

Rural Round-up

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

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Reflection Jan – Feb 2023

Being the incumbent of a benefice with nine churches it is perhaps little surprise how much time is spent caring for these ancient buildings. It is a common issue among clergy nowadays. The Vicar of Farringdon in Hampshire, Rev. Thomas Massey had a phobia of photography. He even resorted to setting up a screen in church so that anyone sneaking a camera into church would not be able to photograph the Rev. This wasn't all, he developed a habit of throwing coins at the local children. This obviously didn't go down well and on more than one occasion he was pushed into local ditches. What Rev Massey is famous for though



is 'Massey's Folly'. A huge edifice that he insisted on doing much of the building work himself. The progress was slow, and plans were changed regularly. Massey became

completely absorbed in the building project and pretty much neglected all the other parish responsibilities for over 50 years. When Massey died the building was still under construction, it became a working men's club, a nurse school, a cabaret venue and has now been converted to flats. Massey claimed the original intention of the building was to be a tearoom, with a red globe on top that would turn green when the tea was brewed.

Why did Rev Massey begin this project? Some say it was to impress a woman, others so that it would put Farringdon on the map – perhaps it was just a distraction from parish ministry? Thankfully we do not have such a problem here, but it shows how time consuming the upkeep of our church buildings are. They need volunteers, repairs, maintenance, and eyes on the regulations. I am always grateful to those who give of their resources to keep our church buildings alive and functioning. And, of course, you are all very welcome to come inside. *Blessings, Rev. Lee.*

Family Quiz

Answers on the back page. Twenty-three points on offer

1. On what date is Burns night celebrated each year?
2. Three years ago the first cases of Covid-19 in England were confirmed. What was the actual date and in what city? (Point for each)
3. Who stars as Joseph in the film of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat?
4. Who is the President of the Ukraine? (Surname will do and an extra point if you can spell it without looking up!)
5. On what date did Queen Elizabeth II die?
6. Where was she laid to rest.
7. How many days did Liz Truss serve as Prime Minister?
8. Singleton Birch quarries at Melton Ross were sold in Sept 2022. Who are the new owners?
9. Which country won rugby's Triple Crown in 2022 era?
10. Name the horse who won the 2022 Grand National and at what odds? (A point for each.)
11. How many UK parliament Education Secretaries were there been in 2022?
12. Name the sabre-tooth cat in the Ice Age films?
13. Who won the men's singles Wimbledon title in 2022?
14. What is Winne-the-Pooh's favourite food?
15. Where would you find the iris in the human body?
16. Which Spice girl was awarded an MBE in last year's New Year's Honours?
17. Which celebrity won Strictly Come Dancing in 2022?
18. Which country won the Football World Cup in Qatar 2022?
19. What club does their star player Lionel Messi play for?
20. What has hands and a face but cannot hold anything or smile?

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston S. Churchill

Great Limber

Our Carol Service on the 11th of December was a great success! The Barnetby Silver Band provided the lovely music free of charge. The service was well attended and it was wonderful to see so many people from our village gathered together. The mulled wine and mince pies went down a treat. And importantly money was raised towards the urgent roof

repairs that have had to be carried out.

A big thank you also for those of you who gritted the footpaths which became so slippery during the cold snap we had before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who helps keep our church going, from the flower ladies to the maintenance, keeping the books and fundraising. And to Rev. Lee for being our rector. Wishing each and every one of you a happy and peaceful 2023. *Maggie Whelpton, Churchwarden*



Kirmington

St Helena's thanks all who attended craft afternoon, blessing of the Nativity and lighting up the spire which was followed by carol singing round the tree, ably led by Rev Lee.

Thanks also to all those children and grown-ups who took part in the Nativity "musical" produced by Julie Welman. The audience

was encouraged to join in with the carols but the star turn was the children's rendition of Away in a Manger. A lovely evening that was rounded off with mince pies and mulled wine.



We remember both Marian Wilford of East End Kirmington who died 11th November 2022 and Nev Page of Post Office Lane, Kirmington who died 16th December 2022. Marian's funeral at St Helena's was held on 8th Dec and Nev's memorial service will take place on Monday 16th January @ 1pm after a private cremation. Thoughts are with their families and friends.

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

Jan 2023

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| 1 st | Limber | 11.00 | Group Benefice Holy Communion |
| 4 th | Zoom | 9.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 8 th | Croxton | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| | Elsham | 11.00 | Holy Communion |
| | Barnetby | 11.00 | Family Service |
| 11 th | Zoom | 9.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 15 th | Kirmington | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| | Barnetby | 11.00 | Holy Communion |
| 18 th | Zoom | 9.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 22 ⁿ d | Melton Ross | 9.30 | Holy Communion – |
| | Elsham | 11.00 | Family Service |
| | Barnetby | 11.00 | Holy communion |
| 25 th | Zoom | 9.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 29 th | Brocklesby | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| | Bigby | 11.00 | Holy Communion |

Feb 2023

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| 1 st | Zoom | 9.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 5 th | Limber | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| | Barnetby | 11.00 | Holy Communion |
| 8 th | Zoom | 9.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 12 th | Croxton | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| | Elsham | 11.00 | Holy Communion |
| | Barnetby | 11.00 | Family Service |
| 15 th | Zoom | 9.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 19 th | Kirmington | 9.30 | Holy Communion |
| | Barnetby | 11.00 | Holy Communion |
| 22 ⁿ d | Zoom | 9.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 26 th | Melton Ross | 9.30 | Holy Communion – |
| | Elsham | 11.00 | Family Service |
| | Barnetby | 11.00 | Holy Communion |

Mar 2023

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| 1 st | Zoom | 9.30 | Morning Prayer |
| 5 th | Limber | 9.30 | Holy Communion |

Epiphany

Epiphany is a Christian feast day on Jan 6th each year at the end of Christmastide. In Western Christianity, it commemorates the visit of the Three Wise Men who followed an angel to Bethlehem where Jesus was born. It has also been referred to as Three Kings Day & Little Christmas by both Irish and Amish Christians.

