



The Chicane!

Some people must think Wrawby is Brands Hatch - particularly about 8.30 am in the morning!

Melton Road must be the worst, although Tunnel Road can be quite a race track - despite the fact that queues of schoolchildren are waiting for buses on both sides of the road near the Chapel.

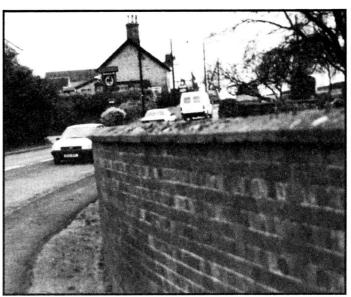
During the last few weeks a petition has been on the Post Office counter. It wants traffic to be warned that children have to cross Melton Road to get to school from Kettleby Lane. It was good to see so many signatures on the form.

Once upon a time, apparently, there used to be a lollipop lady at the end of Kettleby Lane. When the last one retired, no replacement was appointed. The reason given, apparently, was that it was "too dangerous" for the lollipop lady! So what must it be like for the mum with two schoolchildren and a pram?

At least there are road signs; perhaps it is now time they were fitted with flashing lights at school times to warn that children are crossing.

Crossing Church Hill before it becomes Melton Road is no less of a hazard for young and old on their way to church. Traffic swoops down over the brow at Kettleby Lane end and through the chicane by the petrol station. Police have recorded cars travelling at 60 mph past the church. The road has been widened over the years, but this probably only means that the traffic now goes faster! The Church Council is wondering whether anything could be done to lower the churchyard wall. Suggestions are welcome!

Mrs Sarah Drury and Mrs Christine Thew, both parents of Wrawby School children, are organising the petition. They plan to present it to the Parish Council when it meets in the School on Tuesday 12 January. They would be thrilled to have your support at the meeting. Meanwhile you can still sign the petition. It will be in the Post Office until Friday 8 January.



FREE

Traffic coming over the brow at the end of Kettleby Lane and down Church Hill is almost completely obscured by the churchyard wall. Can anything be done to make the main road safer and slow down the traffic?



From Revd Marie Thorne

A Happy New Year

The new year is a time to think about new beginnings.

Our family will begin the new year by packing boxes with our belongings and preparing to move out of our house in Brigg where we have lived for the past two years ready to move into the Vicarage in Wrawby. There is a little work to be done in the Vicarage, but we should be able to move in at the beginning of February.

Moving always brings mixed emotions - the sadness of leaving the safe and familiar, the excitement of looking forward to the unknown.

We are looking forward very much to coming to live in Wrawby and being part of village life. We have already made a start by sharing in the Christmas celebrations and we hope that we can continue to get to know as many people as possible. So, if you see us in the street, do stop and introduce yourself.

New year is also a time for making New Year Resolutions. Will 1993 be the year when you shed those surplus pounds? Perhaps you really will kick the smoking habit this year..

We are full of good intentions, dreaming of how we would like to be, organised, disciplined - and yet I have never yet managed to keep a resolution until February! St. Mary's Church also stands at a new beginning - the beginning of a partnership with the parishes of Brigg and Cadney.

This has meant that we have had to make some changes to our service times, but it has also meant that we have enjoyed the benefits of some sharing with the other parishes. Already we have come together for our Christmas services, and the young people from all three communities are benefiting from a larger and very lively joint confirmation class.

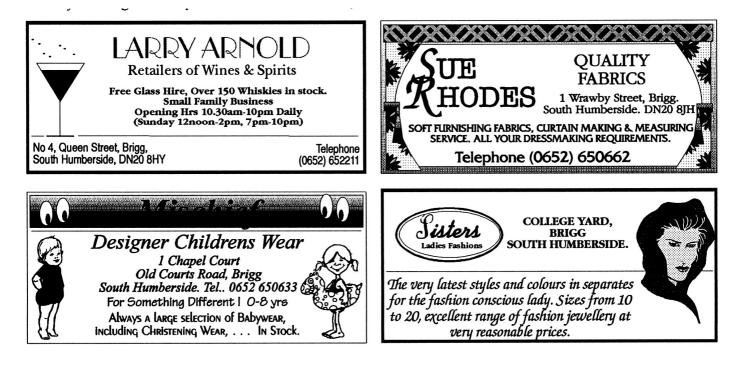
There is always sadness in change, the loss of the safe and the familiar - as much in church life as in moving house. But there is also the excitement of all that *could* be in the future.

