

Rural Round-up

The newsletter linking the parishes of Kirmington, Croxton, Brocklesby,
Great Limber, Melton Ross & New Barnetby
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Reflection Mar-Apr 2023

How are your Lenten fasts going, if at all? More often we take things up for Lent, like reading a certain book, or learning something. Lent is not supposed to be easy but that can mean it is a difficult time of year. Lent's sister season is Advent, two seasons where we wait and prepare for a big moment – Christmas and Easter. The

What are you giving up for Lent?



The difference is that in Advent we reward our waiting with daily treats from an Advent calendar – somehow a Lenten calendar with a daily treat of chocolate seems to be against the point somewhat. In Lent I usually turn to the words of the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He once wrote: ‘Everything we do has consequences. A good deed doesn’t just evaporate and disappear. Its consequences saturate the universe and the goodness that happens somewhere, anywhere, helps in the transfiguration of the ugliness. But also, it is true that a bad deed doesn’t just evaporate and disappear, its consequences saturate the universe too.’ Desmond sees good deeds as a way of strengthening our bond with God.

While you are out there performing your good deeds, you may want to consider volunteering somewhere? Our schools need community support especially in valuable roles such as School Governor. If you would be interested in speaking to someone with regards to being a School Governor, please contact nadine.dunthorpe@northlincs.gov.uk 01724 297192. Good luck and keep going if you have made a decision to give/take up anything for Lent. It is not long until we say, ‘He is risen indeed’, the moment when we celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Easter morning. *Blessings, Rev. Lee.*

Art & Craft Classes
St. Helena's Kirmington
10am – 12 noon every Monday from Feb 6th,
2023. (No church heating so currently being held at
members houses - call Kate King 01652 680293 for
venue)

Melton Ross

Albeit a little late due to Covid, we welcomed 3 little people into the Church of the Holy Ascension at the end of last year. Brothers George and Alfie Coulthurst were christened in August, and Humphry Dale in September.



Sadly, Joyce Capp's funeral service also took place at the end of the year. Thoughts are with her family and friends. *Chrissie Wood – Churchwarden*

Dates for your diary

Mar 14-17 th	Cheltenham Festival
Mar 19 th	Mothering Sunday
Mar 26 th	Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race
Apr 2 nd	Palm Sunday
Apr 6 th	Mandy Thursday
Apr 7 th	Good Friday
Apr 9 th	Easter Sunday
Apr 10 th	Bank Holiday
Apr 15 th	Grand National
Apr 23 rd	London Marathon

Great Limber

St. Peter's Church will be taking part in the West Lindsey Open Churches Festival again this year, on May 20th and 21st. It is lovely to showcase our church, but it is also a good fundraising opportunity. This year we plan to have a plant sale. Any gardeners out there who would like to contribute plants they will be gratefully received. For more details contact me (Maggie) on 07949723254.



Mick Toyne gave a local history talk at The New Inn during January which was well attended and equally well received. The evening ended with a collection for St Peter's which raised £101. Much appreciated and thank you Mick - *Maggie Whelpton, Churchwarden*
I would like to thank to Anthony Lewis who is not only churchwarden, secretary, cleaner and odd job man at St Peter's, but also assists at Brocklesby and Melton Ross churches when no-one else available.
Janet Bridges – Great Limber

"A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit" – *Old Greek Proverb.*

Kirmington

It was almost standing room only at Nev Page’s memorial service. A wonderful tribute to someone who did much for St Helena’s and Kirmington village. Celia, Andrew, Stephen and their families wish to thank all who attended and/or sent letters of condolence. The support was much appreciated.



Advance Notice. The Parish Council are holding a celebration of King Charles III’s Coronation on Sunday May 6th, 2023. It will be a similar format to that held for Queen Elizabeth’s Jubilee. Volunteers to help will be much appreciated. Please contact Steve Taylor: cllr.taylor@kirmington-croxtton-parishcouncil.org.uk



TO A SNOWDROP
William Wordsworth

Lone flower, hemmed in with snows, and white as they
 But hardier far, once more I see thee bend.
 Thy forehead as if fearful to offend,
 Like an unbidden guest. Though day by day
 Storms sallying from the mountain-tops, waylay
 The rising sun, and on the plains descend;
 et art though welcome, welcome as a friend
 Whose zeal outruns his promise! Blue-eyed May
 Shall soon behold this border thickly set
 With bright jonquils, their odours lavishing
 On the soft west-wind and his frolic peers;
 Nor will I then thy modest grace forget,
 Chaste snowdrop, venturesome harbinger of spring,
 And pensive monitor of fleeting years.

