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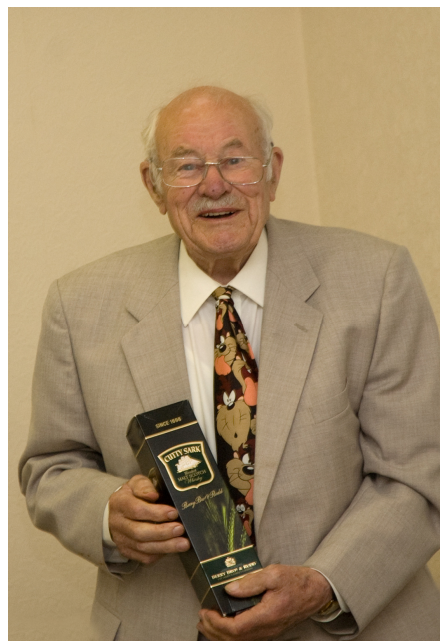
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Wilfred ("Wilf") Harold Lindley R. I. P. 1916 – 2014 – 60 Years a Haxey Parish Councillor



Wilf, as he was generally known to so very many, sadly passed away on 27th July at the remarkable age of 98, after a short illness. The Parish has lost one of its finest residents whose life touched so many folk in Haxey and beyond.

He was a great servant to the community having served on the Parish Council for 60 years, a truly remarkable record! Born and brought up in Finningley, he settled in Haxey shortly after the end of the Second World War and where, with his brothers, he built many houses and carried-out many construction works in Haxey and in Westwoodside.

During the 1939-45 conflict, Wilf served with great distinction in the 1st Airborne Division and saw action in many arenas including North Africa, Holland, Norway and Germany. One of his prized mementoes was a Certificate of Appreciation signed by the King of Norway for his role in the liberation of that country. Wilf ended World War 2 as a Staff Sergeant and was rightly so very proud of his substantial row of medals which he was thrilled to have with him when, in recent years, attending HM the Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Wilf joined Haxey Parish Council in 1951 and, throughout his service, made a significant contribution especially carrying out repairs and improvements in the Parish. His extensive knowledge of the area and his experience proved invaluable in later years.

He also served as a member and trustee of the Haxey Combined Charities for many years and helped distribute bibles to Primary School leavers and make contributions to help locals with hospital visits and other vital needs. Older residents will remember fondly the weekly film shows that Wilf ran in the Haxey Memorial Hall.

His hobbies of ballroom dancing, bowls (President of Haxey Bowls Club) and horse racing brought him into contact with many villagers and all will remember the twinkle that never left his eyes and his huge sense of humour. Perhaps above all Wilf was a perfect gentleman, who will be so sadly missed by all who knew him.

Haxey Parish Council wish to express their sincere thanks for Wilf's contribution to the Parish and to offer condolences to his partner June and daughter Margaret and to her family.

Westwoodside Playing Field

Residents will be aware of the change in the Management of Westwoodside Playing Fields complex and the Sole Trusteeship being taken over by Haxey Parish Council. The improvement work to the Pavilion, funded by North Lincolnshire Council (NLC), has recently been completed and the formal handover of the improved building, marked by a photo call with the local MP, Andrew Percy and representatives from NLC, the Parish Council and users of the facilities, will take place prior to the next Parish Council meeting on 26 August.

The Westwoodside Playing Fields Management Committee has continued its work to continue the improvements at the complex by appointing a Caretaker and advertising and encouraging further hire of the sports and community facilities by local organisations and Residents. The Committee has also resolved to rename the Pavilion “The Foreman Carter Centre” to recognise the initial gifting of land by Councillor Trevor Foreman and his brother David and the considerable and continual work of Mr Richard Carter who has been responsible for many of the facilities available at the Playing Fields.

On a more negative note, whilst the situation appears to have improved since the new organisation was established, over recent months the Management Committee has had to deal with several instances of abuse of the facilities. These have included damage to the building and the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and recently in the children’s activity area, the Zip-Line seat has had to be replaced due to damage caused by a dog, one of the concrete seat benches has been broken and one of the children’s swing seat restraints has been snapped off; moreover, on the skate ramp some of the fixing bolts have been removed and metal panelling from one of the platforms has suffered severe vandalism. Also, in the car park, the swing gate has been damaged after being hit by a car doing “wheelies”!

The Committee is at a loss to understand why this damage, to what are public facilities funded by public money from sources such as the Council Tax, is occurring and now there is a 24/7 surveillance system operating, is working with the local Police to identify the culprits and will not hesitate to formally follow up any incidents and to bring prosecutions for recovery of expenditure required to repair the damage. Any Resident noticing any anti-social behaviour or damage to the facilities is requested to initially report it to the Police by calling 101 and advise the Clerk to the Parish Council so CCTV evidence can be compiled. For the future, as part of the work to continue to improve security at the Playing Fields, the Committee is working towards establishing a system for closing the car park from 2200hrs each night and re-opening it at 0900hrs.

The Westwoodside Playing Fields complex belongs to the Community; please help the Parish Council to continue to provide a safe and useable facility!

Haxey Allotment Association Best Kept Plot Presentation



From left to right: Haxey Parish Council Chairman – Cllr David Knowles, Best Kept half plot – Mr David Storey, Best Kept full plot – Mr Graham Westerman and Cllr Nev Whitehead who is one of the Parish Council judges of the allotments plots along with Cllr Stan Boor.

Not pictured the remaining winners and runner ups are as follows: - Joint runners up in the Best Kept full plot were Mr Phil Griffiths and Mr David Morley.

Best Kept half plot runner up was Mr Chris Hinckley and 3rd place was given to Mr Jim Kendall. Well done to all the plot holders.