WILSFORD VILLAGE NEWS


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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 on 1st December. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th January 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 on person on matters of concern.

NEWS AND VIEWS NEXT ISSUE DATE will be the 29th/30th January. Please send items for inclusion by Tuesday 26th January to Jayne Sadler, 29 Town End. Tel: 231010 email j.sadler@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 DECEMBER 2015.
7th, 14th,(Mondays) Brownies 5.30 – 7pm
1st, 8th (Tuesdays) Crafty Circle 2 – 4pm
2nd, 9th, 16th, (Wednesdays) - Ladies Badminton 9.30am
4th (Fridays) Jubilee Christian Fellowship Kids Club 6 – 7.30pm
Village Hall Bookings – Please contact Jayne Sadler Tel: 231010 email j.sadler@btinternet.com

WILSFORD CHURCH NEWS

Special Church Services for Christmas
Sunday 6th December. Family Communion for Crib Festival weekend. 9.30 a.m.
Sunday 20th December. Morning Service for reading and carols for Christmas. 9.30 a.m.
Sunday 20th December. Holy Communion (said) at Kelby. 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB SERVICE at 4 p.m.
Bring all your families and friends of all ages to start our Christmas celebrations with the traditional Crib Service in Wilsford Church starting at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Family-friendly service with active participation from children to set up the crib figures and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus! All welcome.

Friday 25th December. CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE AT KELBY. 10.30 a.m.
Friday 25th December. Family Communion at Ancaster 9.30 a.m.
Sunday 27th December. Group Service of Holy Communion at Ancaster at 9.30 a.m.

January Services at Wilsford Church will follow the usual pattern. Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month, 3rd January 2016 and Morning Service on the third Sunday, 17th January with Holy Communion at Kelby also on 17th January at 9.30 a.m. Greetings and best wishes to everyone for a very Happy Christmas from all at Wilsford Church.

WILSFORD CHURCH CHRISTMAS CRIB FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Saturday 5th December and Sunday 6th December 11.00 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Last Minute Reminder!
Come and see a variety of cribs and stable scenes giving Wilsford Church a festival to show the true meaning of Christmas! The exhibition will be open from 11 a.m. on Saturday 5th December and on Sunday 6th December and will include paintings and models done by local school children, and a variety of crib scenes in wood, pottery clay, cardboard and knitting, cards and pictures, Christmas decorations and flowers. Well worth a visit! Refreshments available – tea/coffee, filled rolls, cakes etc.

NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION. Do make time to call into Wilsford Church during the first weekend of December. Guided tours of the church architecture also available. Crib display open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday 5th December. There will be a Family Holy Communion at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 6th December followed by coffee and mince pies.

The Crib Festival weekend will close at 3 p.m. on Sunday 6th December with a SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT given by the Loveden Festival Singers. This popular local choir was a favourite of the late Pam Armstrong, and this concert is being given in her memory, with collection for Asthma UK. The concert will be a wonderful closing feature for our Christmas Crib Festival Weekend. Don’t miss it! CRIB FESTIVAL WEEKEND 5TH – 6TH December. 11 .m. to 3 p.m.

WILSFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The last committee meeting was held on 17th November. The committee heard a presentation from Darren Booker of the Focus Consulting Group about the ways in which the organisation can work with the hall committee to raise lottery and other funding for re-furbishment, and then project manage the building work, once the funding has been secured. The committee decided to go forward with this company in an effort to move out of the ‘circular’ process of the last few years to inject some new energy into the project. The committee aim to go forward with this proposal at the next meeting on; Monday 11th January 2016, 7.30pm in the small room of the Village Hall.

The current Chair of the Village Hall committee, Jacky Scott-Combes, confirmed that she would be retiring from the Village Hall Committee at the AGM in March 2016. Rosie Smith also gave notice of her intention to retire too. New members of the hall committee would be most welcome to join; Lindsey Townhill, Jayne Sadler, Bex Mezzo, Julie Higgins-Zajac, Mike Harrison, James Bell and Pete Zajac. If you are interested in joining the group; contact, Jacky Scott-Combes 231062 or email: scottcombes@btinternet.com IMPORTANT NEWS FOR ALL VILLAGE HALL USERS: Now that Claire Robinson has retired as bookings secretary, if you wish to BOOK the village hall please contact: Jayne Sadler on 01400 231010 or email: j.sadler@btinternet.com all bookings are now through Jayne. When you use the village hall and need the keys, the keys are collected from and returned to: Jacky Scott-Combes 01400 231062. Please ring to arrange collection. 11 Main Street, Wilsford (next door to the Plough Inn).

