 1950's by BRM racing motors to test their cars. **Colin Scrupps** To be continued...



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## **Annual Resilient Communities Conference**

Dear Residents and Community Groups,

We'd like to invite you to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Resilient Communities Conference, run by Lincolnshire County Council's Emergency Planning Service.

It will take place between 9.30am - 3.30pm on 18 July 2019 at British Red Cross, Unity House, 22 Tollemarche Road South, Spittlegate Level, Grantham.

This year's conference will cover topics, including:

Knowing and understanding your Community and how you can help it become more resilient workshop

- A year on since the Resilient Lincs Programme Launch what has happened and how you have shaped it
- A practical 'volunteer' session with the Environment Agency

Places of safety – following on from lessons learnt at Boston 2013 and Grenfell, a practical workshop on the finer details of activating and managing a rest centre

The theme of the conference is 'Understanding your community' and, as such, we will be looking at what makes our communities unique and, by working together, how we can improve resilience in more ways than just emergency response.

Last year, we launched the 'Resilient Lincs Programme'. This was aimed at streamlining the way information is delivered to and from you, the community, in times of crisis. This year we will be able to share with you the progress and key findings.

Throughout the day, you will be able to meet representatives from the Red Cross, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, Lincolnshire Police, LIVES and the Environment Agency, as well as meeting like-minded people, like yourselves, who want to make a difference to the community they live in.

The conference is open to all community groups, town and parish councils, individuals and voluntary organisations.

Please take a few moments to visit Eventbrite to reserve your free space by following this link <u>Eventbrite</u>, or if you would prefer, please contact <u>Mel.Robinson@lincoln.fire-uk.org</u>

I do hope to see you see you all again this year.

Steve Harris Emergency Planning Officer

# PARISH COUNCIL OF WIGTOFT VACANCY FOR COUNCILLORS

There are currently vacancies on the Council and having been through the prescribed procedure, no election has been requested.

The vacancies will therefore be filled by the co-option process at a meeting of the parish council on 5.8.19.

Should anyone wish to be considered for these vacancies, they should contact the Clerk by no later than 30.6.19. on <a href="wigtoftplc@gmail.com">wigtoftplc@gmail.com</a> or 07383 276892.

Section 79(1) of the local Government Act 1972 provides that, unless disqualified, a person is qualified to be co-opted as a local councillor if they are over 18, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen or a Euronational on the day of their selection and:

On that day he/she is and therefore continues to be a local government elector for the area of the authority; or

he/she has during the whole twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in that area; or

his/her principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in that area; or

he/she has during the whole of those twelve months resided in that area; or

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 as above if you require any additional information.

A. Fletcher Clerk and Proper Officer.

WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL 2019.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4th MARCH 2019

**Present:** Cllr S Collingwood; Cllr P Craven; Cllr Matt Tunnard;

Cllr B Leggott; Cllr. M. Scrupps; Cllr S Baxter

**Also Present** Borough Councillor M Cooper

Public Forum: None

Chairman's Remarks: None

#### Apologies for absence and reasons given

Councillor Graeme Wright sent his apologies. It was resolved to accept his apologies and reason for absence. County Councillor M. Brookes also sent his apologies.

## To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

None

#### Police report

There was no Police presence. No report received.

#### Notes of the meeting held on 4.2.19 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	Overall total
15.12.18	Clerk Pay	208.00		208.00
15.12.18	HMRC	52.00		52.00
15.12.18	Clerk home as office	20.00		20.00
15.1.19	Printer Ink	6.66	1.33	7.99
12.2.19	Grass cutting 2018 season	640.70	128.14	768.84
TOTAL		927.36	129.47	1056.83

#### <u>Finance report</u>

The VAT return is partially completed and will be submitted on the 1st March. The return has to be submitted on line now. The budget spreadsheet for 2019/2020 has been published on the website and will be updated monthly. All other financial information will be discussed under various agenda items.

#### Planning applications:

None

#### **Correspondence**

- 21.2.19 Email from LCC about the correct process to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order. Email sent to Councillors 27.2.19. Details posted on the website for information for residents 27.2.19.
- 25.2.19 Email from LCC Highways about the correct way to report Highways issues. No action required as correct process is followed by Wigtoft Parish Council.

