

Rural Round-up

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

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Remembrance "Poppy" Day



WW1. The Grimsby "Chums" led by Lord Heneage at Brocklesby Station. The farm and the Pelham Arms in the background. Pub shut in the 1920's.

On Nov 11th each year we remember those who died serving their country – especially in WW1. Let us not forget those animals who also died. Eight million horses, donkeys and mules died in World War 1, three-quarters of them from the extreme conditions they worked in. General Jack Seely, and his beloved horse Warrior, was renowned for his amazing courage. Their story, Warhorse, has been told in book, film and stage productions. Let us also not forget the dogs and pigeons who were messengers, that cats used to catch rats in the trenches and the canaries used to detect gases. Many soldiers took their pet along with them.

WWII was mechanised but many soldiers and animals refused to be parted from one another. One such pair was Flt Sgt Gordon Topham, standing second from the right in the foreground, and his dog Rex lying just to



the left of him. The inset picture is Rex doing his party trick in front of barracks on Habrough Lane. Both served with 166 Sqn at Kirmington and, if Flt Sgt Topham was on duty, Rex accompanied him on the raid. Whilst in Kirmington, Flt Sgt Topham met and married local girl Ruby Curtis. Ruby's parents had the dairy farm, which was where The Hollies, No. 3 Orchard Lane is situated. Gordon and Ruby's daughter Sue was christened at St Helena's and attends the 166 Sqn Memorial Service each year.

Christmas reflection 2023

If we spend any time watching Christmas themed programmes on TV it is not long until we hear the word "Traditional" used. Traditional is a word that reveals how deeply entrenched the festival is and an annual institution. It produces an immediately understood picture of the way we spend or would like to spend Christmas. The strongest emphases today are perhaps on the family, particularly children. Perhaps good fellowship and charity, and maybe even remembering a child born in Bethlehem. There is built into the festival a strong element of nostalgia. There is a sense with modern Christmases that past Christmases were somehow happier, more enjoyable, and well "more like Christmas should be!". But were the old Christmases better? Nowadays we can hear that we: depend too much on the telly, or that Christmas is just too commercial, let's put the Christ back in Christmas; even. This perhaps highlights one of the more recent Christmas traditions, and one invented by the Victorians, the tradition of claiming that Christmas always used to be better. It is not a new phenomenon: In 1912 a writer in the Times put: 'We have separated very sharply the secular from the sacred part of Christmas'...and the writer 'looked back to the Dickensian Christmas with its high spirits and simple pleasures'. When we look more closely, we see that the Victorians repackaged Christmas. The writers Charles Dickens and Washington Irving helped create an idealised version of Merry Old England rather than any real Christmas. The old Christmas that the Victorians so admired, even though they changed it

"Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom" —Thomas Jefferson

radically, was a result of Christianity's incorporation of existing pagan Winter Festival. The marriage of Christianity and Northern Europe paganism brought us a festival which even today when we open presents in front of the central heating or open fire, we recognise the frailty and resilience of humanity the mystery of trees and lights, the health given through warmth and companionship, and the hope contained in the incarnation. It is that hope, and promise given to us in the incarnation that I put my attention towards. Through the birth of Christ in Bethlehem God gives us God's promise of salvation. Let us celebrate that. *I wish you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year. Rev. Lee*

Brocklesby Park Group Croxton & The Wolds Services

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

Nov 2023

1 st	Zoom	9:30	Morning Prayer
5 th	Limber	9:30	Holy Communion
7 th	Barnetby	19:00	All Souls
8 th	Zoom	9:30	Morning Prayer
10 th	Kirmington	10:45	School Remembrance Service
11 th	Kirmington	10:45	Armistice Day
11 th	Humb'side Airport		Remembrance Services
12 th	Croxton	9:30	Holy Comm BCP
	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
27 th	Elsham	18:00	Carols @ Village Hall
	Elsham	11:00	Family Service
	Barnetby	11:00	Holy Communion
29 th	Zoom	9:30	Morning Prayer

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3 rd	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11:00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	15:00	Carols
4 th	Kirmington	18:00	Lighting Up Church Spire & Carols
6 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer

10 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11:00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11:00	Family Service
	Limber	17:30	Carols
13 th	Zoom	9:30	Morning Prayer
16 th	Barnetby		Barnetby Silver Band Carol Concert
17 th	Kirmington	9:30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11:00	Holy Communion
	Bigby	18:00	Carol Concert
20 th	Zoom	9:30	Morning Prayer
21 st	Kirmington	9:15	School Christmas Service
	Barnetby	13:30	School Christmas Concert
24 th	Melton Ross	9.30	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Kirmington	16:00	Nativity
	Elsham	23:30	Midnight Mass
25 th	Croxton	09:30	Holy Communion
27 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
31 st	Brocklesby	9.30	Holy Communion
	Bigby	11.00	Holy Communion

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

Great Limber

Our Carol Service will be on Sunday 10th December at 5.30pm. The Barnetby Silver Band will be providing the music again. They were wonderful last year. Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided afterwards. Hope to see you there.



