

Rural Round-up

The newsletter linking the parishes of Kirmington, Croxton, Brocklesby, Great Limber, Melton Ross & New Barnetby

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Kirmington 166 Squadron Reunion

In the absence of the annual reunion, a wreath-laying ceremony was held on Sept 5th to remember those



men who lost their lives defending our shores. Thank you, Ian Martiin, for keeping the memorial garden in excellent order. The passage of time and Covid-19 may well put an end

to further reunions, but we trust that, much like Remembrance Sunday, a similar ceremony will occur annually each September at the memorial.

Poppy Appeal.

Social distancing rules mean no poppy collections this year. Please check out www.britishlegion.org.uk and join in with any of the fund raising events or just make



a donation. The shop has some super scarves, sweatshirts and gifts. The 2014 Tower of London WWI Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red exhibit, shown on the left, was "planted" by 21,688 volunteers. A total of

888,246 ceramic poppies progressively filled the Tower's moat July - Nov 2014. Each poppy represented a British military fatality. See calendar on Page 3 for local Remembrance service information.

Photo Irene Harris

In Flanders Fields - *The World's Most Famous WAR MEMORIAL POEM* - Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!



Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders fields.

Composed at the battlefield on May 3, 1915 during the second battle of Ypres, Belgium.

A Christmas Cracker

Trending on social media for some time has been the Four Gift Rule - a brilliant idea from an Australian mum with the novel name of Jypsie. Fed up with just "too much" of everything, she devised this for her children.



Something you want, something you need,
Something to wear, something to read.

Stir Up Sunday



Last Sunday before Advent which is Nov 22nd this year. The name has become associated with the making of

Christmas puddings but, originally, got its name from the Book of Common Prayer collect (prayer) for the day which begins with the words, "Stir up, we beseech thee".

Stop Press - November Lockdown



The announcement from the Prime Minister of a second lockdown will affect the life of our communities and churches. Even though our church buildings will be once more closed the Church continues to offer light and hope especially as we come to the season of Remembrance, as we approach Advent and begin to look towards Christmas. We fully support the need to protect the NHS and to save lives and my prayers are with you all at this time. I will be continuing to lead acts of worship online until we can return to the church building. If you would like to join in the online services, please let me know via email. [Rev Lee. leebbgabel@gmail.com](mailto:leebbgabel@gmail.com).

"I am ready to meet my Maker.

Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter." - Winston Churchill

A Reflection from the Vicar

As I write this, I am preparing to enjoy the new series of *Strictly Come Dancing*. It spans the season of autumn and concludes just in time for the Christmas special. We live our lives around seasons, whether that is TV programmes, the football or cricket season, or school terms etc.

It is the same in the church, the dark solemn autumn season of Advent will move into the season of light – better known as Christmas. It is when we celebrate Christ the light of the world being born in Bethlehem.



One of the great things about the festival of Christmas is how it remembers and celebrates the ordinary folk in the background. The shepherds

on the hillside, the inn keeper and his wife, people just going about their daily business whose lives are suddenly transformed by the birth of Jesus. The local livestock even get a notable mention.

This year has seen the new and unimagined season of lockdown, there was nothing ordinary about this season. And through it we have tried to find new ways of doing things, coping, and trying to get by. It may take a while longer before we can begin to experience a new normal. In Bethlehem life was changed forever and it took a while for this to be realised.

We may be surprised with what 2021 has in store, and I pray that it is something positive. The seasons continue to change, and we move with them. I wish you all happiness in these changing times and seasons, may the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas. *Rev Lee –*

Croxton

St John the Evangelist Church. The new churchyard gate at Croxton is in memory of Rita Blakeborough who lived at Croxton House for many years. She regularly supported the church even when she had moved to



Brigg. Her ashes are buried in the churchyard with her husband. *Wendy Foreman, Churchwarden.*

Kirmington & Croxton Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator required. This is a volunteer post but if you interested in helping safeguard our community, and working with local law enforcement on county and wildlife crime, please contact the Parish Council - enquiries@kirmington-croxton-parishcound.org.uk

Children's Corner



Congratulations to Martha Vickers aged 11 of Kirmington – winner of the September quiz. This issue's is just for fun. Name the tree leaves, insects, and birds.