#### **Councillors Reports**

Cllr PC reported that he has completed his weekly inspection of the Play Area and Playing Field. He reported that flower design in the floor by the big swing has a slight gap between the flower and the Wetpour. This will be monitored. The small slide looks as if it has been "bashed" by something. There are no sharp edges. The turnstile roundabout needs greasing. Cllr PC volunteered to do this. (Cllr PC handed a written record of the inspection to the Clerk for retention)

There were no other Councillor reports.

ACTION: Clerk to set up a file to retain the inspection reports.

#### Clerk's Report.

Two places have been booked on the Councillor Training session on 11th June for Simon and Graeme. I have the Election Nomination Packs for distribution. Parish Clerks have been invited to a briefing on the Ethical Standards Report at Boston Borough Council. A report has recently been published by the Government Committee on Standards in Public Life. This is in connection with the Code of Conduct. I will be attending subject to the date and time of the meeting.

## To decide what further actions are needed in respect of the Parish Council's banking arrangements

The Clerk reported that there had been no progress with NatWest in applying the new signing mandate to the account. Also, the change of address has not been applied to the account and a statement has not been received for January.

The Clerk reported that the only viable option for appointing a new bank account is with Lloyds. This account gives free banking; a cheque book; a paying in book; on line banking; telephone banking and a debit card. The application can be started on line. It was resolved that the Clerk should start the process to open a bank account with Lloyds Bank and that the Clerk and Cllrs BL, MT and GW should be the initial signatories with the signing arrangements being any two to sign on the account.

Action: Clerk to start the process to open a new account with Lloyds.

## To complete the play area risk management document. This is linked to the next item.

See below.

#### To complete the Risk Management document.

Councillors reviewed the amendments that the Clerk had made to the templates for the

Risk Management document and for the Play Area Risk Assessment and decided which items were to stay and which would be removed. In line with the recommendation in the Risk Management document, it was resolved to buy a copy of "The Good Councillor Guide" for each Councillor at a cost of £2 per copy.

ACTION: Clerk to amend the templates and bring to the next meeting and order the Good Councillor guides.

## <u>To confirm the date (13.5.19) for the Parish Council's Annual Meeting and agree the dates of the meetings from May 2019 to April 2020</u>

The Clerk advised Councillors that since the agenda was published, she has realised that she will not be available on the 13th of May. Various dates were discussed with the 8th of May being the preferred choice. It was resolved to change the date to the 8th May 2019. The Clerk had prepared a list of proposed dates for the meetings for the next year. It was resolved to accept these dates.

ACTION: Clerk to change the booking for the Annual Meeting at the Village Hall. Clerk to publish the meeting dates on the website.

#### To review and confirm the details on the Fixed Asset Register

The Asset Register was reviewed and it was resolved to accept it as being accurate. Cllr PC offered to carry out an annual inspection of the assets.

#### To review the insurance requirements of the Parish Council

The Clerk advised that the current Policy renews on the 1st of June and that no major changes are needed. The Clerk also advised that there are very few companies which provide a bespoke policy for Parish Councils. It was resolved that the Clerk try and obtain 2 further comparative quotes and check if Cyber security/hacking is covered for the Parish Council records which are held on the laptop.

ACTION: Clerk to research for comparative quotes.

#### An update on Highways issues

The Clerk reported that the required repairs to 5 Bells Lane were reported and that Highways have confirmed that on 12.2.19 a repair was ordered. The state of Green Lane has been logged and feedback on the cutting back of trees and shrubs at the A17/Burtoft Lane South has been chased.

ACTION: Clerk to chase for a response regarding the A17/Burtoft Lane South.

## To complete the final actions in respect of the General Data Protection Regulations

A Privacy Notice for Councillors was sent to all Councillors by email on the 25.1.19. All Councillors present signed a document to confirm receipt. A GDPR Security Compliance Checklist has been signed by all Councillors except Cllr SB. The Clerk confirmed all other actions are now complete.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain signed Checklist from Cllr SB at the next meeting.

To decide whether to accept the quote for £310 for cleaning and treating the wooden benches in the village. To discuss the information received from Boston Borough Council regarding the purchase of an additional dog waste bin.

Councillors felt that the quote of £310 was reasonable. It was resolved to accept the quote and go ahead with the work. Boston Borough Council advised that as they are currently undertaking a street cleaning review which includes litter and dog bins, they are not accepting any orders for new bins at the moment.

ACTION: Clerk to arrange for the work on the wooden benches. Clerk to diarise and contact Boston Borough Council in two months.

