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Barbara (Bar) Walton, looking ready for action. Congratulations to Bar, who will be 90 years young on the 31st May. Happy Birthday to you.

Born at Town End into the Toulson family, Barbara has lived all her life in Wilsford. Like many people of her generation she began work at the seed

Barbara Walton: contd.

Factory in Sleaford, making the journey by cycle each day. In 1953 Bar married Les Walton. The couple had over 60 years of happy married life.

Bar has a son, 2 grandchildren and is a very proud great grandmother.

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WILSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Report from the Parish Clerk Denise Gascoyne 82 Ermine Street Ancaster NG32 3QP Email wilsfordpc@gmail.com. Tel: 01400 230745.

Before the meeting, a minute's silence was held for the Duke of Edinburgh.

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR has arisen due to the resignation of Richard Frankland. If by 7 May a request for an election to fill the vacancy by ten electors is not received at NKDC the parish council will be allowed to co-opt. To be eligible you must be 18 years of age, either live in the parish for the past year, or own premises in the parish, or live within 4.8 kilometres of the boundary 2.5 miles. For further details please contact the Clerk on 01400 230745 or email wilsforpc@gmail.com.

TRAFFIC IN MAIN STREET is causing many problems in village. Delivery vans are parking on the narrowest part on the pavement. A mixer recently reversed into a house after using The Crescent as a turning point. Many suggestions were put forward and all these will be taken back to Highways by County Cllr Andrew Hagues

COUNTY COUNCILLOR Andrew Hagues told the meeting that as lockdown was easing Libraries were reopening to the public and Lincoln Castle is now open for walking round the rampart.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR Russell Jackson said the Elections take place on 6th May. Voting takes place in Wilsford Village Hall between 7.00am and 10.00pm, with the usual covid-safe way. Please take your own pen.

PLAYING FIELD maintenance will take place over the coming months. A second estimate had been received for the necessary work and the company had done a site visit.

SPEEDING TOWN END was discussed at the recent Parish Council meeting. A speed check over 90 minutes had been done by PCSO Ironmonger and he recorded one vehicle at 38mph and one at 35mph. This is relatively small considering the volume of traffic in the area. District Cllr Russell Jackson will contact the Road Safety Partnership. He felt that a Community Speed Watch would be the way forward.

POST BOX SCHOOL LANE has still not been resolved. The Post Box was moved across the road over a year ago without anyone's knowledge. Since then, the parish council have been campaigning to have it returned to its original location. Rauceby Parish Council are also having problems with their Post Box, so it was agreed the two Clerks would liaise on this matter.

THREE NEW DOG BINS have been purchased by the Parish Council. They will be installed at the two entrance gates to the playing field and near the allotments. Cllr Corner agreed to supply the necessary posts. Councillors had discussed dog poo bag dispensers and Nicola's Dog Grooming Wilsford had kindly come forward and agreed to sponsor two dispensers. When the bins are in situ it will be decided where the dispensers will be placed.

PHONE KIOSKS are being sold off by BT when they are no longer used. It will cost the Parish Council £1. Parish Councillors were unsure as to how much the phone box in Main Street was used, therefore will ask BT to go on the list for purchase. The kiosks are used for a variety of things including holding a defibrillator or book library.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS received by Wilsford Parish Council included vary condition 4 of planning permission to increase height of externally stacked bales of solid recovered fuel (SRF) from 4 metres to 4.5 New Earth Solutions and formation of solid recovered fuel (SRF) bale storage areas New Earth Solutions. No comments were made.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held via Zoom 04 May 2021 at 7.00pm. This is the meeting where the Parish Council elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Finance Officer. Also, representatives for village organisations.

WILSFORD ALLOTMENTS

It is now ten years since the establishment of the allotments for use of the residents of Wilsford. The Parish Council looked for land which could be used by the village. The call for land was answered by Henry and Liz Tickler, agreeing to the use of part of a field reached by the track that leads off School Lane towards an area known locally as 'Foxholes'. The allotments are on land that was originally an orchard where the working horses used on the farm grazed. The allotment land is in memory of Henry Tickler's father and the many people of Wilsford, who, over the years, worked on the farm.



In the beginning Steve Spick (Parish Clerk at the time) worked hard to get the allotment legal work and administration in place for the growing area. Henry Tickler ploughed, harrowed and grass seeded the land and planted hedging so that the project got off to a good start. Now the area is surrounded by hedging that provides shelter for birds and other wildlife. The track to the allotments and the bank of 'The Beck', and the hedging continue to be maintained by Henry.