Answers to both quizzes are on the last page.



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Great Limber



St Peter's Church. Sadly, Covid rules do not allow singing in places of worship so there will NOT be a Carol Service this year. However, for the first time in many years, there WILL be a service on Christmas morning at 9.30am when we will endeavour to make it as Christmassy as possible and listen to music. Also a thank you to those who made us aware of the diseased ash tree (to be removed) and potentially treacherous footpaths. Warning signs are now in place whilst we investigate ways of making them safer. Finally, we wish you a very Happy Christmas and let's hope and pray that 2021 is better than 2020! Keep well & safe. *Maggie Whelpton, Churchwarden.*

Allan Frederick Holden of Brickyard, Limber. June 7th 1927 – Aug 19th 2020. His funeral, led by Rev. Lee Gabel, was held in St. Peter's Church on 8th Sept, followed by burial in the churchyard. He leaves wife Joyce, three sons Pete, Malcom and Andrew and three grandchildren.

On a personal note: We have lived next door to Allan and family since 1994. We were the lucky recipients of regular gifts of home-grown onions and beans, plus boiled sweets. We would also be on the

receiving end of a good telling off when my husband's DIY works got noisy! It cannot be much fun living next door to a builder. He was a good neighbour. Thank you for the memories Allan. Rest in Peace. *Maggie Whelpton.*

Village Clean-Up. On Sat 26th Sept, as part of the Keep Britain Tidy Clean Up, helpers picked litter and tidied up around the village. The phone box Little Library had cobwebs removed, a good wash down and tidy up. Do visit the library - there is a wide range of books for all readers. Borrow one, take one, leave one. Best of all ENJOY! *Rosemary Hoyle*

Kirmington



St Helenas Church Spire Christmas Floodlighting. Covid-19 cancelled all annual fund-raising therefore the Dec. lighting up is in doubt due to the cost of electricity. Yup – you guessed it- the collection box is rattling! We are asking you all to chip in to keep this tradition going – despite Covid. Even if it is only a couple of quid – every little will help. The easiest way is online bank transfer to Santander business account St Helen's Church, Kirmington Sort code 090155 Acc No. 59126700. (**Note:** *Helen's not Helena's.*) Alternatively, put your donation in an envelope addressed to me (Nicky) at 15, East End, Kirmington with your name & "Floodlighting" written on the back. We are also hoping to have a donation box attached to the Nativity scene in the churchyard. Wishing you all a happy covid free Christmas and a healthy 2021. *Nicky l'Angellier, Churchwarden.*

Housing Developments - Ground works for the new houses on Wellington Way; so named in tribute to the Kirmington based Wellington bomber crews of the 142, 150 & 166 Squadrons who lost their lives during WWII between 1942 & 1943.



The proposed development at Manor Farm has, at the time of publication, yet to be determined but work has started on removal of the disused outbuildings.

The Bowls Club. Cllr. R. Hannigan informed the Parish Council that it has been handed back to the Brocklesby Estate and that they have no plans to build on this site. The Estate asked the school if they would like this for a new site, but their budget does not allow. North Lincs Council are now looking into options with the school.

Brocklesby Park Group with Croxton & The Wolds Services

November

1st	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
4 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
8 th	Zoom	10.50	Remembrance Sunday Service
11th	Zoom	09.30	Morning Prayer
15 th	Zoom	10.00	Holy Communion
18th	Zoom	09.30	Morning Prayer
22 nd	Zoom	10.00	Holy Communion
25 th	Zoom	09.30	Morning Prayer
29 th	Zoom	10.00	Holy Communion Advent Sunday

December

2nd	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
6 th	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
9 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
13 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
16 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
20 th	Kirmington	09.30	Holy Communion
	Bigby	11.00	Holy Communion
21 st	Zoom	19.30	Service of Lessons & Carols
23 rd	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
24 th	Barnetby	23.30	Midnight Mass
25 th	Limber	09.30	Holy Communion
27 th	Melton Ross	09.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service

Jan 2021

3 rd	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion

Brocklesby



The 200th anniversary of the Point-to-Point in 2021 has been cancelled due to continued pandemic uncertainty. Hopefully the Country Fair will go ahead later in the year.

