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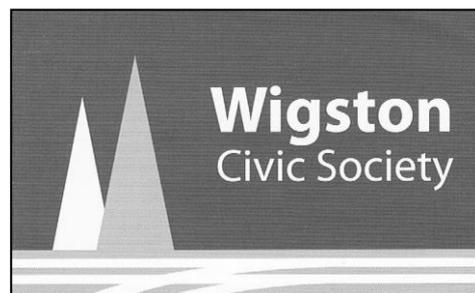
**THE NEWSLETTER OF THE WIGSTON CIVIC SOCIETY  
REPRESENTING WIGSTON MAGNA, SOUTH  
WIGSTON & KILBY BRIDGE  
AUTUMN 2016**



**William Ewart Boulter V.C.**  
(See article in The Newsletter)

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**Founded in 1978**

***“we strive to make the  
Wigstons a better place in  
which to live work  
and shop”***



# **EDITORIAL**

Thank you to those who submitted articles for this edition and I hope you are enjoying the new style newsletter. Many thanks to Colin Towell who through his articles on planning and local issues keeps us all informed of the changes taking place in Wigston.

**The mystery object in the photograph in the last issue is on the gateway of the Grand Hotel in South Wigston**

***Peter Cousins***

## **WIGSTON CIVIC SOCIETY COMMITTEE AS ELECTED AT THE AGM JUNE 2015**

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**Committee meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at Age UK, Paddock Street, Wigston Magna, starting at 7.15pm. All Members Welcome**

# **ANNUAL PUBLIC ILLUSTRATED LECTURE**

**The annual lecture will take place on  
TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM  
AT SOUTH WIGSTON HIGH SCHOOL  
St Thomas Rd, South Wigston LE18 4TA**

**The lecture will be by  
JOHN STEVENSON  
“THE RAILWAYS OF  
WIGSTON JUNCTION  
FROM 1840 TO TODAY”**

**£3 Per Person Inc. Refreshments**

Places are limited and so it is advisable that you **contact Colin Towell on 07813 782899, email cftowell@aol.com or Peter Cousins on 0116 2884638 email petercousins@ntlworld.com.** It is hoped that we will maintain our record and have another full house for our annual lecture. Please be aware that the lecture is open to the public, so please tell your friends, relations and neighbours.

**PARKING ON-SITE**

## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS LUNCH**

The next Civic Society lunch has been arranged for 12 noon on Thursday 8 September at the Fairfield pub on Gloucester Crescent, the meal is in the form of a carvery and the cost will be £5.50 for 1 course, plus £2.50 for dessert if required.

Members, partners and guests are very welcome. Please phone Nicola on **2880449** to confirm that you will be attending. We are pleased to be supporting a local business again with our lunches.

# ANNUAL ILLUSTRATED PUBLIC LECTURE

You will see an advert for this event elsewhere in this edition. The lecture will take place on Tuesday 27 September at 7.30pm at South Wigston High School on St. Thomas Road. There is ample parking. Tickets are £3.00 each to include light refreshments and may be obtained from Colin Towell on **07813 782899** or Peter Cousins on **0116 2884638**.

The subject will be 'The Railways of Wigston Junction from 1840 to Today' by John Stevenson. We understand that he will be including new material after his very successful talk last year to the Greater Wigston Historical Society.

The Society is expecting a big turnout for this popular subject and has hired the main hall at the school, where there is tiered seating and a good capacity.

Please spread the word and even if 'trains are not your thing' come along, it's very local history.

## SKITTLES

We have invited Oadby Civic Society to a skittles match which will take place on Friday 7 October at 7.30 pm at the Horse and Trumpet in Bull Head Street. There will be the usual skittles night food and the cost will be £10 including a raffle ticket. Please book your place with Nicola on **2880449**. (for email addresses see inside front cover)

## AGM REPORT

The Annual General Meeting was held on 4 May 2016 when about 19 members and 7 guests gathered in the Maple Room at Age UK Oadby and Wigston.

