

Rural Round-up

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

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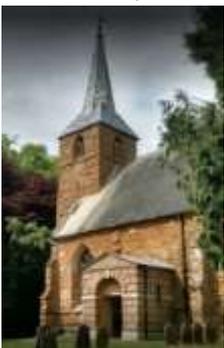
A Single Poppy

In sombre depth of silent wood
A single poppy grew and stood,
Within its flaming petals lay
A purple centre tinged with grey.
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Full many a scarlet poppy stands
In this and many distant lands
But this one bloom, I seemed to see,
Some mystic message held for me.
Leaf bud and blossom, each in turn
With seed case like a funeral urn,
Life's endless circle hour by hour
Resulting in one perfect flower.
Its flaming beauty caught my breath
I looked at life and thought of death.
The present and the past I think
Became connected, link by link.
As I in meditation stood,
I thought of Christ on cross of wood.
The poppies red on Flanders field
The annual glorious harvest yield.
Remembering them, I think as well
Of that secluded silent dell
Where in the shadows, on its own,
A single poppy blooms alone. *Anon*
Contributed by Wendy Foreman, Churchwarden,
Croxton.



Brocklesby

Those commemorated on the War Memorial in Brocklesby Church.



Harold John Barmby, Brocklesby groom. 2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment. Died Oct 1916 aged 30.

John William Butters, 2nd/4th Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment. Died 26th Sept 1917.

George Horsfall, 2nd Bn. Yorkshire Regiment. Died 22nd Mar 1918.

Alfred Skelton, Brocklesby gardener and son of Little Limber

farm bailiff. 6th Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment. Died 14th Feb. aged 19.

James Harold Smith, son of the Brocklesby huntsman. 544th Siege Bty. Royal Garrison Artillery. Died Nov 23rd 1918, aged 19.

Alfred Thomas. Nothing known.

William Joseph Wright, son of William (farm foreman) & Mary Wright of Roxton Farm. 2nd Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment. Died 2nd Dec 1917 aged 27.

Lord Worsley, Charles Sackville Pelham. Lieutenant Royal Horse Guards. Died 30th Oct. 1914 aged 27.

Photo of All Saints Church Brocklesby @Steve Haith.
Article by Clarissa Turner.

Christmas Message 2021

It is always a pleasure to be involved with our schools. Our schools in Barnetby and Kirmington know the importance of values. Christian values are part of our school's foundation. What values would we place on Christmas? Patience perhaps, or kindness? We have to patiently wait for things, whether that is waiting to open presents on Christmas morning, or having to be patient with friends and family as we wait for them to arrive for Christmas dinner? The list is potentially endless, and there will be moment when we need to show kindness to one another.

How about the values of: joy, eagerness, perseverance, obedience, and peace? Yes, we can experience joy at Christmas, we can be joyful for ourselves and for others in a time of giving and receiving. We persevere with our plans and preparations and the busyness of the season. We become obedient to the traditions that have been built around us. And most importantly we hope for peace, not just a moment of peace in our lives but for the peace that is offered us through the birth of the Son of God. The incarnation offers humanity peace, light and hope in a dark time of year.

I wish you all a merry Christmas. May the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas. *Rev Lee.*

Here's looking at you



Photo taken in the Shetland Isles. Not quite in the local area but a delightful picture and worth sharing.

“Worrying is like paying a debt you don't owe.” – **Mark Twain**

Brocklesby Park Group with Croxton & The Wolds Services - please contact Rev Lee for Zoom log on details. T. 01652 680414, leebbgabel@gmail.com

Nov 2021

3 rd	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
7 th	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
10 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
13 th	Kirmington	10.45	Remembrance
14 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
17 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
21 st	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Bigby	11.00	Holy Communion
24 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
28 th	Melton Ross	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service

Dec 2021

1 st	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
5 th	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	3pm	Carol concert
6 th	Kirmington	6pm	Carols & switching on the spire lights
7 th	Kirmington	6pm	School Carol service
8 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
12 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Limber	5pm	Carol concert
15 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
16 th	Kirmington	am	School Nativity
	Barnetby	pm	School Nativity
19 th	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Bigby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Bigby	6pm	Carol concert
22 nd	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
24 nd	Kirmington	4pm	Christmas Eve Carols
25 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion
26 th	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion – Joint Benefice
29 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer

Jan 2022

2 nd	Brocklesby	9.30	Holy Communion
	Somerby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Family Service

Children's Corner

A big thank you to the children of Kirmington School who delivered Harvest gifts to the village pensioners on behalf of all Pupils, Staff, and Friends. A very kind gesture and appreciated.