I would ask you to make one extra resolution this year and work to keep it beyond February! - that we can work together to make Wrawby a place of peace, justice and mutual care. That would be a sign of Christ's Kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven.

There is a bonus. We do not face the future alone. We do not rely on our own strength to keep this resolution. We have one another, to support each other. We have the grace of God to strengthen us.

Let's face the new year together with hope, looking forward to the good times to come.

Marie Thorne



How women can be ministers

Methodists switch to

afternoons in winter

Divine Worship at Wrawby Methodist Church will be at 2.30 pm throughout January and February instead of the usual 6.0 pm. The Family Service will continue to be held on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30 am.

Re-cycle your Christmas Cards

Don't throw away your Christmas cards on Twelfth Night! "Save the Children Fund" can raise money by re-cycling them. If you can get your cards to the church or chapel on one of the next two Sundays, arrangements can be made for them to be transported free to Save the Children by Red Star Parcels. But please be quick about it! The offer from Red Star Parcels only lasts a fortnight. A pilot scheme in Kent last year raised £ 1300. A much bigger sum can surely be raised now that the scheme has gone nationwide.

"Welcome into the Lord's family"

Two babies were baptised recently at St Mary's: **Rosie Florence Davis** from Vicarage Gardens, was christened on Sunday 29 November. **Michael Pattrick Theron Bishop** whose home is in New York (USA) - was christened on 13 December.

A Packed Church! - and History is made

History was made at St Mary's early in December when the church was packed - and there was not one *man* in the building! The event was the local Townswomen's Guilds Carol Service which was taken by the Revd Marie Thorne - and the singing (all those ladies voices) was terrific!



Come and hear Marie Thorne telling her own story as a woman minister at the first of our lunchtime discussions - Tuesday 19 January, 12 noon at Tout Pres, Little Lane

The Revd Marie Thorne, Wrawby's new 'Vicar', will lead the discussion at the first meeting of a new informal lunchtime get-together - as introduced by Val Whitaker in last month's issue.

Marie will tell something of her own training and background and of the opportunities for women in ministry today. It could well turn into a discussion about the place of women in society, perhaps including what it will feel like when women are priests.

The get-together is very much open to everyone, not just church people. A creche will be available for young children. The discussion will be followed by a bread and cheese lunch - a donation of about 75p per person would be about right to cover costs.

Kate Marr and Val Whitaker, who are organising the get-together, look forward to a lively and enjoyable occasion and they hope that those who come will have their own ideas for topics which could be aired at future meetings.

Date: Tuesday 19 January Place: Tout Pres, Little Lane, Wrawby Time: 12 noon to about 1.30 pm

If you want to know more, please ring Val on 657908.



From Father Basil Templeton Dear Friends

A year ago seems like yesterday when we were doing the same things - baking for Christmas and preparing for the lovely and inspiring Christmas services.

Lilian and I are now in the thick of our new parish - I am Rector of Orange Grove and Archdeacon of Johannesburg Central. So it is a somewhat dramatic change from town and country ministry into the hot spot of central city. Unfortunately violence and crime are the order of the day. The needs are tremendous, but we are confident that Christ and Christ alone is able to do ALL THINGS.

The general political scene is a turmoil of one-upmanship and intimidation (in Africa this means annihilation). Our thoughts are often centred on increasing violence, uncertainty, fear, economic ruin and poverty. But as Christians we accept the challenge which change will inevitably bring and look to God to use his Church to show that the alternative is God's love in Jesus Christ.

So we look forward to 1993 as a year when all God's creation will work together, regardless of personal cost, to bring the glow of friendship, of caring and of reaching out to love and heal where there is hurt, misery' and hunger. This is a year of "God's opportunity".

God bless you all as you, too, look to 1993 as "God's opportunity".

