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A Step Back in Time – The Annual Duckrace. Does anyone remember who was the official starter, with his back to us in the photo? (Answer on page 3)



**WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL** Report from the Parish Clerk Denise Gascoyne 82 Ermine Street Ancaster NG32 3QP  
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**ANNUAL MEETING** was held via Zoom on 04 May. Simon Davey was re-elected as Chairman. Mike Harrison Vice-Chairman and Finance Lead.

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS** was set by the Parish Council. The first face-to-face meeting is scheduled for 08 June in the village hall. Other meetings dates are 13 July, 14 September, 12 October, 09 November, 11 January, 08 February, and 08 March. There is a closed meeting in December to set the Precept. All meetings are subject to change.

**NEW DOG BINS** are now in situ. One at the Cemetery/Allotment Lane entrance, one at the playing field entrance on Blackberry Way and one at the vehicle entrance at the playing field. We now have 7 dog bins in Wilsford, the others are on the playing field, rear of the village hall, back footpath from Post Office to School Lane and one at Town End. With this amount of dog bins, there is no excuse for not picking up after your dog and you can take it home with you and put it in your own bin.

Two poo bag dispensers will be sited in the village, one at the playing field entrance Blackberry Way and one at Town End. Grateful thanks were expressed to Nicola's Dog Grooming for donating these.

**ANNUAL CEMETERY** clean up has taken place. Between 12 and 15 people had turned up to help. Thanks were expressed to all including Henry Tickler and Andrew Newton. Another tidy up may take place in October.

**POST BOX** on School Lane will not be removed and put back in its original location by the Post Office. Despite requests from the Parish Council to reinstate it the other side of the road the Post Office says their regulator Ofcom requires Royal Mail to ensure that 98% of all households should be within half a mile of a post box, they say this is the case with Wilsford so no further action will be taken.

**PLANNING** noted by Wilsford Parish Council included permission to vary condition 4 to increase the height of externally stacked bales of Solid Recovered Fuel (SRF) from 4 metres to 4.5 metres New Earth Solutions

(West)Ltd. Permission to construct new showroom and offices Castle Quarry Sleaford Road.

Councillors had no objection to application to fell conifer and thin apple trees by 20% Chapel House. A TPO is not required to fell Silver Birch 16 Main Street.

**PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY** has arisen, and we may now co-opt. If you are interested in the vacant position please contact the Clerk Denise Gascoyne for further details at wilsfordpc@gmail.com or telephone 01400 230745.

**NEXT MEETING** of the Parish Council will take place in the village hall on 08 June 2021. Government guidelines have now said parish councils must meet face-to-face. However, if anyone wishes to attend they **MUST** contact the Clerk so we can allow for social distancing etc. Meeting starts at 7.00pm.

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**Duckrace Starter? Mr Bob Burton, who also ran the Post Office for many years.**

## **A LIFE IN WILSFORD**

Pam Jackson, nee Toulson has lived in Wilsford for all of her life and has given a fascinating insight into life in the village over a period of 80 years. I am sure there will be things to jog the memories of our senior readers, spark the interest of younger readers and be of interest to us all.

Pam was born in Fenwick House, unlike her sister Barbara who was born at Town End. Apparently bigger sister Barbara – on the day Pam was born – said, “Dad, there’s a cat upstairs, I can hear it wahing!”

As with many families in the immediate post war era, it was the love and strength of family that kept things happy during the austerity of rationing; being one of five children, Pam had to take turns in getting a sweetie ration. She always chose jelly babies (they are still her favourites) and left two on the mantelpiece for her dad Joe – these often reduced in size over the day until there were only a pair of jelly feet left!

Shopping was easier then as Wilsford had a multitude of shops and services: Pam used to run down to the bottom of school lane to the Shepherds House to buy a pennyworth of milk which she'd take home in a big enamel jug. The wonderfully named Snobby Greensmith had a barbers and shoe menders shed at the side of 74 Main Street; Rabbits were dropped off weekly at the house and the butchers provided other meat, many houses had pigs as well. The yard on Main street housed the two story shop that had a Bakers run by the also brilliantly named Doughy Holmes whilst upstairs Sugar Clay worked in the furniture department; he also had a television which was quite a novelty and Pam and her Mum used to go watch it on Saturday evenings. Cecil Gayle drove a van full of just about everything around the village and Pam remembers going to Town End to get radio accumulators for the set at home. Lastly, there was a bike business run by Ben Liddyard – no shop, just a space in the field – on the first bend of Oasby Road, the lane leading up to Kelby.

Schooling was at Wilsford from ages 5-11, being left-handed, Pam had to sit with the only other left-handed pupil, Laurence Blankley, in case they put off the right-handers! Miss Brookes was the head of school and in 1947 when the snow was up to Pam's shoulders, she got her first kiss but refuses to divulge the co-kisser!

Pam started work on Tickler's farm in the tulip shed and remembers the fields of beautiful blooms; she worked in many other roles on the farm as well. Social life highlights were the monthly dances at the old village hall and in the mid 1950s she met her husband, Keith, who proposed at Nottingham Forest vs Luton; Keith got his girl and Forest beat Luton (no surprise there) The annual football club dinner dances were an excuse for the ladies to don posh frocks and enjoy a great night of good company and dancing; New Year's Eve dances were also a highlight of the social year with most of the village attending. The annual village quiz, which Pam won as a team member of Us Three in 1994/95; the sports day on the playing field and the duck race are all events that are greatly missed and Pam feels they helped to engender the community spirit that has faded a little over time. This is why the Tea Party on the Green has been so appreciated, as Pam says, the young helpers like Ella Kemp have been so lovely and really made the events special.

