

# Rural Round-up

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

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## Operation Manna

I was privileged to see the tribute Kirmington schoolchildren have created to 166 Sqn and their



participation, as part of Bomber Command, in dropping relief to the starving Dutch people in 1945. WWII had seen many starve to death and others only survived by eating flower bulbs.



Photos: Rev Lee Gabel.

During the operation, Bomber Command delivered 6,680 tons of food. Flight crew were more than happy to use their skills to deliver their payload from a height of 100ft, rather than 15,000ft. The painting above the screen hangs in St Helena's in memory of the Squadron. Every year on Armistice Day we

remember the dead of all our armed forces who sacrificed their lives to protect our country and its people. Please join me Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> in honouring them. Blessings Rev Lee



## Family Quiz

The earlier dark nights are with us once again so, if you have nothing else better to do, have a go at these general knowledge questions. Answers on the back page. A total of 26 points to be gained.

1. Whose birthday do we celebrate at Christmas?
2. What is the name of Buddy's human dad in the film Buddy the Elf?
3. What 3 things does Kevin use to keep the burglars out in Home Alone? (3 points)
4. In the 12 days of Christmas, how many geese-a-laying?
5. Who sings first in Band Aid's "Do they Know It's Christmas"?
6. What Christmas song was broadcasted from space in 1965?
7. What are the names of the actors who play Harry Potter, Hermione Grainger & Rupert Grint in the films? (A point for each)
8. In what year was the first Harry Potter film released?
9. Where was Guy Fawkes born?
10. In what year were artificial poppies first sold in Britain in memory of the dead in WW1?
11. In which continent are Ecuador, Brazil and Chile?
12. What was the name of the mission that took men to the moon in 1969?
13. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed on the moon but what was the name of the astronaut who stayed in the command module?
14. What is the difference between an astronaut and a cosmonaut?
15. In what month this year did Russia invade the Ukraine?
16. In the human body, where would you find the Islets of Langerhans?
17. What is their function?
18. Where and in what year will the next summer Olympics be held?
19. Where and when will the next winter Olympics be held?
20. If you were running a race and you passed the person in second place, in what place would you be?

**"Have no fear of perfection, you'll never reach it" - Salvador Dalí**

## Great Limber



**We have an exciting event** coming up. Our Carol Service has the Barnetby Silver Band providing the music so this should be a wonderful event. Last year we had to cancel this event at the last minute due to Covid restrictions so put the date in your diary. **Sunday December 11th at 5pm.** Our church is suffering the challenges of chafer bugs and wildlife in the churchyard.

The church building suffers from water ingress: a leak has developed at the back and the carpet around the font is damaged together with areas of the wall and arch. Our challenge is 'How to pay for repairs'. We have limited funds available so we have a difficult choice of either using up those funds or allowing the building to deteriorate so we can continue to pay our usual bills (the biggest of which is our Parish Share). The small congregation and Church Council alone cannot support the cost of upkeep so..... Please, please support your church and the fundraising efforts that are made. **We look forward to seeing you at the Carol Service.** *Maggie Whelpton (Churchwarden)*

**Our month of May coffee mornings** each Wednesday and the collection box at the Village Stores organised by Joyce & Janet raised £112. Thank you everyone. We know these are tough times but, even before the current energy crisis, it cost £15 a day to keep our beautiful Grade 1 listed St Peter's open and active at the heart of the community. A sustainable financial future must be secured if it is to be there open and available for generations to come. If you fe Richard Littlejohn aka Richard Harris. Both are/were absolutely right!

el you could make a regular monthly contribution, however small, to the church funds you can use the 'Parish Giving' website (website address below). Here you can quickly and easily sign up for a monthly donation however small – it all helps. For example, if 10 people pledge £10 a month that's an extra £1200 a year! This will also enable 25p for every £1 you donate to be added automatically as gift aid (a significant bonus contribution).