The funeral of Patricia Collins with burial in the churchyard took place on Tuesday 24th October. It was a beautiful happy celebration of a very special life, with many of Pat's friends there, telling of happy, funny memories. Sincere condolences to all her family and friends. RIP to you Pat. *Maggie Whelpton – Churchwarden*

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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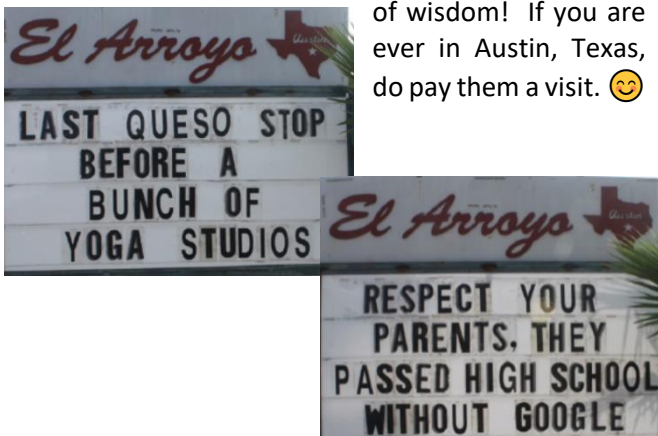
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Chuckle Corner

I am indebted to El Arroya yet again for more words of wisdom! If you are ever in Austin, Texas, do pay them a visit. 😊



Kirmington



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St Helena looks quite splendid as the replacement chandelier infra-red heating has been installed. We are indebted to North Lincolnshire Council Grants Team who provided 90% of the net cost and invaluable help in managing the project. Thanks go to local companies, Phillips 66, Bytron, Eastern Airways, Chadwick

Now we have heating in the church we can hold social events throughout the year. We would like your opinion. We already hold art and craft classes on Mondays. and some of the events suggested are as follows:

Design, Computanet Solutions, Hampton by Hilton for their donations, and the villagers who took part in the raffle to help cover the remainder of the net cost. Listed Places of Worship also awarded us a grant to cover the VAT.

- Games afternoons – darts, dominoes, chess, plus children's ludo, snakes and ladders etc.
- Film evenings/matinees
- Keep fit
- Pie and peas nights
- Karaoke

Should these events be during the day or evenings? There will be a small charge to cover the running costs such as electricity, but the more people who join in the less you will pay! The church is also now available for hire so please let me know if you would like to do so.

The BBMF Lancaster performed perhaps one of the best ever flypasts on Sept 9th in honour of those who served in 166 Sqn. Three very low passes taking in St Helena's, 166Sq Memorial and the Marrowbone & Cleaver. Wowzer – thank you BBMF.

Villagers have asked that I say a special thank you to Ian Martin who maintains the 166 Memorial, mows Orchard Lane public footpath and generally helps out with keeping the church hedges and High St – Main St in good order. Also, to John Fisk for mowing the churchyard and the grass opposite the old Bowls Club. Keep up the good work chaps!

*Art & Craft Classes
St. Helena's Kirmington
10am - 12 noon on a Monday.

Call Kate King 01652 680293 for
more information.*

Local Health Services

There are proposals afoot to transfer some of the services available at Scunthorpe Hospital to Grimsby Hospital. Norman Rutherford of Kirmington emailed Holly Mumby -Croft, MP for Scunthorpe in this regard and we have shared part of the response.

“...., proposing that some of the services we provide at Scunthorpe General Hospital should be solely provided by Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby. The services that have been proposed to be moved are:

- Trauma Services
- Speciality Medical Inpatients who will stay for more than 72 hours, specifically in Gastro/Respiratory and Cardiology.
- Acute Surgery Inpatients staying at the hospital for more than 24 hours or an inpatient stay is required.
- Paediatric Inpatients

In order to address this, Holly has set up a survey for residents to complete and share their views on the proposed changes, so that Holly can share these (anonymously) with hospital bosses
We have already asked that hospital bosses consider

the impact that these changes will have on local people, but your voice on such an important matter will help make this even clearer. You can fill out my survey by visiting Holly's website. Or directly at the link here: <https://www.hollymumbycroft.org.uk/campaigns/s-cunthorpe-hospital-proposals-survey>

On top of this, Holly would urge all residents to respond to the hospital's consultation directly, so they are aware of just how strongly residents feel on this matter. You can find the link to the consultation on Holly's website and her Facebook page, as well as the link above.”

Stop Press

Many thanks to Gareth Ramsey who came to the



rescue after St Helena's spire lights failed their test run. We are now able to carry on the tradition of lighting up the spire for Christmas. *Irene Harris – Ed.*



*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy, Healthy New Year*

What is every parent's favourite Christmas song?
Silent Night!

How did Joseph and Mary weigh baby Jesus at birth?
They had a weigh in the manger.

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

Results of the Sept & October draws will be published after Christmas.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS WERE DUE SEPT 1st 2023.

Please let Angie have them asap.

“Don't let someone change who you are to become what they need.” — Anon