

# Rural Round-up

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

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## Great Limber



In the Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan (2017) villagers ranked St Peter's Church joint third (with the pub!) in the list of features of Great Limber that meant most to them – 1<sup>st</sup> was the 'village' as a whole and 2<sup>nd</sup> the pond. The village church holds a special place at the centre of the village in communities but for rural churches it is becoming more difficult to ensure they stay in well maintained order, open, active, and viable for all the important community and life events in which they play a part. The reality is stark for rural churches but at St Peters we are very aware of our responsibilities and are determined to maintain a Christian presence at the heart of the community. Last year saw our successful *Music at St Peter's* events launched (even if Covid caused us issues) and we have more ideas planned. We would ask you all to make a diary note for the month of May when a series of events and fundraising initiatives will be taking place. Lots more information will be circulated in due course but for now we just ask that you remember - **'May' we support our village church!** Rosemary Hoyle

## Croxton



In the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Cooper family have, for many years, been staunch supporters and wardens of St John's at Croxton and St Nicholas, Ulceby. Mark Cooper, and his son William Wasney were keen bellringers at St Nicholas, Ulceby. They were farmers at Croxton Grange (aka Coldharbour), owned by the Church and Brocklesby Estate's Chase Farm, as well as butchers at Newmarket House Ulceby. They reared and fattened stock on land acquired after the 1833 Enclosure award on Westfield, Brigg Road, Ulceby. That piece of land is still in the family in today. William married Harriet Feirn, a local farmer's daughter in 1866 and had one child, George Mark, known as Mark after his grandfather. Kelly's Directory has them living at

Croxton Grange (also known as Coldharbour) in 1905. Young Mark, a keen horseman, followed the Brocklesby hounds and rode in Point-to-Points. He married Mary Elizabeth Savage, daughter of Thomas Savage, draper and strict Methodist preacher from Grimsby. Mary's family did not approve of the match, so a quiet service was, by special licence, held at St John's Croxton. After the ceremony, they left by pony and trap for Brocklesby Station where they caught the train to London for their honeymoon. Mary remained loyal to the Methodist church throughout her life. Grandfather Mark Cooper planted a cover near Chase Farm, Ulceby and the Brocklesby Estate named it after him. In 1915, William and Mark decided to purchase their own farm and moved to Manor Farm, Owmbly. *Wendy Forman, Churchwarden.*

## Reflection

As I sit writing this reflection the storms have not long since passed and there are flood warnings for much of the country. Many have suffered damage to property and possessions and the clean-up process is in place. However, the situation with Covid-19 looks to be improving considerably. I am sure we are all looking forward to a return to pre-pandemic life. Lockdown gave us the opportunity to show support for others and community spirit in a different way, perhaps the challenge to us now is to continue that without Covid restrictions? Our churches, shops, pubs, schools and many other places are places where we can share in our communities. And it is to the schools that I am praying for today. Our schools need community support especially in valuable roles such as School Governor. If interested in speaking to someone with regards to being a School Governor, please contact [nadine.dunthorpe@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:nadine.dunthorpe@northlincs.gov.uk) 01724 297192. We will soon be preparing to celebrate Easter. Easter is the time when through the cross and resurrection of Christ a new beginning and a new life in Christ is celebrated. I look forward to celebrating Easter with our schools and communities in the exciting days ahead. In the meantime, Lent gives us the perfect opportunity to reflect and ponder, how can we join in with and enjoy this new life? *Blessings, Rev Lee*

"When you reach the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on." -Franklin D. Roosevelt

## Brocklesby Park Group with Croxton & The Wolds Services

- please contact Rev Lee for Zoom log on details. T. 01652 680414, [leebbgabel@gmail.com](mailto:leebbgabel@gmail.com)

### Mar 2022

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
	Barnetby	19.00	Ash Wed with ashing
6 <sup>th</sup>	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
13 <sup>th</sup>	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
16 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
20 <sup>th</sup>	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Bigby	11.00	Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
24 <sup>th</sup>	Elsham	11.00	Family Service (lay led)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Melton Ross	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer

### April 2022

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Melton Ross	15.00	Stations of the Cross
6 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
10 <sup>th</sup>	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
13 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
14 <sup>th</sup>	Limber	19.00	Maundy Thursday
15 <sup>th</sup>	Barnetby	14.30	Good Friday
17 <sup>th</sup>	Kirmington	9.30	Easter Sunday
	Bigby	11.00	Holy Communion
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	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
4 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer

“In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on.” -Robert Frost

## Children's Corner

Do not forget Mothering Sunday on 27<sup>th</sup> March. The day when you take care of your Mum rather than the other way round! In the meantime, have a go at this **Easter Quiz**.

1. On average, how many easter eggs do children get each year – 1 or 4 or 8?
2. Who betrayed Jesus to the Romans?
3. What is the name of the game where you go searching for Easter eggs and collect them in a basket?
4. What is the name of a fancy hat that is worn at Easter?
5. What type of newly hatched bird is a symbol of Easter?
6. True or false, Easter begins of the Sunday before Good Friday?
7. Good Friday honours the day that Jesus was a) Baptised b) Resurrected c) Crucified?
8. Easter falls on the same date every year?
9. Unscramble the following letters to reveal the and Easter gift - TSAERE GSEG.
10. Who found Jesus's tomb empty on Easter Sunday?