Lilian joins me in sending our love to you all. Lilian and Fr. Basil

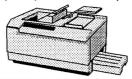
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O God whose feet are dusty, walk with us.
O God, whose hands are rough, touch us with your love.
O God whose clothes are worn, struggle with us.
O God, whose voice is strong, sing in us.
O God waiting with the women, wait for us.



source and goal of community, whose will is that all your people enjoy fulness of life: may we be builders of community, **caring for your good earth** here and worldwide, and, as partners with the poor, signs of your ever-friendly love; that we may delight in diversity and choose solidarity, for you are in community with us, our God for ever. Amen



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Christmas Stories from the Children

A Strange Star



by Rachel Hirst

One evening after tea I went to take the dog for a walk on the cliff when I saw a bright light in the sky. It looked like a star but it hurt my eyes to look at it.

It was shining in the East across the sea. I decided to follow it. I took the coast road down to the sea. Then I ran across the sand to our boat.

I rowed for ages and ages until I reached land. Then I jumped out of the boat and began to find a place to rest a minute.

I started to walk, following the star until I got to a small town. I asked a man for a bed for the night and he took me to a stable round the back of the inn.

I opened the doorand to my surprise there was Mary and Joseph with baby Jesus and the shepherds.

Suddenly I woke up and found myself in my own bed.

The Spinning Star

by Luke Brown

One night I was walking home and suddenly I saw a strange star behaving oddly in the sky.



Just then it stopped and said "Help me, I can't stop spinning and I am getting dizzy. But I did not know what to do.

Just then I had an idea. So I went to find a big stick to throw at the star and stop it spinning.

I found a big stick and then I threw it at the star because : the star was very low in the sky.

Suddenly it stopped spinning. It thanked me and gave me a wish.

Christmas Surprise

by Rachel Tuxford

One Christmas Eve Santa was flying over the Walters' house. The daughter of the Walters, whose name was Rachel, wanted a teddybear for Christmas but she lost her letter to Santa in the wind.

However, that night, Santa dropped a teddybear near the house. The teddy bear picked himself up and walked to the house.

He tried to find a way in but he couldn't. Then he saw a cat. The cat went up to the door and then he vanished.

The teddy bear went up to the door and saw a cat flap. He pushed his way through the cat flap and tumbled out the other side.

He saw some stairs and there was a light on at the top of them.

He climbed up the stairs and saw a door.

He went through the door and there was a bed. In the bed was a girl. The girl was Rachel, the daughter of the Walters family. At the end of the bed there was a stocking. He climbed into the stocking.

The morning came and Rachel was feeling sad. Just then she saw something bulging in her stocking. She saw a teddy bear. She picked up the teddy bear and ran happily down stairs.



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Wrawby's Oldest Building

The Revd John Cole puts a fresh perspective on the vexed question of church finance and money-raising

Looking after one of the largest and certainly one of the oldest buildings in a village is a problem faced by most rural church goers. Routine costs far exceed the regular income from those who are in the church week by week.

Mike Pigdon. Church Treasurer at St Man's, has worked out that it costs about £130 per week to keep St Man's 'open for business'. This just covers basic running expenses such as heating, lighting, water rates. insurance and the contribution which the parish is asked to make towards the stipend of the minister in charge. Any special repairs or improvements - such as the new heating boiler which will soon be installed - cost extra.

Weekly church collections fall far short of what is needed. A very busy Sunday in October produced an income of $\pounds 82$. On another Sunday it was $\pounds 28$. No wonder so many fund-raising events take place to make up the difference!

It is good that those who are not regularly in church still feel an affection for the building and what it stands for. There is still some truth that our village church belongs to all of us. In 1992 the fund-raising was very successful and it has been possible to 'make ends meet' once again. Thanks to everyone for their efforts.

But in many ways it is a pity that it has to go on like this year after year

Of course, fund-raising (in moderation!) can be fun. But it can still be fun, and perhaps even more satisfying, when we feel free to give the proceeds away. Many will remember the Hoe Down in the Autumn as just such an occasion.