A few Christmas Cracker Riddles. to ask your friends and family.

- 1 What did the stamp say to the Christmas card? Stick with me and we'll go places!
- 2 Why couldn't the pony sing? Because it was a little horse.
- 3 Who do Santa's helpers call when they're ill? The National Elf Service!
- 4 What does a spider's bride wear? A webbing dress.
- 5 Where do you learn to make banana splits? At sundae school.
- 6 Why was the snowman looking through the carrots? He was picking his nose!
- 7 How does the ocean say hello? It waves.
- 8 Why did the computer go to the doctor? It had a virus.
- 9 What did one eye say to the other? Don't look now, but something between us smells.
- 10 What type of key do you need for a Nativity play? A don-key!

Church Donation information

St John's Croxton. Contact Wendy or Patrick Forman (Treasurer) on 01652 688799.

Church of the Ascension Melton Ross. Barclays Sort Code 20-98-98, Acc. No. 53279057 or drop into Christine Wood, Churchwarden at the Schoolhouse chriswood2@hotmail.com

St Helena's Kirmington. Santander business account St Helen's Church, Kirmington Sort code 090155 Acc. No. 59126700. (Note: Helen's not Helena's.) or drop into Gill Lancaster at Church Farm.

St Peter's, Great Limber Drop into Maggie Whelpton or Treasurer John Hoyle. Call John on 01469 561071 for bank information.

Chuckle!

Theology explained by children.

The 7th commandment is 'Thou shalt not admit adultery.'

Solomon has 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Reality checks!

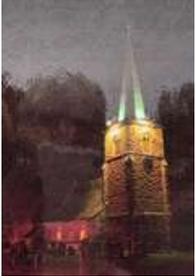
Wife: "Hey, look at me – I can still get into this after 25 years!"

Husband: "It's a scarf."



Kirmington

The inaugural meeting of Kirmington History Club was held at Kirmington House on Mon 4th Oct 2021. Julie Sowerby took the chair and William kindly delivered refreshments. It was a fascinating and informative evening. If anyone has stories, old newspaper cuttings, photos of the local area that would interest the group please let Julie know. T. 01652 688334



Coffee Break Praise is held at St Helena's on the first Tuesday of every month @10.30 am.

St Helena's Annual lighting up of the spire for Christmas will take place on Dec 6th @ 6 pm. Once again, we are asking you to dig into your pockets, piggy bank, sofa, and mattresses to

help pay for the electricity. 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, place your donation in the collection box in the Marrowbone or put in an envelope (name and "Floodlighting" written on it) and drop into Gill Lancaster at Church Farm. The response last year was tremendous (thank you) so let's keep the tradition.

Christmas Eve Torchlight Stroll. It is hoped that on completion of the Kirmington Church Carol service on Christmas Eve many villagers will again join us on a torchlight stroll around the village. Final details will be posted onto the Kirmington Facebook page nearer the time. Everyone welcome!

Santa will be coming to Kirmington on Sunday 19th December 2021 and will follow the procedure as last year. Croxton children to wait near the bowling green gate at 13:15. Kirmington children to stand at the edge of their property to await Santa's arrival. Commencing at 13:25, the route will be as follows: High Street, Gravel Pit Lane, Main Street, Limber Road, East End, Post Office Lane. Any queries, please contact Anita Green at 20 High Street. Please note, the event is only for Kirmington & Croxton children.

