WILSFORD VILLAGE WEBSITE  www.wilsford.org.  This is now being maintained by Steve Spick, who is looking for any content, pictures and suggestions of what to include about the village and its activities.  If you have any information or photos etc. that you would like to see on the website, please contact Steve on 230454 or  steve.spick@tiscali.co.uk.

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 23rd February.  The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd March 7.30 pm, village hall.  Parishioners are reminded that the first ten minutes of the meeting will be PUBLIC FORUM where members of the public can address the council in person.

NEWS AND VIEWS NEXT ISSUE DATE will be the 31st March.  Please send items for inclusion by Tuesday 29th March 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 MARCH 2016.
7th,14th,21st (Mondays) Brownies  5.30 – 7pm  
8th,15th,22nd (Tuesdays) Crafting Circle  2 – 4pm  
2nd,9th,16th,23rd,30th (Wednesdays)  -  Ladies Badminton  9.30am  
11th, (Fridays) Jubilee Christian Fellowship Kids Club  6 – 7.30pm  
7th (Monday) CLT Meeting  7.30pm  
13th (Sunday) Afternoon Tea/Book Sale  2 – 4pm  
16th (Wednesday) AGM Village Hall Committee Meeting  7.30pm  
22nd (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting  7.30pm  
Village Hall Bookings –  Please contact Jayne Sadler Tel: 231010 email  j.sadler@btinternet.com.

WILSFORD CHURCH NEWS
The pattern of Church Services leading up to Easter if different from the usual, so please note the following details:

SUNDAY 6th March – Mothering Sunday Family Service at Wilsford Church at 10.00a.m.  Please note the revised time for this service – 10 a.m. (not 9.30 a.m. as previously advertised)  Look out for green flyers and posters advertising this special Family Service with Holy Communion to celebrate Mothering Sunday with gifts of flowers for all Mums.  Please bring an empty bottle or jar with a top to use during the children’s activity slot during the service which will be led by Revd. Val Rampton.  Coffee and refreshments served in Church at the end of the service.  ALL AGES WELCOME.

Calling all Mums to Wilsford Church on Sunday 6th March.  Mothering Sunday at 10 a.m.

On other Sundays in March, including Easter, there will be only one service in the Group and no other Sunday service in Wilsford.  On Sunday 13th March – 10.00a.m.  Group Service of Holy Communion at Welby.  On Sunday 20th March – 10 a.m.  Group Service of Holy Communion at Rauceby, and on Sunday 27th March EASTER SUNDAY.  10.00 a.m.  Group Service of Holy Communion at Ancaster;  (and maybe a sunrise service at Kelby, to be arranged.)  On Maundy Thursday, 24th March, there will be a Group Service at Wilsford at 7.00 p.m.
On Good Friday 25th March, there is a service at Ancaster from 2 – 3 p.m. and Children’s Activities at Rauceby from 2 – 2.30 p.m.  (See church news letter for details)

If not too early – All good wishes for a very Happy Easter from all at Wilsford Church !

Annual Easter Egg Raffle at Wilsford Post Office.  Tickets are now on sale at the Post Office in aid of Wilsford Church Funds.  Tickets @ 25p in books of four for £1 to be drawn at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 26th March.  Easter weekend.  Win a nice chocolate egg for Easter !  There will be at least 10 prizes ! (Thanks to Mike and Sally for hosting this event for the Church.  Please give your support !)

WILSFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS
Afternoon Tea and a chance to purchase books or knickknacks.  Sunday 13th March 2 – 4pm in the Village Hall.  Wonderful tea/coffee and cake plus some bargains while meeting your friends.  Donations of items to sell gratefully received.  Contact: Lindsey 230445 or Jacky 231062.
AGM of the Village Hall, come along join the Committee.  Wednesday 16th March 7.30 pm in the small room at the Village Hall.  For more information contact:  Jacky 01400 231062

THE CRAFTING CIRCLE
EASTER IS COMING!  The Crafting Circle invites you to come along and have a go at making knitted or crocheted Chicks or Bunnies Crème Egg Cosies on the 8th and 15th March (Tuesdays) between 2 – 4pm £3.00 per session.  Patterns and some yarn provided, also needles and crochet hooks will be available  EVERYONE WELCOME  For further details please contact Sarah Harris on 01400 231060.

WILSFORD BOOK GROUP
March Meeting, Monday 14th March, 8 pm in the small room of the Village Hall
We will be discussing the book:  ‘Do not Harm’.  For a friendly and light-hearted group of avid readers come along or call:  Lindsey 230445 or Jacky 231062 for more details
WILSFORD DARBY AND JOAN CLUB
We may not manage to meet at the Village Hall this month due to temporary lower numbers, but hope to get together socially on the first and third Wednesday as usual. So "something" will be arranged for the afternoons of 2nd and 16th March so there will be chance to play dominoes or Upwords together and have tea and chat. We hope to be back in the Hall during April.

WILSFORD WAYFAYERS – WILSFORD'S WALKING GROUP
Meetings for March, Thursdays, 10th and 24th meeting in the Village Hall Car Park at 10 a.m. This is a small group that enjoys a ramble of about 4 – 6 miles. Routes are varied and suit the people out that day. We often take cars to go a little further afield and may well round off with a coffee stop or lunch. All welcome, dogs with their owners too. More details: Jacky 01400 231062 or Lindsey 01400 230445

ANCASTER SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB
The Bowls Club meets in Ancaster Village Hall on Monday and Friday afternoons at 2pm. We are a friendly bunch and New Member/Players are always most welcome. Sessions = £2.00 and include refreshments. If you are interested, please contact Rose: 01400 230800 or Pat: 01400 230057 for further details.

WILSFORD POST OFFICE
Proceeds of the Wilsford Post Office Christmas Quiz have been given to the Wilsford Rainbow Guides. They are currently raising funds for their own flag so we are able to give them £42 towards this. Thank you to everyone who participated. Look out for the next quiz – available round about Easter!!!

WILSFORD PLAYING FIELDS
The committee met up in February looking at plans for 2016. Investigations are ongoing into fund raising events. A kind donation from the Horticultural Show will be put towards seating in the park. The missing cradle swing seat has been replaced. It is planned to have a beacon fire for the Queens 90th birthday. Hopefully there will be some cycling sessions on the playing field after Easter.

PARISH COUNCIL
Wilsford Parish Council met on Tuesday 23rd February. A couple of questions were raised in the Public Forum before the meeting, firstly a member of the public reported seeing people walking down the side of the field at the back of Myers Close and St Marys’s Close – please note that this is not a public right of way.
Complaints were also received about badly behaved dogs, possibly Staffordshire Bull Terriers or similar, that are out and about with people without leads – please do keep your dogs under control.
While we are on the subject of complaints, inconsiderate parking is never far from top of the list... this includes parking on pavements and parking on narrow roads. Please don’t.
We've had confirmation from Highways that the Parish Council's new Permanent SID signs (or more properly VASs) on the A153 should be installed in within the next two months and be operational by the end of April.
Talks are ongoing with Ancaster Parish Council representatives about setting up a joint emergency plan – this would come into operation in the event of a major incident eg another fire at Wilsford Heath or a major road accident and would be mainly about communications. The Parish Council is considering options, eg Facebook and would be interested to find out what would be the quickest way of getting a message to as many people in the parish at once. Any thoughts let us know.
Highways have informed us that Main Street will be closed from School Lane to the Crescent between 4th and 11th April for works on the sewers. Residents will be able to access their properties but there will be no through traffic while the work is in progress so this is likely to mean disruption to buses etc.

Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 22nd March starting at 7.30 pm with a Public Forum as usual, all welcome.
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