## To discuss the response received from LCC in respect of powering the Christmas Lights from a street lighting column for 2019.

The Councillors discussed the response. It was agreed that the cost alone made this option prohibitive. It was resolved not to take this option and to discuss again at the October meeting.

ACTION: Clerk to add to the October agenda.

## To decide whether to organise any activities in the village in respect of the Great British Spring Clean

It was resolved not to organise any activities due to the lateness of the communication.

## <u>To decide whether to submit an entry for the Environmental Awards Competition</u> run by the Lindum Rotary Club and The Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust.

It was resolved not to submit an entry.

Meeting closed at 20:30

## The Mobile Library



The mobile library will be in Glebe Way, Sutterton between 11.50 & 12.20 and in Station Road between 12.30 and 1pm on June 24<sup>th</sup> and July 22<sup>nd</sup>

## Garden Waste Collection Service 2019 Brown Bin Collections

The next garden waste collection will be on June 14th, & 28th and in July the 12th & 26th



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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF WIGTOFT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 1st April 2019

**Present:** Cllr S Collingwood; Cllr B Leggott; Cllr S Baxter: Cllr G Wright

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

Five Villages Ward Councillor A Spencer

**Public Forum:** None

Chairman's Remarks: None

#### Apologies for absence and reasons given

Councillor Matthew Tunnard sent his apologies and reason for absence. Councillors Peter Craven and Marion Scrupps did not attend but no apologies received. Councillor Bruce Leggott sent notification that he would be late. It was resolved to accept the apologies and reason for absence.

## To receive any declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

None

#### Police report

There was no Police presence. No report received.

#### Notes of the meeting held on 4.3.19 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	Overall total
19.2.19	Annual Sub for Lincs Ass Local Councils	153.83		153.83
7.3.19	7 copies of the "Good Councillor Guide" including postage of £2.72	27.22	0.54	27.76
28.2.19	Payroll Services	18.00		18.00
31.3.19	Payroll Services	18.00		18.00
3.3.19	Printer Ink	6.66	1.33	7.99
6.3.19	Postage	1.40		1.40
15.3.19	Clerk use as home as office	20.00		20.00
11.3.19	Donation Wigtoft PCC	100.00		100.00
15.3.19	Pay	208.00		208.00
15.3.19	PAYE	52.00		52.00
TOTAL		605.11	1.87	606.98

#### Finance report

The VAT return has been submitted and £426.31 has been received into the bank account.

The donation of £100 to the Parochial Church Council has been sent.

It was resolved to make the above payments and accept the budget figures.

#### Planning applications:

None

#### **Correspondence**

- 28.2.19 Email containing Boston Bulletin from Boston Borough Council. Emailed to Councillors 6.3.19
- 1.3.19 National Association of Local Councils Chief Executive's Bulletin. Emailed to Councillors 6.3.19
- 5.3.19 Email from South West Lincs CCG NHS re Lincs NHS Healthy Conversations 2019 public engagement exercise. Emailed to Councillors 6.3.19
- 12.3.19 Email containing the Rural Bulletin. Emailed to Councillors 26.3.19
- 14.3.19 Email from Rural Services Network about the call to the Government for a Rural Strategy. Emailed to Councillors 26.3.19
- 19.3.19 Email containing LALC news. Emailed to Councillors 26.3.19

#### **Councillors Reports**

Cllr GW thanked the Clerk for the work done to enable the new bank account to be opened. No other Councillor reports.

#### Cllr BL arrived at 19:45.

#### Clerk's Report.

I have today attended a meeting on the Ethical Standards Report at Boston Borough Council. A report has recently been published by the Government Committee on Standards in Public Life. This is in connection with the Code of Conduct. There were two other agenda items: CCTV and Litter Bins. I will prepare a report for the next meeting.

Following the communications with Wigtoft Village Hall Committee and Councilors, it has been necessary to change the date and venue for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. It has been agreed that the meeting will be held on the 9th of May 2019 at Sutterton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. This change is due to Wigtoft Village Hall being unavailable. The changes have been advertised on the website, Facebook and in the next edition of the village magazine.

The cleaning and treating of the wooden benches in the village has been ordered.

#### Boston Borough Council has 3 meetings planned:

Parish Clerk's liaison meeting	25.6.19	6 pm
Chair and Vice Chair meeting	29.7.19	6 pm
Parish Council liaison meeting	28.11.19	6 pm

Further information will be sent out in due course.

