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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

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All breeds catered for. Nicola 07921269435

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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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SOME OF THE BEAUTIFUL BLOOMS IN THE VILLAGE.

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

SPEEDING at Town End was discussed in the Open Forum Councillors had already discussed this in November when they had decided not to join the Community Speed Watch scheme. The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership had erected Passive Signs in the area. District Cllr Russell Jackson said that the Community Speed Watch appeared to be successful in Osbournby. It was agreed County Cllr Andrew Hagues would request the Road Safety Partnership to do more tests in the area and the local PCSO would be asked to investigate.

CHEVRONS and bollards which need replacing at the lay-by were not considered a priority and would not be on the list until the new financial year.

CEMETERY annual tidy up has been put back until 24 April unless Government guidelines change. This is an annual tidy up where parishioners lend a hand and foliage gets cut back and tidied. Further details next month.

PLAYING FIELD is looking much neater after recent work has been done. It is still intended to have a working party in the play area in the Spring to wash down the equipment etc. Quotations are still being sought for work recommended in the recent report.

GRIT BIN near the Plough has been refilled and the one that used to be on the corner near the Church will be replaced sometime in April.

FINGERPOST near the Plough will be replaced in the next few weeks, as it will no longer clean up. Cllrs discussed the design, and it will be like the one already in situ.

POST BOX on School Lane which was re-sited on the opposite side of the road without any prior knowledge was bought back to the Parish Council. The last time the Post Office had contacted the council was back in July 2020 when they said they would investigate. The council chased a reply in September asking for a site visit, and nothing further has been heard. A further letter would be written requesting a site visit.

Wilsford Allotments

Our A.G.M. has been postponed until conditions allow 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
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: cldr_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 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 Farnillo (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–5pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri . 7.30am–12 noon Sat. Ancaster Butcher Facebook page for up-to-date information. On-line ordering and payment. orders@ancasterbutchers.co.uk

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 (comprising of representatives from the CLT, the Parish Council and the Village Hall Management Committee) and is a 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.

We are told it will be considered by the Lottery panel in April, and we should hear by the first week in May. We are obviously hoping it will go through but of course, nothing is guaranteed.

In the meantime the hall remains close but plans are being put in place from May 17th in line with the government's roadmap for lockdown restrictions being lifted.

We can only wait and hope on both counts!

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.

From a concerned resident on Main Street

Please can drivers not use the pavement as if it is the road. When walking along Main Street at its narrowest point last week, two cars met each other and the one coming towards the post office just mounted the path and continued at a speed of about 15-20 mph! It was quite frightening, if it was a child on the path or someone stepping out of their property it could easily result in an accident. Please be more considerate.

St Mary's Church News

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

PLANNING APPLICATION to construct a new showroom and offices Castle Quarry Sleaford Road met with no comments.

DOG FOULING is a major concern the Cllrs. New dog fouling signs have been placed around the village to educate pet owners. Three new dog bins will be purchased, and Cllrs are looking into providing dog bag dispensers, if they can find a sponsor.

WILSFORD WALKS leaflet may be updated in the future. The original one is from 2004. This one only shows 3 walks, and other walks are available.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING has been postponed until June. Government Guidelines at this time say that parish councils will return to face-to-face meetings as from 07 May. Wilsford Parish Council usually hold these meetings during May, but it was agreed to delay until June, the date to be agreed nearer the time.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held a virtual (Zoom) meeting on 13 April 2021 at 7.00pm (Please note the new time if you wish to attend). Anyone wishing to attend the meeting must contact the Clerk requesting an invite by 12 noon Monday 08 March. An invitation to the meeting will then be sent.

LIFE IN LOCKDOWN

One of the changes to our lives has been the advent of Zoom as we use it to work and socialise online instead of face-to-face. It is so popular and widespread it has now become a word in its own right, as we Google things we now Zoom people. Given this fact, here is a topical joke for you all.

An Englishman, a Frenchman, a Spaniard and a German are all called to a zoom meeting by their boss who asks them if they can see him before the meeting begins, the answers came back "Yes", "Oui", "Si", "Ja". Boom Boom!

Another change has been in the amount of home cooking going on. So, I thought that as we are not out of the lockdown and restrictions yet and you might want to treat yourself to something a little different, and when you get friends over again after such a long time it might be nice to offer up a dish that is not quite your usual fare; here is an easy recipe for an old favourite, revamped a little, that you might like.

Lasagna a la Wilsford:

Firstly, the recipe for the veg sauce adapted from one of Jamie Oliver's recipes. Batch cook by making double or triple the amount, it freezes brilliantly! Psst! You can also batch cook the lasagna.

Preheat the oven to 200°C or fan 180°C. Peel 2 onions, wash and trim 2 leeks, then choose at least 3 other veggies of your choice (I use 2 of either carrots, red pepper, sweet potato or courgette) chop into chunks about 2 cm size. Put a large casserole tin on a medium heat and cook 2 cloves of crushed garlic and some dried mixed herbs for 1-2 minutes then add all the veggies and cook for 5 minutes. Transfer to oven and cook for an hour. Remove from oven and place on hob at medium heat, add 1 litre of passata and 750ml of water and stir well, season to your personal taste and simmer for about 10 minutes, stir occasionally.

Grease a medium ovenproof dish and place a layer of the veggie mix in the bottom, season and sprinkle with mixed herbs. Place Lasagna sheets over the veg, spread cottage cheese thinly over the lasagna sheets, spoon more veg mix on top of this and season. Layer lasagna sheets and cover with cottage cheese again and add a layer of lightly sauted mushrooms and some chopped chestnuts, season and then cover with the top layer of lasagna sheets. Cover this with a thin layer of passata, cottage cheese and grate some parmesan over the whole dish. Cook in the oven for 30-35 minutes or until it is nicely browned on the surface.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVOURITE RECIPE TO SHARE?

THE FAMOUS WILSFORD MURMURATION

Most, if not all of you, will now be aware that we have had a murmuration of starlings in and around the village. Many of us, and visitors from as far afield as Grantham, Heckington and Navenby, have watched with joy and awe as the masses of birds dance their intricate patterns in the sky as dusk falls.

Sometimes the movements are almost mesmerising in their complexity and the amazing shift in colour from an almost invisible hazy grey to a dense black cloud – and then the swarm seems to pour itself onto the roost site, like water from a jug. Magical!

The waves of movement have been compared to the ocean or the fields of elephant grass as they sway in the breeze, it is also the 'wooshing' sound of the thousands of wings flapping in unison that creates this sense of wonder, or as one man in the lay by next to the railway halt said, "It's the best free show there is!"

Some interesting facts about the murmuration:

The birds gather at evening time for safety, look carefully and there is often a bird of prey nearby.

Warmth is generated by the wings of the thousands of birds and they then roost as close as possible to retain the heat, up to 500 birds per cubic metre!

Information – they literally gather for a natter – is shared about feeding sites and possible roosts.

The magic number is seven, the starlings fly in groups of seven and each bird focuses on its seven closest neighbours ignoring all else. Hence twists and turns spread so quickly.

OK, so who takes the lead, sorry, I haven't been able to find that out!

[Starling murmurations: the science behind one of nature's greatest displays \(phys.org\)](http://phys.org)