The Chairman read his very comprehensive report on the extremely busy year under review, any member who was not able to be present but who would like to see a copy of the report should email a request to the Secretary.

The Treasurer reported a closing bank balance of £1797.71 made up of the unspent legacy income of £942.17 and general funds of £855.54. It was agreed that in order to make the Society more financially sustainable year on year the subscription be increased by 50p to £8.00 (£4.00 juniors) from 1 May 2017.

The existing committee was re-elected en bloc and there were no resignations or new members. (see inside front cover for the full list).

There was a general discussion on current issues including: changing from bags to wheelie bins (not agreed with); the consultation on the permanent pedestrianisation of Bell Street (agreed with); empty properties and shops displaying goods on the pavement (in hand by the County).

Certificates of Commendation were then presented to:

Wigston College, for internal and external improvements to the main entrance to the former Guthlaxton College. Pupils accompanied the Chair of Governors to receive this award.

emh homes for the conversion of the Stamford Works (Gambles Factory in Canal Street) into dwellings, an excellent acceptance speech was given by the Group Director for Development.

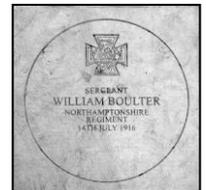
3T Developments for the conversion of the former Grand Hotel to apartments.

The last part of the meeting was taken up with an excellent illustrated talk by Mr Chris Matthews of the 20C Society about some of the modern buildings in Leicester and the East Midlands.

This was an altogether excellent meeting despite a slightly lower turn out than in the previous year.

### **WILLIAM EWART BOULTER VC (1892-1955)**

As part of the centenary commemorations World War 1 the Government has provided a memorial stone for each person awarded the Victoria Cross during the four years duration of the conflict. Each memorial stone is unveiled and dedicated on the actual 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event for which the VC was awarded and it is to be placed in the town or village of the individual's birth. 14603 W.E. Boulter, Sergeant, 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment won the VC on 14<sup>th</sup> July 1914, in Trones Wood, France, during the first Battle of the Somme. It was "for most conspicuous bravery, though severely wounded in the shoulder, he advanced alone over the open ground and bombed the gun team from their position." He received his medal at an investiture held by King George V at Buckingham Palace on 17<sup>th</sup> March 1917.



Billy, as he was usually known, was born in Wigston on 14<sup>th</sup> October 1892, the second child in a family of six. His father Fred Boulter, was a framework knitter, who later progressed to be manager of Wigston Hosiers Ltd, and his mother was Mary Ann nee Dore who was born in Dunton Bassett. Described as a modest boy, fond of sport, it was his bowling skills honed on the cricket field that helped him to throw the bombs with such accuracy at the enemy position. Billy was working in the haberdashery department of the Kettering Co-operative Society when he enlisted in September 1914. After rapid promotion to sergeant he embarked for France in July 1915. Because of the shoulder wound he was transferred back to England and spent some months in hospital (partly at the 5<sup>th</sup> Northern General Hospital, now part of Leicester University), followed by convalescence, walking with the aid of a stick.

During this time various celebrations took place, in Kettering, Northampton and of course at Wigston. At his old school in Wigston, now in use as the Record Office, a visit was arranged attended by Captain Brockington the County Director of Education, and Mr. J W Black CC, Chairman of the Managers and all the pupils and teachers.

When passed fit Billy attended Officer Training at Newmarket and then as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant returned to France in August 1917, but the dreadful conditions in the trenches resulted in a return to hospital in Manchester with trench fever and acute bronchitis. While there he worked at the College of Technology and was promoted Lieutenant. He was finally released from the army in April 1919 when he had to relinquish his commission, but was allowed to retain the rank of Lieutenant.