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/> - Search for Great Limber in the 'Parish Name' box. If you need any help or want to talk more about this contact *John Hoyle 01469 561071*

## Brocklesby Park Group with Croxton & The Wolds Services - contact Rev Lee for Zoom log on. T. 01652 680414, [leebbgabel@gmail.com](mailto:leebbgabel@gmail.com).

### Nov 2022

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion
6 <sup>th</sup>	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
9 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
11 <sup>th</sup>	Kirmington	10.45	School Armistice Day Service
12 <sup>th</sup>	Kirmington	10.45	Remembrance Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Family Service
	Barnetby	13.45	Remembrance @ Cenotaph, church service afterwards
16 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
20 <sup>th</sup>	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
27 <sup>th</sup>	Melton	9.30	Holy Communion – Ross
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy communion
30 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer

### Dec 2022

4 <sup>th</sup>	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	3pm	Barnetby Silver Band Carol Concert
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kirmington	6pm	Lighting up of St Helena's Spire
7 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
11 <sup>th</sup>	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Family Service
	Limber	5pm	Barnetby Silver Band Carol Concert
12 <sup>th</sup>	Kirmington	6pm	School Carol Concert
14 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
15 <sup>th</sup>	Barnetby	T.B.A.	School Carol Concert
17 <sup>th</sup>	Kirmington	4pm	Nativity Play & Carols
18 <sup>th</sup>	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Bigby	T.B.A.	Barnetby Silver Band Carol Concert

21 <sup>st</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
24 <sup>th</sup>	Barnetby	4pm	Carols w. Christingle
	Elsham	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass of the Nativity.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Melton	9.30	Holy Communion –
	Ross		
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer

**Jan 2023**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Limber	9.30	Group Benefice Holy Communion
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**Kirmington**

St Helena's would like to thank everyone who attended the 166 Sqn/Harvest Festival weekend. The Battle of Britain Memorial Flight flypast and Immingham Air Cadets were stood down in honour of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, but Rev Lee held a brief service before the laying of wreaths followed by a catch up over drinks and cakes provided by the lovely ladies of Kirmington. Also a thank you to all those who decorated St Helena's for the Harvest Festival. It was a welcoming sight and a lovely backdrop for the History Club's "Kirmington



Now and Then" display which was well received. £277 was raised over the weekend. The display has been taken down and is now in a folder for anyone to browse through at home. If you would like to borrow it, contact me Irene Harris, 2, Orchard Lane, Kirmington. T. 01652 680660 E. [kcbeditor@outlook.com](mailto:kcbeditor@outlook.com).

**Please come** along and join in with the Remembrance Day dedication on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10.45 and the laying of wreaths afterwards at the War Memorial.

**Art & Craft Classes**

St Helena's Kirmington

10am – 12 noon, every Monday

Please call Kate King on 01652 680293 for more information.

**It is that time of year again!** The 2022 Christmas Lighting up of St Helena's spire is on Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec @6pm. On the evening we are having a bit of a do in the church with craft and cake stalls. We will be holding the usual raffles during the whole of December to help pay for the electricity! 😊

**Christmas Carols with the Nativity play** by the children are on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. @ 4pm. We are looking for children to take part so please let Julie Welman (01652 688795) know. It is great fun and there will be drinks and a few nibbles afterwards.

**Kirmington 100 Club Lottery**  
**Annual Subscriptions Now Overdue!**  
**Ideal Stocking Filler – it could be the gift that keeps on giving!**

**Only £12 per year** to enter the draw. Half for preservation of St Helena's and half distributed in prizes every month. Please place your subscription in an envelope with your contact details and pop through the letter box at 34, East End, Kirmington. For more information, contact Angie Thomas T. 01652688154.

**The Commonwealth War Grave** is noted on the church gates but quite a few people have asked its whereabouts in the churchyard. It is located about halfway up the main approach to the church on the right. Sadly the lead is falling out of the lettering and the Commission inform there is no provision for upkeep.



