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 22nd March. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th April 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 29/30th April. Please send items for inclusion by Tuesday 26th April 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 APRIL 2016.
18th – 25th (Mondays) Brownies 5.30 – 7pm
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th (Tuesdays)  Craft Circle 2 – 4pm
6th, 20th (Wednesdays) Darby and Joan 2 – 4pm
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th (Wednesdays) Ladies Badminton 9.30am – 10.30am
15th, 29th (Fridays) Jubilee Christian Fellowship Kids Club 6 – 7.30pm
27th (Wednesday) Village Hall Committee Meeting 7.30pm
26th (Tuesday) Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

WILSFORD CHURCH NEWS

We send best wishes to everyone for a very happy Easter and many blessings!

EASTER EGG RAFFLE to be drawn at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 26th March at Wilsford Post Office.
(Many thanks to Mike and Sally for hosting this annual event in aid of Church funds.)
Have you bought your raffle ticket yet?! Tickets now on sale at 25p each, £1 for book of four.
Win a nice chocolate egg for Easter, and support our local church at the same time.

Unfortunately, due to staff shortages, we are unable to have a service at Wilsford Church on Easter Sunday. We are still without a Rector and rely on retired clergy, so this year, the Easter Sunday Service of Holy Communion will be at Ancaster Church at 9.30 a.m. (See Church News for details of this and also proposed sunrise service at Slate House Farm). Remember the clocks go forward!
There will be a Service at Wilsford at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 3rd April and Sunday 17th April, and Holy Communion at Kelby at 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 17th April.

THE AGM OF WILSFORD CHURCH COUNCIL will be held at 6.15p.m. on Monday 4th April in the church. All those whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll are invited to attend. At this meeting we receive the Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2015 and nominate Churchwardens and other church officers. We also have a review of the past year and report on the church fabric.

WILSFORD VILLAGE HALL NEWS
At the AGM in March James Bell took over as Chairman of the Management Committee. Jacky Scott-Combes and Rosie Smith who both retired from the committee were thanked for their contributions over the years. The committee is now: Jayne Sadler, secretary and booking secretary, Pete Zajac, treasurer, Lindsey Townhill, Julie Higgins-Zajac, Mike Harrison and James Bell as the new chair. The treasurer reported that the finances were in a similar position this year as the year before, there is sufficient money in the bank but the booking income for the hall does not cover the running costs, the shortfall is made up by the committee fundraising.
At the meeting following the AGM it was agreed to have a Fundraiser “Table Top Sale” on Sunday 1st May between 11am – 2pm. Tables £10 each. If you would like to book a table contact James 230401 or Jayne 231010.
Lindsey reported on the success of the tea and book sale which raised about £80. Many thanks to all who came to the sale and for all the contributions. It was agreed to install a key safe as soon as possible for those booking the hall.
Now that the CLT and the Parish Council are agreed to take forward the hall refurbishment a steering committee of all 3 groups will be formed to take the project forward.

THE CRAFTING CIRCLE
The Crafting Circle invites you to come along and join our friendly group on Tuesdays between 2 – 4pm £3.00 per session. This is the time to finish that project you started or start something new and have refreshments and a chat while you work! EVERYONE WELCOME For further details please contact Sarah Harris on 01400 231060.

BLAST FROM THE PAST
Many thanks to all who have contributed with photographs etc. to the booklets on Wilsford and Wilsford/Kelby. These booklets showing prints of old photographs and postcards are available in limited numbers from Wilsford Post Office and Village Store. For more information or extra copies please contact Mansell Beard on 01400 230148.
**WILSFORD BOOK GROUP**
Last month we had a very interesting discussion about ‘Do No Harm’. This month we are reading ‘Cutting for Stone’ by Abraham Verghese, a complex and fascinating novel. We will be meeting to discuss this book on Monday 11th April (a new date), at 8pm in the small room at the Village Hall. If you are interested in the group contact either Jacky 231062 or Lindsey 230445.

**WILSFORD DARBY AND JOAN CLUB**
We are sad to have lost another member with the recent death of Vera Hosking and our numbers are getting rather low. We did not manage to meet in the village hall during March, but we do plan to meet in the small room there from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays 6th and 20th April. We should welcome visitors to join us for card games or “Upwords” and dominoes, cup of tea and friendly social chat, so do come along on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

**WILSFORD WAYFAYERS – WILSFORD’S WALKING GROUP**
We will meet twice in April on 7th and 21st. Both days are Thursdays. If you would like for join us for a walk, of between 4 and 6 miles you will be very welcome. We meet at 10am in the car park of the village hall. Now the warmer Spring weather is here why not join us? For more details contact either Lindsey 230445 or Jacky 231062.

**WILSFORD COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**
Wilsford CLT had a meeting on 7th March 2016 when it was agreed that the CLT would give some financial support to help formulate an application to Awards for All for the development of the village hall once a properly constituted sub-group is formed. Marc Roberts attended the National CLT Conference and had reported to the committee who are keeping informed of any changes that the Government may make to CLT’s going forward. The CLT is looking at changing their website and in the meantime information can be accessed via a link on the Parish Council website or you can email wilsford@outlook.com.

**WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL**
Wilsford Parish Council had its regular meeting on 23rd March. Alister Constantine was expected but was unable to attend due to illness, so he will be invited to the April meeting, to talk about the HGV traffic to and from the MidUK Recycling site.
Phil Bramley offered to attend the next Osbournby Ward Cluster meeting, arranged by Cllr. Cook, when Rural Broadband will be the main topic for discussion. The Community Speed Watch SID on School Lane is temporarily out of action awaiting a new charger but it will be back. Thanks to Ricky for looking after it.
Road Closures to be aware of are Main Street from 4th April to the 11th April from the junction with School Lane to the private drive up to Elderbank and Alvaston (the warning signs have been out since 23rd March), and then the level crossing on the A153 will closed overnight from 20th to 21st April. It’s likely that the Main Street closure will affect the bus services in both directions – if you are planning to travel please contact Centrebus directly to check the arrangements 0844 351 1120 (there may be a charge) or see the website www.centrebus.info.
Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting on 24th May were made. Speakers will include Luisa McIntosh, from NKDC who will explain about Neighbourhood Planning, and representatives from the Ancaster and Wilsford Joint Emergency Plan Group, to talk about the emerging Emergency Plan. The Parish Council is looking for a new part-time Clerk (22 hours per month) to replace Debbie. If you’re interested, please contact the current Clerk with a letter of application, including a CV, contact details for two references and reasons why you’d like to take on the role. The CiLCA qualification is required (or willingness to achieve within 12 months). The closing date for applications is Friday 15th April and interviews will be held on Tuesday 19th April, with a view to starting at the end of May.

Next Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 26th April** starting at 7.30 pm with a Public Forum as usual, all welcome.

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**NORTH KESTEVEN EVENTS FOR APRIL**
Easter with Discover NK - 26th March – 10th April. Eggciting Easter Trail! £1.00. Everyone enjoyed our Easter Trail so much last year we have decided to do another one. All three venues will have hidden pictures for you to find and copy. Find the full set and head back to claim your prize.

One Hundred Years of Aviation – 1st, 2nd, 3rd April Cranwell Aviation Heritage Centre. On the 1st April 1916 the RNAS training establishment was opened at Cranwell. Display to mark the event.

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