

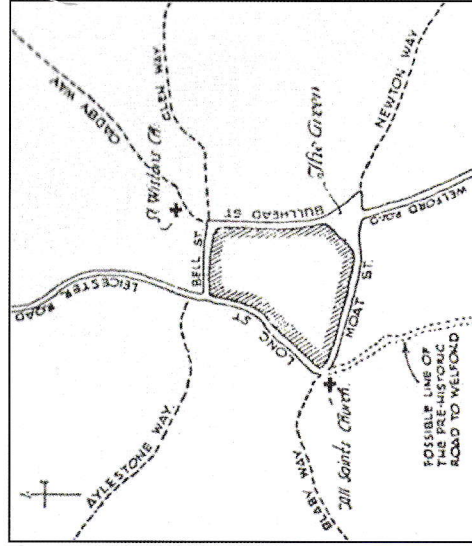
## PEOPLE OF WIGSTON

The Society is embarking upon a new project to collect information and articles on past residents of Wigston Magna and South Wigston. The object is to collect short articles giving details of the residents, their occupations, homes and lifestyles. The Society will assist in collating the final document, all we ask is that you provide the base information, pictures and family groups. All of these will be returned.

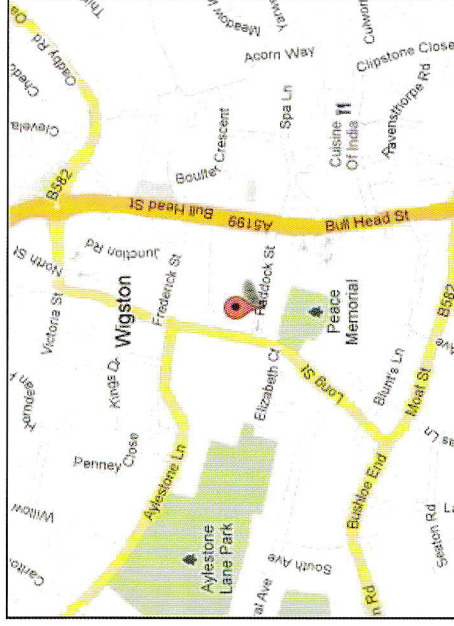
Call our Chairman Mike Forryan on (0116) 281 0431 to discuss and get advice.

## LINKS TO LOCAL SITES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

The Internet has a vast range of resources available to those who know where to look. On our website we have identified some sites of local interest which will provide a starting point for your research.



"Medieval Wigston" With The Four Roads Bell Street, Bull Head Street, Moat Street And Long Street Forming The Boundaries Of The Village.



### Directions to Age Concern, Paddock Street Wigston Leicestershire LE18 2AN

#### From Leicester

Follow the A5199 south from Leicester. Cross over the traffic island at the B582 into Bull Head Street with St Wistan's Church on the left hand side. Turn right into Paddock Street and you will find Age Concern on the left.

#### From Welford

Follow the A5199 north towards Leicester. Proceed across Kilby Bridge, under the railway bridge and across the cemetery traffic island. At the first set of traffic lights go straight on towards Leicester. Pass the Police Station and B&Q then take next left into Paddock Street and you will find Age Concern on the left.

#### From Oadby

Follow the B582 from Oadby towards Wigston. At the main traffic island turn left onto the A5199 into Bull Head Street with St Wistan's Church on the left hand side. Turn right into Paddock Street and you will find Age Concern on the left.

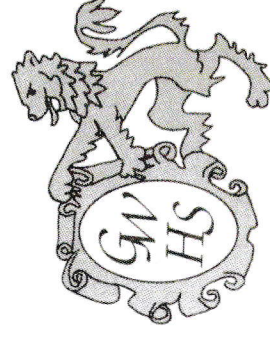
#### Parking

Please park in the Free Public Car Park opposite the Age Concern building on the other side of Paddock Street.

# Greater Wigston Historical Society

Founded In 1980

[www.wigstonhistoricalsociety.co.uk](http://www.wigstonhistoricalsociety.co.uk)





## ABOUT THE SOCIETY

The Greater Wigston Historical Society was formed in 1980 by Duncan Lucas and a group of keen local historians.

The Society meets on the third Wednesday of each month with the exception of July. The May and June meetings are normally visits to places of historic interest in the County of Leicestershire whilst the other 9 meetings are held at **Age Concern, Paddock Street, Wigston, Leicester LE18 2AN** at 7.30 pm.

Why not come along and see what we do? Visitors are always welcome. Contact one of the committee who will look after you during your visit.

## TRANSACTIONS

Society members have over the years undertaken research which has been recorded in the Society Transactions.

These are available for members to see upon request.

## PUBLICATIONS

A number of very interesting and detailed books have been produced by members over the last few years. These publications are listed on the website, and copies can be found in the Wigston Library on Bull Head Street Wigston Magna.

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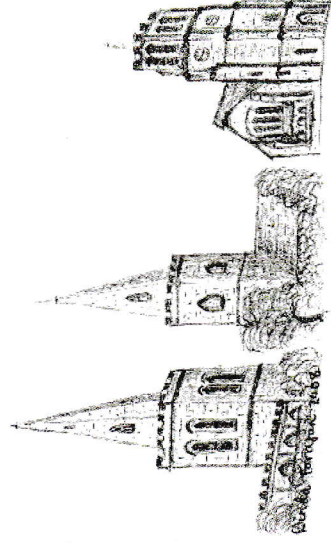
Wigston is situated in the County of Leicestershire, 4 miles due south of Leicester city centre and is bounded by Leicester to the North, the main London Railway Line and the Grand Union Canal to the South, the River Sence to the West and the main A6 London Road to the East.

A detailed history of the area, including Wigston Magna and South Wigston, is provided from an official 1961 guide in a downloadable .pdf file on our website.

In the past Wigston was known as "Wigston Two Steeples", as the two steeples of All Saints and St Wistan's Churches were visible to travellers from miles away. In addition there is also a tower on St Thomas's church in South Wigston.

## BULLETINS

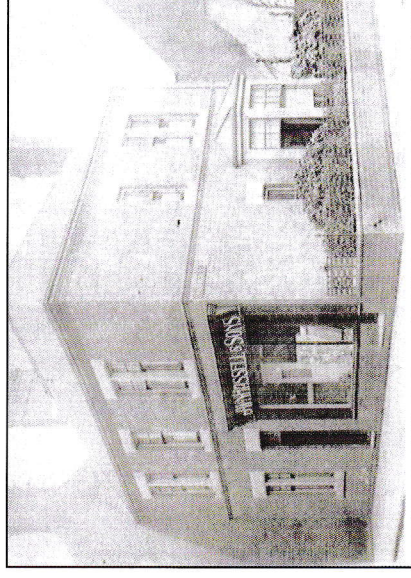
Society Bulletins are produced three times per year by Tricia Berry. These contain an overview of past talks and visits, articles on research, Society news and comment and a list of scheduled activities, meetings and visits. These can be e-mailed to members upon receipt of an e-mail address.



All Saints Wigston Magna St. Wistan's Wigston Magna St. Thomas's South Wigston

## WIGSTON PHOTOGRAPH ARCHIVE

The Society maintains a large archive of local photographs which give an insight into the changes of Wigston over the years. Some of these are displayed on the website.



Then: Premises of J. Hassell Decorators, on the corner of Long Street & Paddock Street



Now: Premises of Neville Chadwick Photographers on the same site