On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the action on 14 July 2016 a crowd of about 50 people gathered at the new small park at the top of Bell Street to witness a short service of dedication and remembrance. The plain memorial stone about 300 mm square had been inserted in the paving blocks in front of the existing plinth on which the granite stone and Jubilee Plaque had been unveiled 18 months earlier. Those attending were welcomed by the Mayor, Cllr Rob Eaton. The Rector, The Revd Trevor Thurston Smith read an opening prayer and this was followed by a reading by Col Sgt Thomas of the citation (as recorded above) accompanying the award of the honour. Sam Boulter, great great nephew of William Ewart who had travelled from Frome in Somerset, then laid a wreath of poppies before the prayer 'They shall grow old' was read by the Mayor. The last post preceded a one-minute silence after which the Reveille was sounded. Both bugle calls were ably sounded by Steve Warden. The Kohima Epitaph 'When you go home' was read by the Mayor after which the Revd Richard Eastman led the prayers. A reception for those present was provided at the Council Chamber.

It was good to see that not only had the memorial stone been laid but a mature tree in a planter marked '2016 The Bank' had been placed behind the park. This reflected the tree planted in this place in 1897 to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee along with the drinking fountain. In addition, an information board about the Bank which the Civic and Historical Societies had been developing along with the Council had been erected. The event was a very appropriate occasion, well organised by the Council, to mark the centenary and was well attended by military, civic and religious representatives as well as members of the Civic and Historical Societies, Councillors and members of the public. It is understood that an additional information board is to be erected giving details of Sgt Boulter's award and life. The house at 9 Central Avenue where he was born bears a Civic Society Blue Plaque, one of a series of such plaques erected by Wigston Civic Society in 2007, a booklet giving full details of all 14 plaques, priced £3, is available by phoning 07813 782899

## **THE TIGERS' BLOODIEST DAY**

On the evening of the same day, 14 July there was an illustrated talk at the Record Office by Robin Jenkins and his colleagues about the attack by the Leicestershire Brigade 100 years ago on German positions at Bazentin Wood. On 14 July 1916, during the Battle of the Somme which had commenced two weeks earlier, the Tigers had attacked the Germans who were holed up in woods, they lost 295 men in the first 24 hours, nevertheless the Leicesters fought on and after several days were successful in

achieving their objective of occupying Bazentin–le-Petit village and taking 3 officers and 200 men prisoner.

Robin's talk was excellent and supported by ample power point slides and extracts from official war diaries, letters home and newspaper cuttings of the time.

At the same time as the talk representatives of the Regiment were in Bazentin to unveil a new memorial to those who died in this offensive.

An exhibition about WWI, compiled by the Record Office, is on display there until 31 August and then from 24 September until 31 October.

Colin Towell and Tricia Berry

A more complete version of this article will appear in the Greater Wigston Historical Society bulletin to be published on 1 November or by emailing [cftowell@aol.com](mailto:cftowell@aol.com)



## TWO STEEPLES WALK 2016

It's a grand idea! – Wigston Civic Society would relaunch the 2 Steeples Walk on 1<sup>st</sup> June. This Walk had been the Society's Millennium Project, when Mary Essinger and Colin Hames devised a 10-mile trek from St Wistan's Church, Bull Head Street, through the fields and pretty villages surrounding Wigston, to All Saints' Church in Bushloe End.

With great optimism, St Wistan's Day, which is the first day of summer, was selected for the Relaunch, but the weather gods have rarely smiled kindly upon the Civic Society and its endeavours. The day dawned grey and overcast, with a biting north wind which threatened rain all day. The Rector of Wigston Benefice, the Rev Trevor Thurston-Smith, warmly clad in his long, black 'Darth Vader' cloak, told the two dozen walkers and well-wishers gathered at the start, that St Wistan's Church shared the honour with Westminster Abbey of being a Royal Peculiar, i.e. it has no parish. So, despite lacking a Poets' Corner and with a distinct shortage of Royal Weddings, St Wistan's is up there with the best. (And there's still Prince Harry to marry off. Maybe, he will favour us with his nuptials?). The Rector gave the walkers his blessing (at least the rain held off all day) and the Mayor and Mayoress, Cllrs Robert and Lynda Eaton, gave us a civic send-off. All three accompanied the walkers to Tendring Drive, where tarmac gave way to clay, and we set off across the fields to Glen Gorse golf course, where there were only a couple of golfers and no balls at head height to dodge.

