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WILSFORD VILLAGE WEBSITE www.wilsfordvillage.com This is organised by Raquel Vallancey of Home Farm. Please phone her if you have something you wish to contribute. Tel: 231487 or 07717 582865. Email: wilsfordvillage@yahoo.co.uk Do make time to look at photos, reports and descriptions of Wilsford past and present. At the moment there are more people tracking down relatives or interested in older pictures from the site, so lots of interest concerning the history of the village. Please send any old photos or anecdotes you may have to Raquel. Many thanks.

The Clerk to the Parish Council is Debbie Scott, 9 Forum Way, Sleaford NG34 7FF. Tel: 07973 330765 e-mail: wilsfordpc@gmail.com Report overleaf from Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 24th February. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 24th March, 7.30 pm, village hall. Parishioners are reminded that the first ten minutes of the meeting will be OPEN FORUM where members of the public can address the council in person on matters of concern. The next News and Views will be issued on 27th/28th March. Please send items for inclusion by Tuesday 24th March to Jayne Sadler, 29 Town End. Tel: 231010 email jsadler@btinternet.com Keep up with all our village news! Thanks to all who contribute. Any more information concerning the news contact either Jayne (details above) or Jacky 231062 email scottcombes@btinternet.com If you would like to receive an email version of the newsletter, please contact Jacky.

VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATES FOR MARCH 2015.
1st (Sunday) Family Bingo 3 – 5pm
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th (Wednesdays) Ladies Badminton 10.00 – 11.00am
22nd (Sunday) Village Hall Breakfast
23rd (Monday) Village Hall AGM
24th (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

Village Hall Bookings – Please contact Claire Robinson Tel: 230564 email hoop2569@hotmail.co.uk

WILSFORD CHURCH NEWS

Raffle tickets for Easter Eggs are now on sale at Wilsford Post Office and from Church Council members. Many chocolate eggs to be won! Tickets £1 for books of five. To be drawn on Saturday 4th April at 11 a.m. at the Post Office. (Many thanks to Sally and Mike for hosting this).

Wilsford Church Council meets in the church at the 1.30p.m. on Monday 9th March.

The Church Council AGM will be held in Church on Monday evening, 23rd March at 7.30 p.m. and all parishioners are welcome to attend.

Church Services for March:

Sunday 1st March, 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Wilsford led by Revd. Valerie Rampton.
Sunday 15th March – MOTHERING SUNDAY Family Service at 9.30 a.m. in Wilsford. All ages welcome. Flowers for Mums!
Sunday 15th March – 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Kelby
Palm Sunday, 29th March, there will be a Group Service at Rauceby at 11.00 a.m.
Easter Sunday, 5th April, 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Wilsford.

THE DARBY AND JOAN CLUB

Members meet in the small room of our Village Hall on the first and third Wednesday of the month 2 – 4 p.m. This month’s meetings are on 4th and 18th March. All senior citizens are welcome to come along for a game of dominos, cards etc, tea, raffle and social chat.

WILSFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

First of all an update on the Charity Concert in January, through the inspiration and leadership of Ella Goodsman we raised £850, a fantastic total for the hall refurbishment fund. I think last month I completely forgot to thank our local sponsors for their kind support in providing raffle prizes at the concert, thank-you.

The Family Bingo is on Sunday, 1st March, 3 – 5pm in the Village Hall. Doors open at 2.30pm. Tickets are £5 adult, £2.50 children. This includes a book of cards and a light supper. Prizes for all the games. Tickets are in the shop and through committee members.

Village Hall Breakfast: Sunday 22nd March, 9.30am – 1.30pm. The full English or a selection. Vegetarian option and some continental. Papers to read. Bring family and friends. Games for those young at heart. Plenty of hot drinks and toast too. In the Main Hall.

Next committee meeting: Thursday 12th March 8pm, special meeting to discuss refurbishment plans with Justin Whitelaw. The AGM of the Village Hall will be on Monday 23rd March 7.30pm in the Village Hall, this will be followed by a committee meeting. If you are interested in joining the committee, working towards refurbishing and re-vitalising the hall then come along on the night. We will be needing a new hall Secretary, so offers most welcome. For any details prior to the night contact any committee member or the Chair, Jacky Scott, 231062.

Bonus Ball: We think everyone has a bit of fatigue with the Bonus Ball at the moment, so for the next few weeks the Bonus Ball is suspended. Have no fear it will be back. A big thank-you to all who regularly support the Village Hall by buying a square each week. Thank-you to Mike and Sally who do all the administration, which is a great help.

THE PLOUGH INN

The next Quiz Night is Wednesday 25th March, 8.30pm start. Join us for some fun including sticky bingo and play your cards right.

Don't forgetMother's Day on Sunday 15th March. We have a special set menu available. Contact us to book a table as spaces are filling fast.

Sunday Lunch served from 12.00. 1 course £6.95, 2 courses £9.70 and 3 courses £12.45.