## To discuss and agree the increase from £15 per month to £18 per month for payroll services by Abbey Payroll.

It was resolved to accept the increase to £18 per month.

#### To discuss the tenancy agreement for the 4.6 acres of allotment land.

The Clerk had prepared a draft tenancy agreement. A discussion was held about reviewing the rent. It was resolved to defer any decisions until the next meeting when Cllrs MT and PC are present. **ACTION: Agenda item next meeting.** 

## To conduct the annual review of the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations of the Parish Council.

It was resolved that no amendments to the Standing Orders were necessary. On the advice of the Clerk, it was resolved to defer the review of the Financial Regulations until the new bank account is open and internet banking is in use as amendments will need to be made then. The Clerk reminded Councillors that it is important that they advise the Clerk in advance if they will not be able to attend a meeting in case absences cause the meeting to be inquorate. **ACTION: Clerk to add to the agenda once the bank account is open and internet banking is being used.** 

### An update on the Parish Council's banking arrangements.

The Clerk advised Councillors that the application form for an account with Lloyds Bank has been submitted and Cllr GW has visited the Boston branch to take in ID and address verification. It is expected that the account will be open shortly.

## To discuss the options of renewal of the Parish Council's laptop virus protection and to agree a maximum spend for the renewal.

The Clerk advised Councillors that various prices for different levels of cover are available and shared these with the Councillors. She said that she felt that the present cover with McAfee works well and the company is well respected in the industry. The renewal price for a further year with McAfee is £64.99. It was resolved to renew cover for a further year with McAfee.

ACTION: Clerk to renew cover at the appropriate time.

## To accept the Play Area and general Risk Management documents and to add the Play Area Inspection Reports as a separate agenda item each month.

The Clerk queried who would be undertaking the weekly visual check now that Cllr MS had decided not to stand for re-election. The Clerk advised that Cllr PC had offered to do this check on a monthly basis. It was resolved to defer this decision until Cllr PC is present. It was resolved to add the Play Area Inspection reports to the agenda.

ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting

# To confirm the date (9.5.19) for the Parish Council Annual meeting to be held at Sutterton Village Hall at 7.30 pm and to agree a maximum spend of £36 for room hire charges.

It was resolved to confirm the date, time and venue and agree a maximum spend of £36 for room hire charges,

## To discuss and agree the increased cost of the "Good Councillor Guide" to £3.50 per copy.

The Clerk advised Councillors that there has been an increase in the price of the Good Councillor Guide to £3.50 per copy. The total cost of 7 copies is £24.50 plus £2.72 postage. It was resolved to pay this amount.

#### To review the insurance requirements of the Parish Council.

The Clerk advised that comparative quotes had been sought and one response had been received today asking for further information. **ACTION: agenda item for next meeting.** 

#### To discuss the purchase of any additional equipment for the Christmas Lights.

As Cllr MT was not present at the meeting, it was resolved to defer the discussion to the next meeting. **ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting.** 

#### An update on Highways issues

Confirmation has been received that Green Lane will be repaired. Confirmation has been received that action has now been scheduled for the repair to Five Bell Lane. A response has been received about the query to do with the work completed at the Junction of the A17 and Burton Lane South. Highways confirm that the vegetation has been trimmed back to improve visibility.

## To complete the final actions in respect of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Security Compliance checklist was completed and signed by Cllr SB. All actions are now complete.

## <u>To decide whether to enter the Lincolnshire Best Kept Village</u> competition 2019. Email 12/3.

It was resolved not to enter the competition this year. Councillors felt that if Wigtoft were to be entered into the competition next year, residents should be involved. It was resolved that the Clerk should set up a poll on the Facebook page to gauge local interest.

## ACTION: Clerk to diarise for October meeting to discuss for 2020 and set up a poll on FB.

#### To decide whether to complete the "Town and Parish Council's Clustering Questionnaire as requested by Lincs Association of Local Councils.

It was resolved to send out the questionnaire to Councillors for ideas for completion. Councillors felt there could possibly be some benefit in clustering for activities such as grass cutting and purchasing a speed monitoring device.

ACTION: Clerk to scan questionnaire and send out to Councillors.

#### Meeting closed at 20:17

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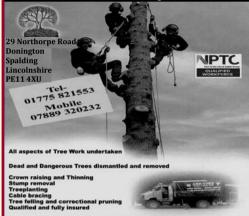
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