Due to unforeseen and unfortunate circumstances, the leaders for the first two sections, to Wistow Tea Rooms, and then on to Kilby Bridge, were unable to attend, and I was conscripted to lead. I had never volunteered in the first place as I know I walk too fast, but the group of 17 walkers were left to my tender mercies. I did frequent head counts and walked up and down the line like a collie, shepherding my flock.

St Wistan's Church in Wistow had been left open especially for us (many thanks) and we peeped inside and admired the box pews, but considerately we did not tramp our muddy boots up the aisle. All 17 made it to the Tea Rooms, where three people were awarded their bronze goodie bags and dropped out. Duly refreshed with coffee and cream scones, 14 walkers set off through the fields and over the hill to Kilby. Here, the quartet who had done a sterling job bringing up the rear – well, someone has to do it - opted for the comfort of chairs and lunch at the Dog and Gun, and a ride on the hourly bus back to Wigston. The rest of us were game to press on over the fields to the Navigation Inn at Kilby Bridge, passing a flock of surprised and grinning llamas on the way.

From the Navigation, Peter Cousins took over the lead (everyone breathed a sigh of relief) for the short, easy level part of the walk along the canal towpath and through the Little Hill estate to All Saints' (although a little bird told me he complained he was 'shattered' when they got to Bushloe End!) About half a dozen walkers completed the whole course and were rewarded with gold goodie bags, with a gold 'medal' for Roger Mills, who had completed the walk and, at 80, was the oldest participant.

At the debriefing about the Walk later in the day, I was deputed to write the report. Well, I trust I have carried out my duties in such a way that, with luck, I won't be asked again.

Our grateful thanks to all who participated in the Walk or helped in the smooth running of the event:

- Rev Trevor Thurston-Smith, and the Mayor & Mayoress of Oadby & Wigston, Cllrs Robert and Lynda Eaton.
- Mary Essinger & Colin Hames for creating the 2 Steeples Walk.
- Colin Towell, Helen Hay & Peter Cousins for organising the Relaunch.
- Colin Hames for putting '2 Steeples Walk' waymarkers on footpath posts.
- Val Beesley and Ann Cousins for a first class taxi service, ferrying people back to their cars/starting point.
- To all those who generously made a donation to the Civic Society.
- Helen Hay for her splendid bronze, silver and gold star goodie bags, awarded to walkers.
- And of course, to all the intrepid walkers, especially those who completed the 10 miles.

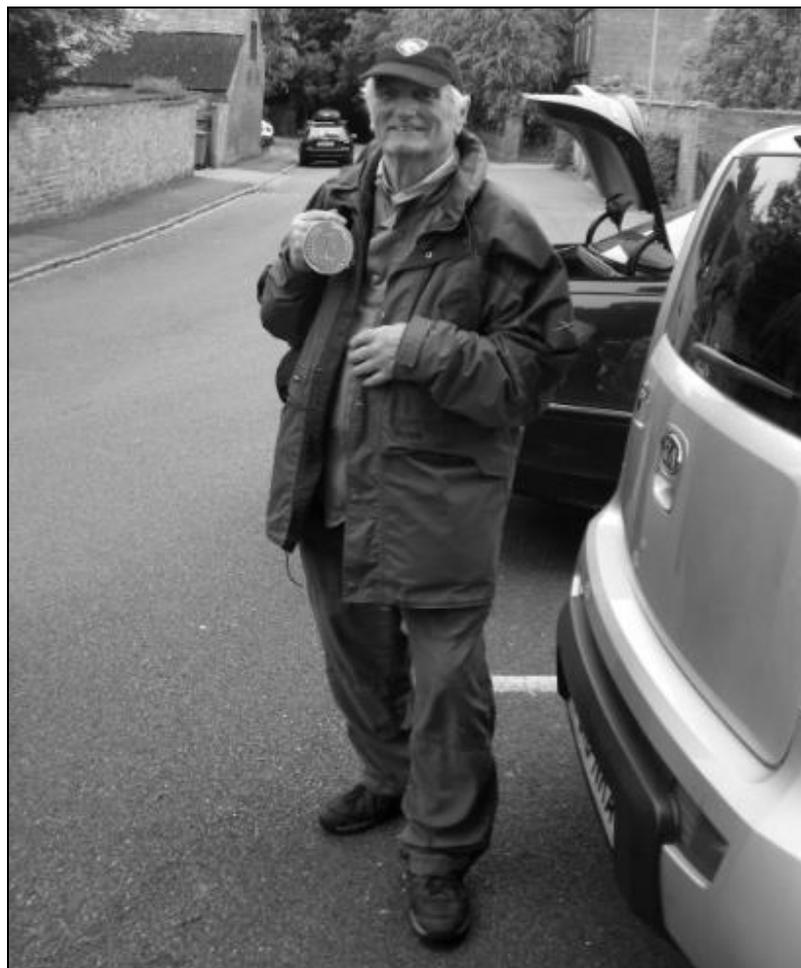
Leaflets of the Two Steeples Walk are available from Wigston Civic Society, or can be downloaded at: **[www.wigstoncivic society.org.uk](http://www.wigstoncivic society.org.uk)**