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Of course, all our personal circumstances are different - but the question is often not the amount we give but the priority we give it in our budgeting. If we think about what we give away **after** we have paid for everything else, we probably find we have only small change in our pockets - and that's what ends up in the collection plate! But if we allocate what we owe to God much earlier on - yes, maybe after the gas, the electric and the community charge, but before everything else - we can almost certainly make a much more realistic gift, and still have enough small change left for the relatively less essential things on which money so easily slips away each month. I know this works; I have done it myself -although I admit that I am probably better off than some (though not as wealthy as others!).

Putting giving early on as a proper item in your household budgeting is a responsible and humane thing to do, whether or not you claim to be a Christian or a churchgoer. Gift Aid and Give as you Earn schemes are all available; and making your committed gift to charities (including church and chapel) can be done very easily if you use the Charities Aid Foundation Personal Account scheme.

Pay in a regular amount before tax (or through a deed of covenant) each month, and CAF will supply you with a set of vouchers rather like a cheque book from which you can make donations at any time and of any size to charities of your choice. Ring me for more details (Tel 657484)

Maybe a gift for the maintenance and ongoing work of Wrawby's oldest building will be one of the worthwhile causes you can support. The less time church people spend begging for money, the more time they can spend living out the love of God in the community. And thus the 1000 year life and witness of Wrawby Church will be enabled to go on into another century.



COMMENT

from Nigel Good - Churchwarden at St Mary'.s'

Trust and Understanding in the New Year

Once again a new year dawns bringing its usual resolutions that this year will be different. It is the time for looking back and looking forward; a time to reflect on the successes, the failures, the joys and the disappointments. It is a time when we plan to make new beginnings or to revise old plans, a time when we contemplate change.

But change brings its own problems, its own heartaches, whether it be on a global scale, a personal level or a church level. It strikes me that two things are required more than any other when change is in the air: trust and understanding. Change on a global scale has been so dramatic over the last few years with the collapse of communism. But trust and understanding have not always accompanied the change. Often old wounds have been opened up. The current situation in Bosnia and the former states of Yugoslavia illustrates this.

The recent decision in the Church of England to ordain women as priests will again require trust and understanding on all sides if the Church is not to be fragmented: understanding of those who do not agree with the decision, trust in the ministry of those women who become priests (upon whom a lot of responsibility will rest and who will need all our support and prayers).

The new year also brings change to our own parish church in Wrawby, with its new closer ties with Brigg and Cadney parishes and the ministry of the Revds Marie Thorne and Geoff Neale. We need to trust them with the care of our spiritual needs in this parish. We pray for their understanding of our peculiarities.

As you make changes in your life this year, put your trust in the future but understand the problems that may occur.

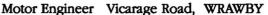
Happy New Year

Nigel

Sidesmen at St Mary's during January					
3	8.00 am Miss M.Standerline	e 6.00 pm Mrs S.Day			
10	10.45 am Mr R.E.Dawson	6.00 pm Mrs B.Green			
17	8.00 am Mr R.Day				
	10.45 am Mr P.Topps	6.00 pm Mr C.Day			
24	10.45 am Mrs M.Herring	6.00 pm Mr M.Pigdon			
31	8.00 <i>am</i> Mr B.Lait	6.00 pm Mr K.Daine			
7 Feb	8.00 am Mr B.Knight	6.00 pm Mrs S.Day			
Copy for February to Revd John Cole, Pelham House, Little Lane (Tel 657484) by Sunday 10 January. Thanks.					







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Who's Who in Wrawby

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Some Wrawby Events during January 1993