During the shutdown the village quiz has been more important than ever and always looked forward to, with quizmaster Peter Smith always including a sly Elvis Presley question just for Pam – she even gets some of the answers correct! I might add that this interview took place under the gaze of a life-size Elvis, who stands provocatively pouting in Pam’s lounge. I reckon I could have had him in a punch up.



Pam’s 60<sup>th</sup> birthday party, with the Elvis who forgot the words mid song and Pam had to sing it herself!

Pam finished by saying how she hopes the village will have a few events and get together after lockdown to welcome new faces to the village and reacquaint with old friends. Get that Wilsford community spirit back!

### **Wilsford Village Hall**

Let’s start with the good news:

The Village Hall is OPEN!

Following the further easing of restrictions on May 17<sup>th</sup> the hall has re-opened.

you know To book the hall please contact Jayne Sadler on  
j.sadler@btinternet.com or 01400 231010

As, the application for funding from the Big Lottery Fund has now been submitted. Please keep your fingers crossed!

### **Wilsford Pantomime Players**

We are putting plans together to host 2 events in the foreseeable future.

Murder Mystery Dinner - Provisional Date of 9th October 2021

The inaugural event held in 2019 was a great success and so we plan to hold another, again in the Village Hall, to raise funds for local causes.

Panto – Provisional Dates of 18th / 19th March 2022

The planned production of Aladdin was unfortunately cancelled in 2020 due to COVID and so we plan to finally get this on stage in 2022!

Further details on both will be published in due course.

### **Ladies Badminton**

Good News! Ladies badminton started on May 17th to our great relief! We meet on Mondays and Weds at 10am.

The village hall has badminton equipment, including racquets, available for anyone wishing to play; though currently, only up to 6 people can be in the hall at the same time.

Phone 230445 for details, or 231010 to book the hall.

### **From a concerned resident at Paddock Close**

Please will all dog owners clear up any mess their pets make on the grass at Paddock Close. Recently a resident traped dog poo all over their house carpets where they had trodden in the unseen mess on the green. Not very nice!

### **St Mary's Church News**

The church remains open for private prayer on Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 10.30am

### **Wilsford Allotments**

Our A.G.M. has been postponed until September 2021. We are very fortunate to have no plots available at present. To go on our waiting list, please contact Richard Frankland 01400 230466 or David via email :

[wilsfordallotments@gmail.com](mailto:wilsfordallotments@gmail.com)

When gaining access to the allotments, please read and adhere to the signs adjacent to the turning from School Lane

## LOCAL INFORMATION AND SERVICES

### Police

Our local team are: Nic Woolerton: 07973842786 PCSO (full-time), and Colin Ironmonger 07939887765 PCSO (part-time).

### Local Councillors

**District:** Russell Jackson email: [cllr\\_russell\\_jackson@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:cllr_russell_jackson@n-kesteven.gov.uk) 07486 856250.

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### Doctors

Ancaster Surgery: 01400 230226. *Prescriptions:* 01400 231204. If you are collecting prescriptions or visiting the surgery you need to WEAR A MASK. Use [www.villagedoctor.co.uk](http://www.villagedoctor.co.uk) for quickest contact or Facebook page for up-to-date information.

### GPs leaving the practice

Dr R. Thomas (end of March), Dr Jones (in February). Our best wishes. Joining the practice: Dr Becca Watt, Dr Sophia Farmillo (both special interest in elderly patients) and in the spring Dr Humphreys (special interest in children and families). Welcome.

### The Plough Inn

01400 230304. Laurent and the team continue to provide a Take-Away service Wednesday to Saturday for Lunch and Supper: Sunday Lunch only. Deliveries to Wilsford and Ancaster. See Plough Wilsford Facebook page for the weekly menu.

**Ancaster Butchers** 01400 230855 Spencer and the team are Open 7.30am–3pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri . 7.30am–12 noon Sat. see Ancaster Butcher Facebook page for up-to-date information. On-line ordering and payment. [orders@ancasterbutchers.co.uk](mailto:orders@ancasterbutchers.co.uk)

### Wilsford Shop and Post Office

01400 230792. Mike and Sally are open every day and happy to help. Don't forget lunchtime closing now

**5 Day Blinds Ltd**

Richard Cook in Wilsford. Supplier of all types of made to measure blinds, shutters & conservatory roof sail-blinds . 01400 666 106. email 5dayblinds@gmail.com Website [www.5dayblinds.co.uk](http://www.5dayblinds.co.uk)

**Wriggly Tin Wine**

Sarah, your local wine merchant, on Heath Lane. There is no minimum order and same day delivery. Free delivery locally. [www.wrigglytinwine.co.uk](http://www.wrigglytinwine.co.uk) Sarah, 01400 230679. Latest offers on the Facebook page @wrigglytinwine

**Nicola's Dog Grooming**

All breeds catered for. Nicola 07921269435

**Happy Feet**

Offering pedicures, hard skin removal or a simple nail trim. Call Fran on 07793 679 336 for appointments and prices.

**FRANTastic Face Painting**

Available for children's parties or events. Call 07793 679 336 or message the Frantastic face painting' page on Facebook for bookings and prices

**Ralph Hudson Garden Services:**

Lawn mowing and strimming, hedge and shrub trimming, weeding and general tidy ups. Call 07884 083 770 or 01400 231002. Email [ralphh4@googlemail.com](mailto:ralphh4@googlemail.com)

**Computer Repairs and Training**

Steve Spick . 44 Main Street, 01400 230454 email: [scspick@gmail.com](mailto:scspick@gmail.com)

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