Maureen Waugh

**[A slide show of pictures also available on the society website.](#)**



**SETTING OFF ON THE WALK**



**“GOLD MEDAL” WINNER  
ROGER MILLS**

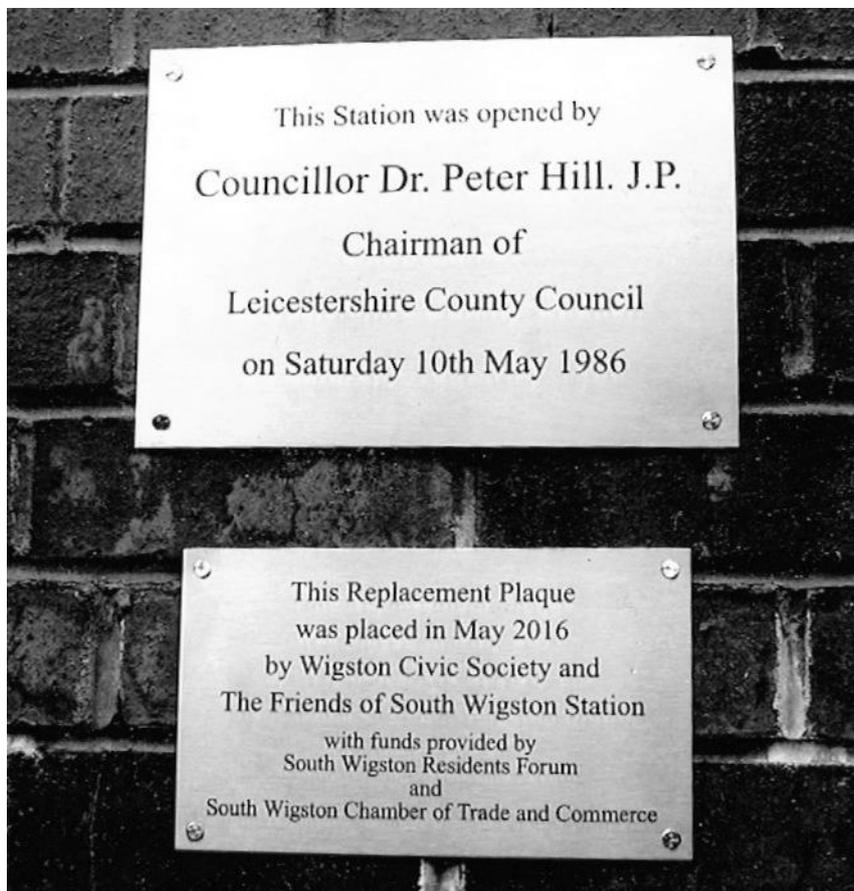
# SOUTH WIGSTON STATION

Readers will recall that in the last edition it was reported that the Society was to fix a replacement plaque on the Kenilworth Road bridge next to the station to record the opening of South Wigston Station 40 years previously.