St Mary's Parish Church		To in	clude your events in future issues, phone 657484
Clergy: Revd Marie Thorne			
5 Winston Way, Brigg	655609	JAN	UARY
Revd Geoff Neale	033003		
10 Glanford Road, Brigg	653989	3	2nd SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS
Churchwardens:		5	
Nigel Good	653072		St Mary's: 8.0 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Evensong
Colin Day	653122	_	<i>Methodist:</i> 10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE 2.30 pm Divine Worship
Deputy Churchwardens:		7	Thursday
Stephen Caldwell	653575		2.0 pm Pram Service in the Methodist Church (followed by refreshments)
Derek Bunting	652542		
Honorary Verger: Alex Rankin	652871	10	1st SUNDAY after EPIPHANY
Honorary Treasurer:	052071		St Mary's: 10.45 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Evensong
Michael Pigdon	655044		Methodist: 2.30 pm Divine Worship
Honorary Secretary:		12	Tuesday
Susan Day	653699	12	•
Organists:			8.0 pm Parish Council meeting in Wrawby School (see page 1)
Helen Marsden	658578		
Dora Dawson	653503	17	2nd SUNDAY after EPIPHANY
			St Mary's: 8.0 am Holy Communion 10.45 am FAMILY SERVICE
			6.0 pm Evensong
Wrawby Methodist Church			Methodist: 2.30 pm Divine Worship
Minister:		19	Tuesday
Revd David Woodward	050000	19	
16 St James Road, Brigg Church Stewards:	658268		12 noon Lunch and Discussion at Tout Pres, Little Lane (see page 3)
Charles Standerline	656410		
Derek Standerline	656410	24	3rd SUNDAY after EPIPHANY
Jim Marr	650144		St Mary's: 10.45 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Evensong
Robert Wright	652418		Methodist: 2.30 pm Divine Worship
Church Treasurer:			WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Special Service at 3.0 pm at
John Wright	652195		St Andrew's Church, Kirton Lindsey. Preacher: The Bishop of Grimsby
Organists:			Strindiew 5 Charon, Anton Emasoy, Frederici, The Dishop of Chinsoy
Mrs E.Wright	652418	31	4th SUNDAY after EPIPHANY
Mrs Enid Hall Ladies Friendship Circle	655437	51	
(Thursdays fortnightly 7.45 pm in S	Schoolroom)		St Mary's: 8.0 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Evensong
Mrs Marshall	653141		Methodist: 2.30 pm Divine Worship
			at St John's, Brigg: 6.0 pm Special Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
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Headteacher:		4	Thursday
Mrs Jenny Porteous	655579		2.0 pm Pram Service in the Methodist Church (followed by refreshments)
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(Mon-Fri 9.15-11.45 am next to th		7	9th SUNDAY before EASTER (Septuagesima)
Mrs Michelle Wright Mothers and Toddlers	655698	'	
(Tuesdays 1.30 -3.15 pm term-tim	e next to		St Mary's: 8.0 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Evensong
school			<i>Methodist:</i> 10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE 2.30 pm Divine Worship
Mrs Michelle Wright	655698		
Pram Service (Anglican/Methodi	ist)	N.B .	There are no meetings of the Methodist Ladies Friendship Circle until 28 February.
(2.0 pm 1st Thurs monthly - see d	iary for		
venue)			
Mrs Jane Caldwell	653575	Wra	awby Church & Community News is edited by John Cole, Pelham House, Little Lane, Wrawby DN20 8RW
District Councillor: Mr Dick Long	653084		Telephone Brigg 657484
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Mr Keith Daine	653029		
Wrawby Windmill Club	000020		Regular Church Services
(Wednesdays 2-4 pm in the Parish	Room)		그는 것 같은 것 같
Mrs Leahy			in Brigg, Cadney and Wrawby
Community Policeman:			
P.C.Dargue	650222		St John's, Brigg St Mary's, Wrawby Cadney
Wrawby O.A.P. Fund: Mrs Mary Topps	655323		
Wrawby Junior Football Team	000020		8.0 am Holy Communion8.0 am Holy Communion10.45 am Holy Communion(2nd Sunday monthly)(1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)(ist, 3rd & 5th Sundays)
Mr Dave Wright	652546		9 15 am Parish Communion 10.45 am Holy Communion
Wrawby Neighbourhood Watch			(weekly except 2nd Sunday) (2nd & 4th Sundays) Wrawby Methodist
Mr Gerry Dent	653909		9.15 am Family Service 10.45 am Family Service 10.30 am Family Service
Wrawby Post Mill			(2nd Sunday monthly) (3rd Sunday monthly) (1st Sunday monthly)
Mrs Susan Day	653699		6.0 pm Evensong 6.0 pm Evensong 2.30 pm Divine Worship
Playing Fields Committee	657005		(weekly) (weekly) (weekly)
J.Davis	657095	L	