N. K. HODSON, private, 11 Bn. Training Reserve, died 15 April 1917. This was "Norman Kenneth HODSON," born Kirmington, LIN, son of Joseph Bennett HODSON and Emily HODSON. He was found in Kirmington in the 1901 census, age 2, and in 1911, same place, age 12. His birth was registered in 1898 at Glanford Brigg Road. Irene Harris, 2, Orchard Lane, Kirmington. T. 01652 680660 E. [kcbeditor@outlook.com](mailto:kcbeditor@outlook.com).

Wife: "What are you doing today?"  
 Husband: "Nothing."  
 Wife: "You did that yesterday."  
 Husband: "I wasn't finished."



### 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

### Useful Contact information

**Rev. Lee Gabel:** 01652 680414, [leebbgabel@gmail.com](mailto:leebbgabel@gmail.com),

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**Keelby Surgery (Roxton Practice):** 01469 572058

**NHS direct Helpline:** 111

**Great Limber Village Stores:** 01469 560233

**Marrowbone & Cleaver:** 01652 688335 [enquiries@marrowboneandcleaver.com](mailto:enquiries@marrowboneandcleaver.com)

**Kirmington C of E School:** 01652 688451, [admin.kirmington@northlincs.gov.uk](mailto:admin.kirmington@northlincs.gov.uk)

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**Croxton House B & B** 01652 688306 [info@croxton-house.co.uk](mailto:info@croxton-house.co.uk)

**Little Brocklesby House** 01469 560784

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### "Litter says a lot about you"

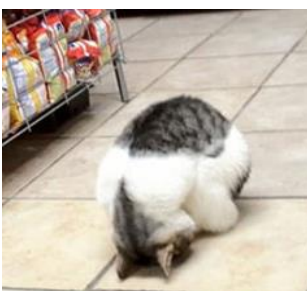


Hats off to Toronto, Canada for their imaginative litter lout campaign.



### Quiz Answers

1. Jesus. 2. Walter. 3. Paint cans, a blow torch and his pet spider. 4. Six. 5. Paul Young. 6. Jingle Bells. 7. Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Ron Weasley. 8. 2001. 9. York. 10. 1921. Poppies thrived on the churned-up battlefields of the Western Front in Europe and were the inspiration for surgeon John McCrae's poem "In Flanders Fields." Selling artificial poppies proved so popular in 1921 that the British Legion founded a factory in 1922 to make them. It was, and still is, staffed by disabled ex-service men and women. 11. South America. 12. Apollo 11. 13. Michael Collins. 14. All space travellers are Astronauts, but Russian space travellers are called Cosmonauts. 15. Invasion on February 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 but hostilities started in 2014. 16. Pancreas. 17. They are endocrine cells that produce insulin that help control levels of sugar in the blood. Malfunction causes diabetes. 18. Paris, France, 2024. 19. Milano Cortina, Italy, 2026. 20. Second.

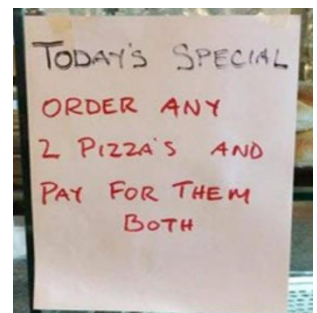


### The Art of Taking a Nap & A Sign of the Times

### Stop Press

**\*\* Kirmington Santa Sunday \*\***

Leaving on 18th December 2022 from the driveway of 20 High Street. All children who have been registered with Anita will receive a gift from Santa. To reduce the period of time that families are stood around in the cold, you will be invited a street at a time as listed below; 13:15 - Croxton 13:30 - High Street 13:45 - Gravel Pit Lane 14:00 - Main Street & Wellington Grove 14:15 - Limber Road 14:30 - East End & Post Office Lane.



" I don't know how to act my age. I have never been this old before" - Anon