It was a wet and miserable day on 10 May when about 18 members and friends met at the bridge to witness the unveiling of the plaque by the mayor Cllr L Darr. This was a good turnout considering the weather. A curtain had been arranged, under adverse circumstances because of the weather, by May Hilton, but it was successfully removed by the Mayor to reveal the plaques. Roy Hughes said a few words to mark the occasion as he was Mayor for the Borough and present at the reopening of the station in 1976.

It was really good to see the Leader of the Council, Cllr John Boyce and his colleague, Cllr Bill Boulter and nearby residents present to support the Society as well as a representative of the South Wigston business, Bowers and Freeman, who had engraved the plaques.

Following the official unveiling many of those present adjourned to the nearby Fairfield pub for a welcome cup of coffee. We were very pleasantly impressed with the pub with the consequence that we have booked the next Society lunch there (see details elsewhere in this newsletter).



# **MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPH WHERE IS IT?**



**ANSWERS TO THE  
EDITOR PLEASE**

## **LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY OPEN DAY 2016**

**Pilot House Research Centre  
Saturday 1 October 9.30am until 4.30pm**

Started on your family history or stuck on your research? Then this is your chance to meet the volunteer staff who run the Centre and the Society, and explore our vast resources.

Experts will be on hand to help with your research, and there will be tours of the Centre throughout the day, to familiarise you with the resources.

**Put the date in your diary today!  
Centre details at:  
[www.lrfhs.org.uk/researchcentre.html](http://www.lrfhs.org.uk/researchcentre.html)**

# PLANNING BRIEFS

The number of planning applications submitted in the Wigston, South Wigston and Kilby Bridge areas continues to be very low and where applications are made they are often for changes to domestic dwellings which rarely are of interest to the Society. In Oadby the number of applications is greater and the dwellings involved are usually larger. However, there are a few points to note:

The Local Development Orders for Wigston and South Wigston were approved which means that a developer can proceed with work within the defined areas as long as that work exactly reflects the specifications in the development orders. The developer will need planning permission only for work which differs from the specifications. The LDO for Oadby was not approved after local businesses and the Oadby Civic Society put up strong objections based on professionally obtained advice. We now must await proposals that any developer wishes to put forward. However, the Co-op building which is included in the LDO site with suggestions for living accommodation on the upper floor will presumably not now be included in any developer's proposals (see item on shops in this issue).

The Kirkdale Road development nears completion and one of the Society's suggestions for the street name was adopted by the Council, this is 'Wright Place'.

The Heating Elements site on Moat Street is also now progressing well under the Jelson banner, here again one of the Society's suggestions of Peacock Place has been agreed by the Council as the street name.

Work is well under way on the new Birkett House School in conjunction with work to interconnect the three schools now under the name of Wigston Academy and Wigston College. Abington House stands out well and hopefully when the work surrounding it is complete will prove to have been well worth preserving.

The one very recent major planning application has been for 53 dwellings on Meadow Hill, the field on the corner of Cooks Lane and the A5199. This will involve the demolition of the bungalow on the site. This site is already in the Council's 'direction of growth' strategy and so the development will go ahead, it's a question of getting a scheme that is acceptable to all. The Society has submitted a number of comments including concerns about the access arrangements onto the A5199 which will be close to the existing Guthlaxton Way roundabout and the proposed new roundabout near to the railway bridge which will serve the proposed Newton Lane development. It is also considered that there should be provision to link that development with the now proposed Meadow Hill site as in the past Wigston's estates have not been well linked and access is limited. Flooding in the area is also a concern. The Society has called for a public meeting so that the scheme can be openly and fully discussed.

In the meantime, we are still waiting for an application on the Hat and Cap factory in Canal Street where emh homes have confirmed that they will not be involved in its regeneration.

# WIGSTON SHOPS: AN UPDATE

Much has happened since the spring issue of Wigston's Voice as far as shops are concerned. Early this year we were concerned about the closure of the Co-op and the associated Post Office. This seemed to make Bell Street very empty and somewhat bleak especially as the shop windows were not covered over and we could see the enormous empty space inside. In the Spring there was a planning application to split the shop into 5 units. The split was: the former food shop, post office and café upstairs is one unit, the former clothes and electricals is split into three units and the fifth unit is the former furniture department on the floor above these three units.