Call Kev on 01400 230304 for all enquiries or to book a table.
WILSFORD COMMUNITY LAND TRUST
Di and Dick Fairhead cut the tape at the opening Ceremony for the Blackberry Way development on Thursday 26th February and the first tenants will be moving in soon. If anyone with a connection to Wilsford is interested in one of the 2 bed homes there may be availability so please contact Lincs Rural by telephone on 01790 754219 or email Katie@lrha.co.uk

WILSFORD BOOK GROUP
The March meeting is on Monday, 16th at 8pm, in the Plough Inn. We are reading 'The Lighthouse’ by Alison Moore. This light-hearted group are welcoming new members, so do come along. The April read will be 'Death in Summer’, a thriller.
Contacts: Lindsey 230445; Jacky 231062.

WILSFORD WAYFARERS - The Walking Group
The walkers will be stepping out, hopefully into the spring weather on: Thursday 12th March and Thursday 26th March. On both dates we will meet in the car park of the village hall at 10am. Walks are 4 – 6 miles in length. We often go for lunch or a snack after the walk, stopping at a convenient pub or café. It helps if you let us know the day before if you are walking. Jacky: 231062 or Lindsey: 230445.

Allotment News
We recently held a committee meeting where discussions included an empty half a plot, should anyone be interested please contact Richard Frankland: 01400 230466. Two new members were welcomed.

PLAYING FIELD NEWS
The committee has been visiting playing fields both locally and further afield to gain ideas and inspiration for potential future developments to our park.
Any suggestions will be most welcome and considered carefully. (Contact: wilsfordpf@gmail.com)
Work has begun on creating new pathways and an open area within the wooded area of the park to add interest and improve access for all.
A free den building and willow weaving event will be held on Sunday 1st March from 10am – 1.00pm. All welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring wellies, old suitable clothes and a smile!

Caythorpe and Ancaster Medical Practice
There has been a Patient Participation Group formed at this practice on 20th January 2015. This is made up of a purely voluntary group of patients, the Practice Manager, and a GP whose aim is to make sure that the practice puts the patient, and improving health, at the very heart of everything it does. PPGs can play a number of roles, including: Advising the practice on patient perspective, Improving communication between the Surgery and Patients, Communicating with the wider patient body, running volunteer services and support groups to meet local needs. Carrying out research into the views of those who use the practice (& their carers).
The group plans to meet bi-monthly and all information provided to the PPG members from patients will be treated with the strictest confidence and patient names will not be disclosed. Minutes of the meeting are posted on the practice website www.villedoctor.co.uk and the first edition of our newsletter will be posted on 1 April 2015.
We are actively looking for volunteers, as we want to fully represent the diverse group of patients, and would especially like to hear from new Mum’s and students for example, or anyone interested in participating or passing on comments they feel may be beneficial.

Parish Council
Wilsford Parish Council’s meeting on the 24th dealt with an unusual variety of issues – ranging from reviewing Council’s policies to receiving a letter from France asking for information about a WW1 soldier from Wilsford who is buried in the their local cemetery not far from Loos. The letter, which was simply addressed to Wilsford Parish Council, Wilsford, Grantham, will be passed on to the WW1 committee from the Clerk. If anyone has any information about the Turner family (William and Eliza) who lost their son, Thomas Henry, in September 1915, please let us know.
Ricky continues his good work, much appreciated, around the village and is now able to forget to check with the tree officer at NKDC, though, before any tree works, especially in the Conversation Area.
Progress is being made with the Speed Signage; Highways are just sorting out the exact location and then hopefully we will be able to proceed with installation later this Spring. Permissions have also been granted for the movable Community Speed Watch signage so we will be placing the order shortly.
Health & Safety – the recently cleared the gullies on Main Street so this should mean that excessive rainwater will drain away more quickly. Anglian Water have ongoing action about the foul water drains and are planning use of an odour logger in the near future.
Important News – As you’ve probably noticed, 7th May is the date for Parliamentary Elections. On the same day it’s the elections for District Council and Parish Council – if anyone is interested in standing for the Parish Council, please do get in touch either with the Clerk, or direct to NKDC on 01529 308243 or see www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/elections2015 for more details. The last date for nominations is 4pm on Thursday 9th April.
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Discover Lincolnshire Free Weekend
28 & 29 March
See traditional ironworking demonstrations at Welbourn Forge in complete and authentic Victorian workshop dating from 1864 (Saturday Only from 10am to 1.30pm). View the nose art exhibition at Cranwell Aviation Heritage Centre and the chance to create your own piece of artwork to take away. Visitors to both Navigation House and Cogglesford Warermill can see the mill in operation and claim their free bag of 500gms of flour per family (Sunday Only). You can also enjoy free children’s trails at Cogglesford Watermill, Cranwell Aviation Heritage Centre and Navigation House over the weekend.

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