

Wigston Time Lines



This is a living and growing list relating to the changes in Wigston Magna and South Wigston across the ages. We would ask you to add to this list with additional items and dates. Please pass these to our Chairman on 07711 083227 or via e-mail chairman@wigstonhistoricalsociety.co.uk

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
1790	The Leicestershire and Northamptonshire canal reached the Welford Road. Start of Kilby Bridge hamlet	Welford Road WM
1792	The Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Union Canal at Crow Mills opened	Crow Mills SW
1796	Navigation Inn at Kilby Bridge built to support the "navvies" building the canal	Kilby Bridge
1799	Thomas Burgess born Wigston died 1874	WM
1824	Henry Davis Pochin born Wigston died 1895	WM
1825	Sarah Gilham is the licencee of the Black Swann Kilby Bridge	Kilby Bridge
1825	James Wagstaff is Licencee of Navigation Inn Kilby Bridge	Kilby Bridge
1834	Wigston Hall Built	Long Street WM
1840	Midland Counties Railway comes to South Wigston	SW
1841	Congregational Chapel Built	Long Street WM
1850	Bushloe House Built	Station Road, WM
1854	John Walden is licencee of the Navigation Inn Kilby Bridge	Kilby Bridge
1856	St Wolstans House Built	Oadby Lane WM
1858	Black Swann Public House Kilby Bridge ceased to trade	Kilby Bridge
1862	Great Wigston Working Mens Club opened	Long Street WM
1864	London and North Western Railway line to Rugby opened	SW
1873	Bell Street Infants School Built	Bell Street WM
1873	Bell Street Board School Opened	Bell Street WM
1875	Alonzo Harry Broughton born Wigston died 1954	WM
1878	Charles Moore born in Wigston	WM
1880	Land in Long Street Purchased for £650 for site of Board School	Long Street WM
1882	Welford Road Cemetry opened	Welford Road WM
1882	Start of construction of South Wigston to support railway families	SW
1884	Glen Parva Station opened	SW
1889	"The Great Wigston Gas Act" was given Parliamentary approval	WM
1891	Dunton Street Board School Opened	Dunton Street SW
1892	William Ewart Boulter VC born Wigston died 1955	WM
1893	St Thomas' Church Built	Blaby Road, SW

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1893	St Thomas' Church consecrated	SW
1896	Congregational Chapel built	Blaby Road SW
1897	Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations	Bank WM
1897	Drinking fountain installed on the Bank to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee	Bank WM
1899	Primitive Methodist New School Chapel Stone Laying ceremony 4th November	SW
1900	The Primitive Methodist Chapel opened	Countesthorpe Road SW
1902	Spion Kop' railway bridge opened to replace the level crossing	Station Road, WM
1902	Donald Ross born Wigston died 1980	WM
1902	New Station Buildings opened	Station Road, WM
1903	Dunmore's Buscuit Factory burnt down	Canal Street, SW
1905	6th July Opening Ceremony of St Mary's Catholic Church	SW
1910	Co-Operative Society building on corner of Long Street and Central Avenue was built	Long Street WM
1911	Coronation Day Street Parties	Blaby Road, SW
1912	Crow Mills Railway wooden viaduct was replaced by a brick structure	SW
1920	The Picture House Opened	Blaby Road SW
1921	Opening of Memorial Park	Long Street WM
1929	Old Brickyard chimney toppled	Blaby Road SW
1929	Thornton's Farm purchased by Council to become a public park	SW
1934	Opening of the Magna Cinema	Long Street WM
1937	New Road Bridges built over the canal and the river sence at Welford Road Kilby Bridge	Welford Road WM
1938	New facade for the Picture House and it was re-named "The Ritz"	Blaby Road SW
1941	3 bombs dropped on South Wigston	SW
1946	Lancaster bomber crashed in Wigston	WM
1962	Ashbourne House was pulled down	Blaby Road, SW
1962	South Wigston Station and line closed	SW
1967	The Primitive Methodist Chapel merged with Blaby Road Methodist	Blaby Road
1968	Last Electric vehicle produced by Morrison Electric Factory before their move to Tredegar South Wales	SW
1980	Last film shown at the Ritz cinema. Now called Ritz Bingo	Blaby Road SW
1986	Kilby Bridge Railway Signal Box moved to Butterley Derbyshire	Kilby Bridge
1986	Board School in Long Street Vacated	Long Street WM
1992	Leicestershire & Rutland Records Office Opened to the Public	Long Street WM
1994	Freemans Furniture Shop ceased trading	

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2005	Tesco Store Opened in South Wigston	SW
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