It was finally confirmed in early July that the building had been purchased by Edinburgh Woollen Mills and work has now started on subdividing the three units (not the former food shop which, it seems, is being left as it was). A more recent planning application for signage indicates that these three units will be, starting from the Long Street end, Peacocks containing a post office; Edinburgh Woollen Mills and Ponden Home. It is believed that all these names are part of the E W M group. It is not clear if the work going on includes work to the upper floor unit.

No opening date has been given but a substantial screen has been erected while the work proceeds so it is probably a long job. Could we hope for an opening for Christmas?

Neither has the Post Office made any recent comment more than the reported update that they are in negotiations with an operator and that a consultation will be held, this is all good news and progress at last.

Other shop changes are:

A Turkish restaurant is ready to open in the former Indian restaurant on the corner of Victoria Street and on the opposite corner Dominoes has taken over the whole unit which it previously only partly occupied the rest being vacant.

The shop on Leicester Road opposite the end of Bell Street occupied by the computer shop until it moved along the road is now Phillips and George sales and lettings agents.

However, many of the shops previously reported as empty remain empty, these are: Harrison Murray, Coombes Bakery, Heards Butchers, DK Diamond (was Co-op chemist) and in The Parade, Heaths fish shop which at least has a new security shutter, the Fruit shop and Creative Blinds which is rumoured to become Baxter's Bakery. These empty shops have been joined by Lords and Nat West Bank meaning that nine shops are empty excluding the Co-op. This represents 6.9% of the 131 shops in the Town Centre. However, there are worrying rumours about some of the cafes in the Town and recently there has been a change of use application for the Wigston Bargain Store on Leicester Road to become a pub.

The final comment is to say how excellent the various flower displays are, the Pride of the Borough group have done a splendid job again and we look forward to a gold award in the competition.

**NEW DVD NOW AVAILABLE.....**

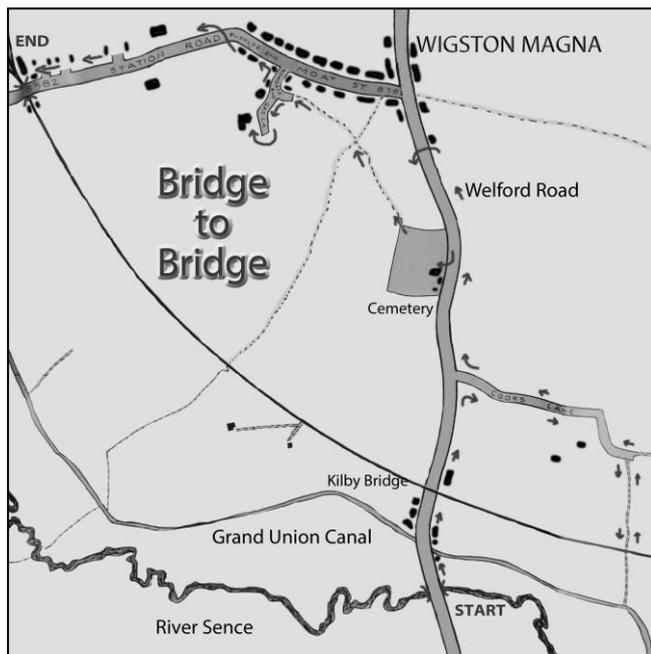
**“BRIDGE TO BRIDGE”**

**KILBY BRIDGE & WIGSTON MAGNA**

**A journey through Kilby Bridge and Wigston Magna to The  
'Spion Kop' bridge on Station Road**

In the second of our series of DVD's about Wigston Magna, we start south of the village at the road bridge over the river Sence and finish at the railway bridge (Spion Kop) over the Midland Railway at the western end of Station Road.