Photo – © Baron Halpenny.

Melton Gallows

The famous gallows on the A18 near Barnetby-le-Wold with two possible histories.



1. A long feud, between the de Ros family of Melton Ross and the Tyrwhit family of Kettleby, was curtailed by an order of James I to erect these

gallows. Any deaths from the feud should be treated as murder & the perpetrators hanged

2. Now for the gruesome version! Local legend has it that a group of boys used to play a foolhardy game called “the hanging game” where each player took a turn at hanging themselves from a tree. The winner was the person who could hang from his neck for the longest time before signalling to others to ‘loose the noose’. *[Not recommended that you try it – read on!]* The story goes that when one particular boy took his turn, the Devil suddenly ran past disguised as a three-legged hare. The other boys ran after the hare and forgot all about their poor playmate who was found dead on their return. The gallows, erected in remembrance of the tragic accident, were always to be kept in good repair by the estate owner, the Earl of Yarborough. Now, for all we know, the boy’s story could be true, and the Devil could have shown up in the form of a hare missing a limb. Or the game could have gone drastically wrong and the boys made up a story to get out of trouble.... Let you make your own mind up on that one!

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Brocklesby Estate



Hardwood logs - cut, split and dried, from our own sustainable woodland.

Price update Single load £130; Double load £245; Triple Load £355. Free delivery within a 15 mile radius and generally within a week of order. T. (01469) 560214 – 9am-5pm (Mon to Fri). E. office@brocklesby.co.uk.

Thank you for the food we eat.



For the farmer, market gardener and home gardener 2020 as been a strange one. The wet winter followed by a very dry spring and mixed summer resulted in much

lower yields and a fall in quality. Additionally, early lockdown shortages showed us just how fragile the supply chain can be. The flip side is that hedgerow brambles and sloes appeared plentiful and the wild birds and animals positively thrived during lockdown! We thank all farmers and food growers for keeping calm and carrying on! In the absence of the celebratory harvest festival, we raise a glass (or two) and salute you!

Halloween



Thanks to Mal Maddison and all those who joined in to make the Halloween Pumpkin Trail in Kirmington a success. As I write, children and parents are cheerfully braving the appropriately frightful weather and scary scenes to earn a cone of sweets. (Quarantined since 22nd Oct!) Much as we forget, or perhaps didn't even know, Halloween (All Hallows



Eve) is yet another western Christian festival that has become a fixture in our year. Many believe it hails from Celtic celebrations of harvest, some of which have pagan roots. Dedicated to



remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs and the faithful departed, Halloween is celebrated on Oct. 31st each year on the eve of All Hallows Day.

Latest – The day raised a magnificent £100 for Kirmington School PTA.

Quiz Answers

September. 1. ¾. 2. Paris. 3. Mammal. 4. Pacific. 5. Antarctica. 6. Exodus. 7. Kittens. 8. Evergreens. 9. Boris Johnson. 10. Four. 11. Puffin. 12. Fox.

November. 1. Oak 2. Red Maple 3. Holly 4. Blue Tit 5. Barn Owl 6. Blackbird 7. Red Admiral Butterfly. 8. Hairy Dragonfly 9. Green Shield Bug.

Kirmington St Helena’s Church 100 Club Lottery.

A good stocking filler - only £12 per year. You can join at any time and even buy one a subscription as a gift. Contact Mike & Nicky L’Angellier, 15 East End Kirmington or Angela Thomas, 34, East End, Kirmington.

Month	1 st Prize £10	2 nd Prize £8	3 rd Prize £7	4 th Prize £6	5 th Prize £5.50
Sep '20	B. Spolton	M. Wilford	J. Bridges	H. Nicholls	A Jones
Oct '20	A. Bruford	F. Joyce	Joseph Page	R. Thomas	K. Vickers

“Cleaning up with children around is like shoveling during a blizzard.” – Margaret Culkin Banning