Life is Full of Good Intentions!



Austen Allred
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We DO NOT throw away perfectly good food in this house.

We put the leftovers in Tupperware, put the Tupperware in the fridge, let it go bad, THEN throw it out.

Brain Teaser

What do all these words have in common? The answer is not that they have at least two double letters.

- 1 Banana
- 2 Dresser
- 3 Grammar
- 4 Potato
- 5 Revive
- 6 Uneven
- 7 Assess

Answer. Take the first letter of each word and place at the end of that word. Read the word backwards and it will be the same word. Did you figure it out? Me neither!

Plough Monday

Plough Jag plays were performed on Plough Monday, the first Monday after twelfth night (Epiphany). It isn't known when exactly the Plough Jags started. Villagers in our parishes performed their plays right up until WW1 but they seemed to fade thereafter. Farm labourers were once responsible for the upkeep of the Plough Lights in Churches. Records going back to the 16th century, show that money and goods were collected for the Plough Light in the Church. These Plough Lights are possibly one of the reasons why the Plough Jags were formed but they were also to help the poor who had little or no work over Christmas. Left over money and goods collected were used for a last celebration before the ploughing season began. A procession of all the play's characters moved from village to village. They would walk with a light known as a Largus Lamp. They would yell "Largus" as they

knocked at each house. Then they would offer to perform their play in return for money or goods. People that refused to donate risked having their doorsteps turned over or front gardens ploughed up! This image was taken at East Halton in 1898



Christmas 2023 project!

A novel idea. You will need a Styrofoam cone and patience!



Gardener's Corner

Though the days are short, there is still quite a lot that can be done - raking the last of the leaves, cleaning out gutters and soakaways, cleaning out the shed(s), tool maintenance and servicing the lawnmower. The warm and humid October/November saw rampant growth of the moss in my lawn so it is now receiving a spray of ferrous sulphate (20-25g/litre) every 6 weeks. Scarifying will take place before the first cut in 2023. The terrace flagstones are also in need of a power wash! January and February are mainly the planning months. A couple of seed catalogues have dropped through the letterbox this week so I shall enjoy browsing whilst keeping the fire warm.



That same weather also provided for good fungi growth, and I was lucky enough to find a group of quite rare mushrooms whilst working for the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust - the Violet Webcam or Cortinarius violaceus to give it its Latin name. Never seen a purple mushroom

before! It is mostly found in warmer European countries so could be another sign of climate change. It is edible but I don't think I would like to try it as some of the Cortinarius family are poisonous! It will be interesting to revisit in 2023 to see if they fruit again.

A word of caution when feeding the birds. Do not overfeed and clear the debris underneath your stations every day to help prevent an infestation of rats. Personally, I do not feed unless snow is on the ground or there is a hard frost. Easy food means the birds do not help clear your garden of pests. *Irene Harris - Editor*

Art & Craft classes
St. Helena's Kirmington
10am – 12 noon every Monday
from Feb 6th 2023

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

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Quiz Answers

1. Jan 25th.
2. Jan 31st in York.
3. Donny Osmond
4. Volodymyr Zelensky.
5. Sept 8th, 2022.
6. The chapel at Windsor Castle.
7. 44.
8. American owned Mississippi Lime Company (UK) Ltd.
9. Ireland.
10. Noble Yeats @ 50-1.
11. Five.
12. Diego.
13. Novak Djokovic.
14. Honey.
15. The eye.
16. Scary Spice
17. Melanie Brown.
18. Hamza Yassin.
19. Argentina.
20. Paris St Germain – France.

Nothing quite like Scarborough Rock

This chap, believed to be "Thor" a young adult male, hauled himself up onto Scarborough harbour slipway on Friday night Dec 30th. Must have been a heavy session as he was still sleeping there the following morning! Earlier in the year he was seen near the Isle of Wight and off the French coast. He is one of only three walrus spotted in the last two years. *Photo – Alice Marsh*



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Happy & Healthy
New Year to One and All



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 st Prize £10 | 2 nd Prize £8 | 3 rd Prize £6 | 4 th Prize £5 | 5 th Prize £3.50 |
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| Oct 2022 | J. Nicholls | M. Birtle | J. Joyce | R. Thomas | J. Jackson |
| Nov 2022 | R. Martin | C. Aycliffe | S. Forman | W. Turner | T. Watson |
| Dec 2022 | N. Rutherford | G. Czartowski | N. Page | F. Joyce | G. Lancaster |

"The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary." -Vidal Sassoon