Our journey takes us through Kilby Bridge, Welford Road, Cooks Lane, the Cemetery, Horsewell Lane, Gas Lane, Newgate End, Bushloe End and finally Station Road looking at how Wigston was in the late 1800's and early 1900's. We will look at buildings, local scenes, businesses and people seeing how they have changed over the years.



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# BLUE PLAQUES IN WIGSTON MAGNA AND SOUTH WIGSTON

In the two or three years leading up to 2007, the Society joined with the Greater Wigston Historical Society to create and erect a trail of traditional Blue Plaques commemorating the places where well-known local people lived. There are 14 plaques in all with four in South Wigston and the rest in Wigston Magna including one, relating to the historian W G Hoskins as far out as Sandy Rise, nearly in Oadby.

Others commemorated include: Orson Wright, Gertie Gitana, Charlie Moore and Don Ross. The plaques are in the traditional round style and are easily spotted in their blue colour. Most are visible from the road but two are on buildings set back from the public highway. These are on Abington House for Thomas Ingram and Bushloe House (the Council Offices) for H A Owston.

Abington House stands between the former Bushloe and Guthlaxton schools now called Wigston Academy and Wigston College. The property is currently fenced off by contractors building a new link between the two schools and a new school for Birkett House. Initially it was thought that it would be demolished but new plans were drawn up to enable this not to happen and hopefully the House will find new uses when building works are complete.

The plaque on Bushloe House can be seen from the car park to the Council offices during office hours.

One plaque, at 9 Central Avenue, commemorates Wigston's Victoria Cross winner Sgt. William Ewart Boulter who showed 'conspicuous bravery though wounded' at Trones Wood in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of the Somme on 14 July 1916. A memorial stone to Sgt. Boulter was unveiled on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event on 14 July 2016 at 12 noon in the new Pocket Park at the end of Bell Street.

Each part of the trail would take about 30-45 minutes to walk around and would make a pleasant weekend or evening stroll at this time of the year or in the winter when country footpaths are wet and muddy. A booklet giving details of where the plaques are and about the individuals who are commemorated can be obtained from Tricia Berry or Colin Towell (**07813 782 899**) priced £3.

Colin Towell

## WALK 2017

*In 2017 we will be launching a new walk covering the Blue Plaques and significant historical buildings of Wigston. Watch this space.....*

# ARE YOU RESEARCHING YOUR WIGSTON OR OADBY FAMILY HISTORY?

The Leicestershire and Rutland Family History Society have released their new index CD of Oadby and Wigston baptisms 1700-1921 containing 16,656 records. The index contains:

**WIGSTON MAGNA ALL SAINTS' CHURCH** baptism register has been recorded and indexed from 1700 to 1921 – a total of 221 years and 9,711 baptisms.

**OADBY ST PETER'S CHURCH** baptism register has been recorded and indexed from 1701 to 1921 – a total of 220 years and 4,928 baptisms.

**GLEN PARVA & SOUTH WIGSTON ST THOMAS' CHURCH** baptism register has been recorded and indexed from 1887 to 1921 – a total of 34 years and 2,017 baptisms.

Included are two combined indexes - surname / forename and surname / parents, with a total of **16,656 baptisms**.

This CD contains the names of children or adults baptised, their parents (if given) and surname, plus date, year, microfiche reference and register number (if any). It is not a transcription, does not include any birth dates or additional information.

The original registers should be consulted for confirmation of details. They can be seen at the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Record Office.

**The CD costs £8.50 (£10.50 by post) or also available by download straight to your computer for £8.99.** The CD requires a Windows based computer (including Windows 10) and Internet Explorer/Edge and Microsoft Excel to view the data. (Free Excel Viewer provided on the CD)

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## SAMPLE OF THE DATA CONTAINED ON THE CD

DATE	YEAR	FORENAME OF BAPTISED	SURNAME	PARENTS
8-May	1887	ALBERT	PAGE	JOHN & MARY ELLEN
17-May	1887	HAROLD	HODGKINSON	HENRY & ALICE
29-May	1887	JAMES HENRY	BASS	JAMES HENRY & JANE