

Rural Round-up

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

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Reflection

There are now many times during the year when we are encouraged to give things up. Stoptober and Lent, to name a couple. We have not long since come out of Advent which would have been a 40-day festival of solemnity in the Middle Ages. And of course, January is often a time when we recover from, or give our bodies rest from the Christmas festivities.

The New Year is a time when we may make resolutions, usually positive, to improve our lives. The difficult part can be sticking to them. I remember a gym instructor once saying to me: 'I find this time of year difficult. It's all the people who join the gym in January and never show up again.' Sound familiar? Doing things that sound like a 'nice idea' can be difficult to sustain and commit to. Time pressures, other commitments, financial cost, or life in general can get in the way.

One of the reasons we make New Year resolutions is because we want to make changes to our lives for the better. Physical health is important, so is our spiritual health. The physical and spiritual go together, hand in hand and each can influence our mental health. Christmas and the New Year can be a very difficult time for many people. All those pressures we face, the ones that stop us from sustaining our plans and resolutions, can be amplified at this time of year. It is always worth remembering the simplicity of the early life of Jesus, albeit in often difficult circumstances.

As we move from Christmas into Lent the example that the Holy Family gives us is one of just getting by, surviving almost, but surrounded with joy and hope. When we look at the life of Jesus we may see snapshots, at Christmas or Easter for example, but it was a sustained growth and dedication. For there to be sustained growth we often need consistency. Regular practise, as it were.

If you have made resolutions, I wish you well in keeping them going.

I wish you all many blessings for 2024.

Rev Lee

Brocklesby Park Group Croxton & The Wolds Services

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

Jan 2024

3 rd	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
7 th	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
10 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
14 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Family Service
17 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
21 st	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
24 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
28 ⁿ	Melton Ross	9.30	Holy Communion –
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy communion
31 st	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer

Feb 2024

4 th	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
7 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
11 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Family Service
14 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
	Barnetby	19.00	Ash Wed Service
18 th	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
21 st	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer
25 th	Melton Ross	9.30	Holy Communion –
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
28 th	Zoom	9.30	Morning Prayer

Mar 2023

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

"Well done is better than well said". -Benjamin Franklin

Dates for your Diary – Jan-Feb 2024

Busy time!

Jan 1 st	National Science Fiction Day
Jan 4 th	World Braille Day
Jan 5 th	Twelfth Night
Jan 6 th	Epiphany/Candlemas
Jan 15 th	Martin Luther King Day
Jan 18 th	Winnie the Pooh Day
Jan 21 st	Red Squirrel Appreciation Day
Jan 24 th	International Education Day
Jan 25 th	Burns Night & St Dynwens Day
Jan 26 th	Australia Day, India Republic Day, Big Garden Birdwatch Day
Jan 27 th	International Holocaust Remembrance Day. National Story Telling Week until 4 th Feb.
Jan 28 th	International Lego Day
Feb 2 nd	Groundhog Day – USA. National Hedgehog Day - UK
Feb 5 th	World Nutella Day (love it!) & Childrens Mental Health Week (5 th -11 th). National Apprenticeship Week (5 th -11 th).
Feb 7 th	Charles Dicken Day
Feb 10 th	Chinese New Year
Feb 10 th	Brocklesby Point-to-Point Races
Feb 12 th	Charles Darwin Day
Feb 11 th	International Day of Women & Girls in Science
Feb 13 th	Shrove Tuesday
Feb 14 th	Valentines Day & Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.
Feb 15 th	World Hippo Day
Feb 17 th	Random Acts of Kindness Day.
Feb 27 th	International Polar Bear Day
Feb 29 th	Leap Year Day.

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

Call Kate King 01652 680293 for more information.

Classes restart on Monday 22nd January 2024.

Quiz

A look back at 2023. Answers on the back page.

1	What month did Nicola Sturgeon resign as Scottish First Minister?
2	Who did England play in the FIFA Women's World Cup final?
3	2023 was the year of which animal in the Chinese calendar?
4	Which country won the Eurovision Song Contest in 2023?
5	What country hosted the 2023 Rugby World Cup?
6	What month did Boris Johnson resign as an MP?
7	Who replaced Suella Braverman as Home Secretary in November?
8	In what month did Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic complete its first manned mission to the edge of space?
9	Which horse won the 2023 Grand National
10	Which University won the Annual Boat Race
11	How old was King Charles when he was crowned?
12	What country did King Charles III travel to for his first state visit?
13	Which team won the Formula 1 Championship?
14	Which European country adopted the euro in 2023?
15	What was the name of the tree next to Hadrian's Wall that was felled ?
16	What is the title of the Rolling Stones lead single from the Sept. 2023 album Hackney Diamonds?
17	On what date did Hamas cross into and attack Israeli citizens, killing 1,200 people and taking about 240 hostages.
18	On Jan 1 st 2023 – who was found sleeping off New Year's Eve on Scarborough harbour-side?
19	Which offshore windfarm, believed to be the largest in the world, became fully operation in August?
20	In what month did Twitter become X?

BROCKLESBY POINT-TO-POINT RACES
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10th
FIRST RACE 12 NOON

Great Limber



The following is a letter received on 12th Dec. from Janet Bridges, pictured centre, on the left.



"I have just returned from an excellent and entertaining lunch made available by the Limber Village Hall Committee.



It was a wonderful afternoon, and the camaraderie was felt by us all.

Our grateful thanks, and praise, for all their hard work. "

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.

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The annual lighting up of St Helena's spire was well attended and we had a lovely evening singing carols led by the children. Thank you: to Gareth Ramsey and Stuart Lancaster for ensuring everything worked and the countdown went to plan!



The wreath-making event at St Helena's was a great success. Might have had something to do with the mulled wine! Thank you, Kate, for your expertise and thank you to all who attended.

On Christmas Eve, the cast of the Nativity played to a packed house. It was a lovely, happy celebration.



The attention of some was diverted but all was revealed.



Young Noah trying to herd up his dog-sheep!

Perhaps they were trying to tell him it wasn't a problem as the Flood happened many years before Jesus was born!

Chuckle Corner

If January threw a parade would February march?
No, but April may!

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Noah.

Noah who?

Noah good joke about January?

Woman looking in the mirror trying on dresses with helpful sales lady.

Customer: "Nothing looks good on me anymore,"

Sales: "Nonsense, madam, that dress says it all."

Customer: "That's the problem. I need a dress that keeps its mouth shut."

Quiz Answers

1. 2023. 2. Spain. 3. Rabbit 4. Sweden. 5. France. 6. June. 7. David Cameron. 8. June. 9. Corach Rambler. 10. Cambridge. 11. 74. 12. Germany. 13. Red Bull. 14. Croatia. 15. Sycamore Gap. 16. Angry. 17. Oct 7th. 18. Thor the Walrus. 19. Hornsea 2. 20. July.

*A Happy & Healthy
New Year to
everyone.*

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
Sept 2023	M. Black	H. Nicholls	K. Lancaster	S. Forman	C. Turner
Oct 2023	W.Stringfellow	C. Ward	P. Joyce	F. Thomas	A. Brunskill
Nov 2023	P. forman	J. Joyce	W. Turner	M. Joyce	R. Green
Dec 2023	S. Martin	Lara Simons	L. Black	C. Lindley	J. Smith

Mick Toyne posted some photos from his archives on Kirmington Facebook page and I have taken the liberty of sharing a couple with you. If you have already seen them – enjoy again!



"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." — Oscar Wilde