Brocklesby Park Group with Croxton & The Wolds Services

Please contact Rev Lee for Zoom log on details. T. 01652 680414, leebbgabel@gmail.com

Mar 2023

1st	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	Morning Prayer
	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 nd	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
26 th	Melton Ross	9.30	Holy Communion –
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy communion
29 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer

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2 nd	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
5 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
6 th	Barnetby	19.00	Maundy Thurs with foot washing
7 th	Barnetby	14.30	At the foot of the Cross service
9 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Family Service
12 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
16 th	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
19 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
23 rd	Melton Ross	9.30	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
26 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
30 th	Brocklesby	9.30	Holy Communion
	Bigby	11.00	Family Service

May 2023

3 rd	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
7 th	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion

The English Language

Let's face it - English is a crazy language.

- There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger.
- Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.
- English muffins weren't invented in England or French fries in France.
- Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that:

- quicksand can work slowly,
- boxing rings are square and
- a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that:

- writers write but fingers don't fing,
- grocers don't groce and
- hammers don't ham?

If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? One goose, 2 geese. One moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices?

- Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?
- If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?
- If a vegetarian eats vegetable, what does a humanitarian eat?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people:

- recite at a play and play at a recital?
- Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which:

your house can burn up as it burns down,

- you fill in a form by filling it out
- an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race, which, of course, is not a race at all!

Editor's Note: Thanks to Janet Bridges of Limber for her contribution to the news sheet. A handwritten note, sent by post, that was a pleasure to receive. Keep well Janet! *Irene*

Spring is just around the corner



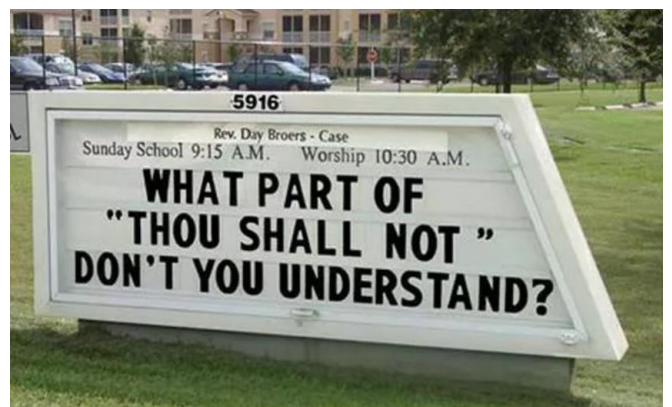
You are never too old to learn a new skill. Volunteers (all retired) laying a hedge at Far Ings. *Photo by Simon Wellock, Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust Warden.*



A sleek, fat shrew that has wintered well and survived the threat of a size 11 boot! *Photo – Nigel Tranter.*

Mother's Day Dedication

What makes you think the Rev. Day Broers-Case is a mother?



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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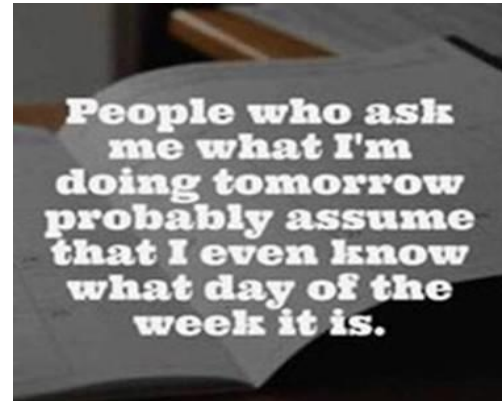
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Chuckle Corner



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
Jan2023	F.A Hackford	T. Pursglove	P. Nicholls	N. Pursglove	A. Birtle
Feb 2023	B. Spotton	D. Winslow	M. Joyce	E. Ward	P. Forman

"People ask me what I'd most appreciate getting for my eighty-seventh birthday. I tell them, a paternity suit."

George Burns