From the open field of the early days key members of the committee took on different roles. Pete Robinson is remembered for his witty and informative newsletters as well as the serious work, handling the Constitution and Tenancy

Agreement.. Mark Naylor, who continues as Treasurer is 'hands on', building the pump shed and water system. The system being set is seen below.

David Mezzo was the primary driver in marking out the allotment plots. Originally 15 were marked out. As these traditional sized plots have proved to be too much for many gardeners there are now a number of half size plots. Currently all the plots are being used, another benefit of the enforced stay local lockdowns.



Over the years allotmenters have come and gone, all contributing to the area and joining in with the communal tasks. With the changing weather patterns the 2021 season will see everyone working together to increase the water storage for members.

What can you expect to see as the fruits of labouring on an allotment? Crops in the last few years have included: potato, carrot, onion, shallot, broccoli, leeks, peas, beetroot, tomato, spring onion, lettuce, Brussel sprouts. Fruit includes gooseberries, raspberries and strawberries. Adding to the display some plots are home to flowers too.

There has been some relaxation together as well as the work. A BBQ organised by John and Viv Bowtell on a beautiful summer's day and gathering at the annual Horticultural shows whose members funded the allotment start-up.

Here's to the next 10 years!

St Mary's Church News

The church remains open for private prayer on Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 10.30am. There will be church services in May, the dates are not available yet. They will be in the electronic version of the Church News, available via Rev. Georgie Machell, at rectoreastloveden19@gmail.com

Wilsford Allotments

The AGM will now be held in September 2021. At the moment all the allotments plots are taken. To go on the waiting list, please contact: Richard Frankland 01400 230466 or David Mezzo via email: wilsfordallotments@gmail.com

Wilsford Village Hall

The application for funding from the Big Lottery Fund has now been submitted by the Steering Group, on behalf of The Village Hall Management Committee. It has taken months of hard work by the Steering Group (comprised of representatives from the CLT, the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee). The comprehensive document covering all aspects of the refurbishment plan, including the underlying need to improve the hall and protect it for use by future generations.

The application process with the Lottery panel is continuing behind the scenes as we write. A decision about funding will be made as soon as possible, hopefully at some time in May. We are obviously hoping it will go through but of course nothing is guaranteed.

In line with the government guidelines the hall, with all the appropriate plans in place, will hopefully re-open on **Monday 17th May**.

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!

For Sale: Flymo Hover Vac 280 electric, corded mower with grass box, vgc £20. Tel 07884 083770.

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
07486 856250.

County: Andrew Hagues, The White Cottage, 12 The Square, Leasingham, Sleaford, NG34 8LA. Tel: 01529 303042. Email: cllra.hagues@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Doctors: Ancaster Surgery: 01400 230226. Prescriptions: 01400 231204. If you are collecting prescriptions or visiting the surgery you need to WEAR A MASK. Use ww.villagedoctor.co.uk for quickest contact. Facebook page for up-to-date information.

GP's are currently: Dr Simon Robinson, Dr Sujatha Prabhu, Dr Richard Gent, Dr Felicity Allen, Dr Harriet Morgan, Dr Emma Monaghan, Dr Rebecca Watt and Dr Sophia Farmilo

The Plough Inn

01400 230304. Laurent and the team continue to provide a Take-Away service from Wednesday to Saturday, lunch and evening. Sunday, lunch-time only. Deliveries to Ancaster and Wilsford. The Plough Wilsford Facebook page is the place to find the weekly menu and specials nights.

The Plough will be opening for indoor dining from the week beginning, 17th May.

Ancaster Butchers

01400 230855. Spencer and the team are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 7.30am until 5pm (or is that still 3pm?) On Saturday the shop closes at 12 noon. You can order online: orders@ancasterbutchers.co.uk. Facebook is Ancaster Butchers.

Wilsford Shop and Post Office

01400 230792. Mike and Sally are open everyday. On Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday the shop closes at lunchtime. Full day opening the shop closes between 1pm and 2pm. Happy to help all their customers.

5 Day BlindsLtd.

Richard Cook in Wilsford. Supplier of all types of made to measure blinds, shutters & conservatory roof sail-blinds. 01400 666106. Email:

5dayblinds@gmail.com Website: 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 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

Computer Repairs and Training: Steve Spick . 44 Main Street, **01400 230454** email: scspick@gmail.com

Wills: Darren Tomaselli: 07969 995418. All estate planning needs. Powers of Attorney/Trusts/Funeral Plans.

Joiner: Dave Fisher. 01400 230672 or 07796 144152. All types of woodwork, home or garden. No job too small.

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