L'Angelier Update. Greenhouse base down! A neighbour's mother, who occupies their granny flat, used to live in Barton and teach at Cleethorpes! It's a small world. Happy Christmas and a healthy 2022 to all. *Nicky & Mike*

Norma Acum. It is with sadness that Kirmington learned of the death on Oct 12th of Mrs Acum – infant teacher at Kirmington School from 1966-1993. Norma provided all her charges with the foundations of reading, writing and arithmetic, as well as telling the time,



tying shoelaces, hanging coats up and all those disciplines required to prepare them for life in the big wide world. Not to mention the trepidations of going up to the juniors headed by Mr Acum! She excelled at giving pupils the confidence to take part in the annual Brigg Speech & Drama Festival - quite a scary experience for 5-year-olds! They responded with a success rate that made Kirmington school the one to beat Remember the weekly spelling tests and the gentle, pay attention tap on the head with a Bic biro? What parent dared to argue on hearing the words "But, Mrs Acum says.....". Many pupils and parents are forever in her debt. Thoughts and prayers are with Bert, Gillian, Gavin and grandchildren. Funeral: Caistor Parish Church, 9th Nov 2021 @2pm

Great Limber

Joyce Holden departed this life, on 21st Sept 2021.



Beloved wife of the late Allan, & mother to Peter, Malcolm & Andrew. Her funeral on 14th Oct, attended by close family and friends, was followed by internment in the churchyard where she joined her husband. Sadly, son Malcolm was unable to attend after testing positive for covid after a spell in hospital. On a

personal note, Joyce was our neighbour for many years: I knew her as one of the sweetest, loveliest ladies ever. Rest in Peace Joyce.

Harvest Thanksgiving. This service was held at 9.30am on Oct 3rd. The church was beautifully decorated by our flower team who had been given financial donations via an appeal at the Village Stores. Some of those funds have been kept back for Christmas decorating. Joyce Pucey and her flower team would like to offer their heartfelt thanks to those who donated.

Christmas Carol Service will be held on Sunday Dec 12th @ 5pm. It is part of our ongoing 'Music at St. Peter's' and will have the Barnetby Silver Band as the musical lead. This should be a wonderful event followed by mince pies and mulled wine. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lydian Concert. Last but by no means least, huge thanks go to John and Rosie Hoyle who organised the very successful Lydian Choir Concert which was finally held on Sept 25th after several pandemic postponements. It was an outstanding evening of musical prowess, excellent food and wine. It was well attended raising at least £541 for our depleted church funds. Also thank you to Sarah Hunter for stepping in at the last minute to help with catering.

Thank you to everyone who supports our beautiful village church with their work, attendance and

donations. Due to your support we hope to keep St. Peter's continuing as a Community Church for as long as possible. *Maggie Whelpton, Churchwarden*

The Parish Council are busy working on a local history project which should see fabulous interpretation boards spring up in the conservation area of the village forming a heritage trail. There are many listed buildings in Great Limber but my favourite has to be the telephone box (now our much loved Little Free Library). The telephone box is a K6 type designed in 1935 by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott who designed many iconic buildings including Battersea Power Station. *Rosemary Hoyle*

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*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy, Healthy New Year*

Kirmington St Helena's Church 100 Club Lottery.

Only £12 per year to enter the draw. Half the money is for the preservation of the church and half is distributed in prizes every month. Contact Angela Thomas, 34, East End, Kirmington. T. 01652688154. Due to late submission/collection of subscriptions, September and October lotteries have yet to be drawn and results will be notified in the next issue. Thank you to all those who continue to subscribe.

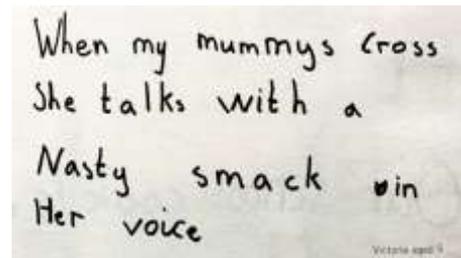
"The surest sign that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe is that it has never tried to contact us."

Bill Watterson

More children's words of wisdom

More from Nanette Newman's books.

I think Victoria's mother gets her message across!



Kirmo Blues

A recently formed band comprising of local musicians (including Rev Lee) provided entertainment at Brigg Saturday Market on Oct 18th. They were sketched by local artist Dominique Driver and her verdict was "Watch this band...they're amazing!!". Her sketch is pretty good too and can be found on her Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/DominiqueDriverArtist/photos/pcb.397797888740404/397797832073743/>



Their next gig is at St Barnabas Church, Barnetby on Nov 12th at 7.30pm in aid of FOBS and Kirmington PTFA. Donations at the door.