## Chuckle!

The Victorians had wonderful health remedies. Try this one for burns - “liberally apply cow dung to the affected area.” I think finding the cow dung would be the problem nowadays! My favourite is this: - “According to doctors, a good way to fight off general illness is to take a ‘healthy’ dose of either mercury, arsenic, iron or phosphorous. If one has a strong heart, mix all together. If all medicinal concoctions fail, the next best thing is to pray!!” *With thanks to Constance Moore's booklet – Hints on Health from the Victorians.*



## Dates for your diary

1<sup>st</sup> March – Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Day  
 2<sup>nd</sup> March Ash Wednesday  
 March 5<sup>th</sup> will see the Brocklesby Point-to-Point in action once again. First race 12 noon.  
 March 15-18<sup>th</sup> Cheltenham NH Festival  
 March 27<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday  
 April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Oxford/Cambridge Boat Race  
 April 9<sup>th</sup> Aintree Grand National  
 April 14<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday  
 April 15<sup>th</sup> Good Friday  
 April 17<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

## Mothering Sunday

Is a day honouring mothers and mother churches (the church where you were baptised) celebrated in the UK on the fourth Sunday of Lent. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, people used to return for a service to their 'mother church' – their parish church or cathedral of the area. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering". Whether this term preceded the observance of Mothering Sunday is unclear. In later times, 'Mothering Sunday' became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather, since on other days they were prevented by conflicting working hours, and servants were not given free days on other occasions. Children and young people who were also given a day off on that date so they could visit their families would pick wildflowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers. Whilst much of the population will be celebrating up and down the land, this poem is for all those whose mother is no longer with them.

### MOTHER

You can only have one mother  
 Patient, kind and true.  
 No other Friend in all the world  
 Will be the same as you.  
 When other friends forsake you  
 To Mother you will return  
 For all her loving kindness  
 She asks nothing in return.  
 As we look upon her picture  
 Sweet memories we recall,  
 Of a face so full of sunshine  
 And a smile for one and all.  
 Sweet Jesus take this message  
 To dear Mother up above.  
 Tell her how we miss her  
 And give her all our love.

## Kirmington

**Easter Suda Service** on 17<sup>th</sup> April is at St Helena's this year. Volunteers required to help give the old girl a bit of a spring clean. Date to be confirmed on facebook and posted on notice board in church yard.



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

**Snowdrops** are the harbingers of spring. This photograph from the verge next to Ransom Court bus shelter.



**Kirmington History** club are in the process of drawing together a history of the village and

surrounding area. Please let us know if you have any old photos/stories/artefacts/newspaper cuttings etc that you think may interest us. We will make a copy or photograph and add to the collection which, at some time in the future, will be on display in the church for all to see. Please contact Irene Harris on [kcbeditor.com](http://kcbeditor.com) or give Julie Sowerby a call on 01652 688334.

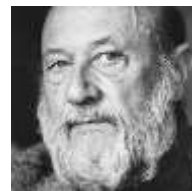
**The Queens' Jubilee Celebrations.** The Parish Council want your ideas on how the villages of Croxton & Kirmington can best celebrate this remarkable event. Please come along to the meeting at the Marrowbone on Thurs March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6.30 pm to put them forward. If you are not able to attend, please email your suggestions to the Parish Council via their website.



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## Donald Pleasence

A renowned English actor, Pleasence (1919-1995) was born in Worksop, Notts to strict Methodist parents. Early years were spent in the village of Grimoldby, Louth. His father was a station-master who seemed to have moved around as Donald was educated at Crosby Junior School, Scunthorpe and Ecclesfield Grammar in Sheffield. Leaving school to work as a clerk at Swinton Station lost its appeal after a few years and he decided to become an actor, taking a placement with the Jersey Repertory Company in 1939. In December 1939, Pleasence registered as a conscientious objector, but changed his mind after the Luftwaffe attacks on London. He served as aircraft wireless-operator with 166 Squadron at Kirmington with which he flew almost sixty raids over occupied Europe. On 31 August 1944, his Lancaster NE112 was



shot down during an attack on Agenville. He was captured and imprisoned in the German prisoner-of-war camp Stalag Luft I where he produced, and acted, in many plays for the entertainment of his fellow captives. After the war and his release in 1946, he went back to the theatre. His acting credits are too many to mention here but the most notable are reliving his experience as prisoner of war Flt Lt Colin Blythe, in the Great Escape (1963) and the villain Ernst Stavro Blofeld, in the 1967 Bond film You Only Live Twice. Sourced from the Internet

### 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 chrissiewood2@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.

### Post Pandemic



### Useful Contact information

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**Great Limber Village Stores:** 01469 560233

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### 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. Thank you to all those who continue to subscribe.

Month	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize £10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize £8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize £6	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize £5	5 <sup>th</sup> Prize £3.50
Jan 2022	H. Brunskill	M. Willis	P. Forman	K. Vickers	R. Thomas
Feb 2022	A. Thomas	J. Deans	F. Joyce	J. Smith	M. Joyce

### Quiz Answers

- 8 (worryingly!).
- Judas Iscariot
- Easter Egg Hunt.
- Easter Bonnet.
- Chick or Chicken.
- False. Easter Week starts on Easter Sunday. (Holy Week begins on the Sunday before Good Friday – Palm Sunday).
- Crucified.
- No.
- EASTER EGGS.
- Mary Magdalene.

“A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures for anything” – *Irish Proverb*