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**THE CRAFTING CIRCLE**  
This is a friendly group of like-minded crafters meeting in the small room of the Village Hall who get together to have a social chat and work on our various projects from knitting, embroidery, quilting or sewing. Refreshments are served. Meetings are now taking place regularly on **Tuesdays between 2 – 4 pm small room Village Hall.** Dates for December are **1st and 8th** and **January** meetings will commence weekly from the 12th January. Anyone interested will be very welcome to join us. **Please contact** : Sarah Harris 01400 231060

**WILSFORD DARBY AND JOAN CLUB** members wish everyone a Happy Christmas!  
The Club will not be meeting in the Village Hall during December - a Christmas Tea Party on Wednesday 9th, and Christmas Dinner at the Plough Inn on Wednesday 16th December at 12.30 p.m. January meetings will depend on the weather and our state of health (!) but we hope to resume fortnightly meetings in the New Year in the small room of the Village Hall. Happy New Year! Keep warm and well.

**WILSFORD WAYFAYERS – WILSFORD'S WALKING GROUP**  
Our walks in **December** will be **Thursdays, 3rd and 17th**. Meet in the VILLAGE HALL car park at 10am. Walks usually 4 – 6 miles long and we may have some refreshment at the end of the walk. Dogs are welcome.  
**January** walks will be on: **Thursdays 14th and 28th** of the month. Once again meet at 10am in the VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK. For more information contact either Lindsey 230445 or JACKY 231062.

**WILSFORD CLT - Report of the meeting 30th November**  
Following on from the AGM held in September the directors re-elected Helen Smith as Chair and Bill Hewett as Vice-Chair. The success of the welcome tea party, attended by many of the new residents of Blackberry Way, was noted. Directors and shareholders had had the opportunity to meet householders; it was good to know that the CLT aim to provide homes for those with local connections had been met so well. The board received its regular report from LRHA, they noted that snagging issues and repairs were up to date and there was to be a new landscape team. Residents are asked to contact Katie Taylor (Katie@lrha.co.uk) or Andy Haine (andy@lrha.co.uk) directly if they have any concerns about the houses or landscaping. Representatives from the Village Hall Management Trustees asked that the CLT Board, as the owners of the Village Hall land, take an active role in the design and funding decision-making for the necessary improvements to community facility provision in Wilsford. The CLT agreed that they should be involved and Gary Douglas offered to attend the next Village Hall meeting to represent the CLT.

**PLAYING FIELD NEWS**  
The Playing Fields Committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2016.

**WILSFORD HORTICULTURAL AND PRODUCE SHOW**  
Following the AGM held on the 17th November. Committee members were elected for the coming year. The date of the 2016 Show was decided upon and the date agreed upon was **Saturday 10th September 2016**. This is slightly later than previous years but it was felt that the 2015 date had coincided with other Shows in the vicinity. We are looking for more committee members to help us, so if you are interested and could spare a little of your time, please contact any of the committee members: James Bell, Claire Robinson, Liz Hudson, Jayne Sadler, Rosie Smith.

**WILSFORD ALLOTMENTS**  
There are two allotments available, please contact David Mezzo wilsfordallotments@gmail.com or Richard Frankland 01400 230466. Water containers are to be drained followed by our meeting in the Plough on Saturday 28th November.

**PARISH COUNCIL**  
The Parish Council’s meeting was delayed this month for a week so that feedback from the visits to MidUK Recycling could be received. Around 20 people from the village and Ancaster visited the site over the 2 days many reporting that the state of the operation was much improved since the visit 2 years ago, especially in terms of cleanliness and safety. Further visits are likely to be arranged for those who missed these trips. MidUK Recycling’s latest batch of planning applications were also considered by the Parish Council. Concerns were raised about the increased volume of material to be processed on site and the impact of the extra deliveries on local traffic conditions. Search the LCC planning website (http://eplanning.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ePlanning/searchPageLoad.do) for more details.

On another Planning Application, Parish Councillors were pleased to see the Hanbeck proposal to convert existing barns to holiday apartments with associated facilities and agreed to support the application as a suitable use of the farm buildings. The Parish Council also looked at funding applications and will be letting the groups know the decisions in the next few days. These figures will feed into next year’s budget which will be set along with the precept and therefore the Council Tax for 2016-17 at the next meeting.

The Parish Council will be submitting a bid for a **new street light** on Main Street for the beginning of the next financial year and would like your thoughts on removing one elsewhere, eg at the top of School Lane, so that there is no net gain in the number of lights. Residents in that area will be surveyed directly but if you have any views please do let us know.

We are hoping to get cycling and safety events organised in the New Year – details to follow separately.

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