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New Directions for Melton Ross

The partnership by which for a number of years Wrawby and Melton Ross have shared a Vicar will soon be coming to an end. From this month times of service at the Church of the Ascension, Melton Ross, will fall into a new pattern and will normally be taken by the Vicar of the Great Limber group of parishes, the Revd Stephen Phillips.

The new pattern of services consists of Communion services on the first Sunday each month at 11.0 am and on the third and fifth Sundays at 9.30 am. Please note these new times. Exceptionally, the service on 1st November will be Mattins, as Stephen Phillips is not available that day.

This magazine will continue to be circulated in Melton Ross for one more issue (December). News of activities in the parish will be published thereafter in material circulated within the Great Limber group. The Revd Stephen Phillips is now the point of contact for Melton Ross folk on all pastoral matters, including baptisms, weddings and funerals. He may be contacted at Great Limber Vicarage, Grimsby DN37 8JN (Telephone: Roxton (0469) 60641)



Choir's 'Bouquet' was well received

The Lydian Choir are pictured here during their recent concert in Wrawby Church. The evening's entertainment, which concluded with cheese and we, raised a total of £175 towards the new church heating boiler.

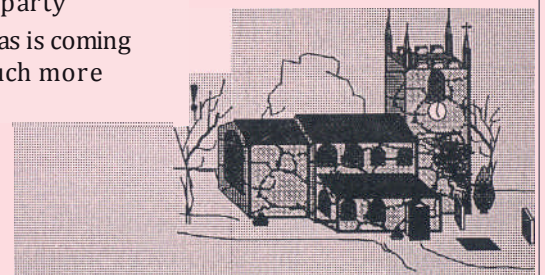
Wrawby/Brigg link-up a step nearer

A special service is being planned in Wrawby Church on Sunday 22nd November at 6.0 pm when the Archdeacon of Stow, the Ven Roderick Wells, will be present. The occasion will mark the inauguration of the link between the two parishes of Wrawby and Brigg.

Full details were being finalised as this magazine went to press. Watch for posters giving more information.

In this issue

- Bishop's visit
- The art of Parenting
- Bonfire party
- Christmas is coming
- ..and much more



More Harvest Gifts

The Stewards of Wrawby Methodist Church are grateful to all who took part in their recent *Harvest* festivities. Proceeds for Church funds totalled £172.00. The produce sale raised £49.00 for Christian Aid, and a further sum of £15.38 also goes to Christian Aid as a result of the sale of produce at the Harvest service at Wold Court.

O.A.P. Christmas Fayre

Wrawby's fund to brighten the lives of its senior citizens will get a boost at the beginning of December if we all come to the Christmas Fayre, due to be held in Wrawby School on Saturday 5 December at 2.0 pm.



The Fayre will be opened by Mrs Jenny Porteous, the school's headteacher, and will have "all the usual stalls".

Having the Fayre on a Saturday afternoon is a break with tradition in the hope that whole families will be able to come. The event will include a Grand Draw which will be made at 3.0 pm.



Singing the songs of Zion

Church Choirs are not the major feature of village life that they used to be. So Wrawby can be proud of the clutch of youngsters who have recently formed a junior choir at St Mary's.

The children rehearse most Fridays in church from 6.15 - 7.0 pm but are only expected to parade at services on special occasions.

In the next few weeks the main theme will be learning carols for Christmas - in readiness for the church's Carol Service on Tuesday 22 December.

It is also hoped that a small adult singing group could be formed for Wrawby Church - not a choir in the traditional sense - and that this group also could prepare some special musical items for Christmas. If this is something you might be willing to be part of on an occasional basis, please contact Ted Greathead on Brigg 658603.



Welcome

During the Baptism service, everyone says to the newly-baptised baby, "We welcome you into the Lord's family.." Declan Michael Bolton joined that world-wide family in Wrawby Church on Sunday 27 September and we wish him and his family God's blessing.

A Halloween & Bonfire Party For the whole village

The annual bonfire at Jollies is scheduled this year for Saturday 31st October - Halloween Night. The Neighbourhood Watch Committee is involved in the organisation of this event which is for the whole village.



The bonfire will be lit at 6.0 pm and at 7.0 pm prizes will be on offer for the best Halloween mask and the best Halloween lantern. Children and mums and dads are all invited - and may dress up too!

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News from Wrawby School

The youngsters have provided their own reports on some exciting activities at Wrawby School.

Lee Martin and Craig Blades write about the various events:

The Bishop of Grimsby

On the 7th October Bishop David Tustin came to school to watch us re-act our play 'Feed the World'.

He wore a Christian cross, a cassock (a kind of robe), he also had a shepherd's crook made from a real sheep's horn and an ash stick. He said a blind man had carved it for him.

We re-acted the play for him and he said he really enjoyed it. We said the Lords Prayer, and then we sang two songs, "When the corn is planted" and "Now we sing a harvest song".

He said the crook was a symbol of us being the flock and him being the shepherd.

The Harvest Sale

On Wednesday 30th September, it was our harvest sale in school. Team captains helped to set up the stalls and put the produce on the tables. There were big pumpkins and giant marrows.

When the harvest sale started David, Claire, Craig and I were rushed off our feet. Everything on our stall was soon bought. Every other stall was soon bought out as well. We raised about £140 to go to 'Africa in Crisis'.

On Saturday night there was a dance which raised about £60. So we are going to send £2W to 'Africa in Crisis'.

The Harvest Festival

On Tuesday 29th September, Wrawby school held a harvest festival in the church. We had food displays and fruit displays. We also had a play called 'Feed the World'. The play was about sharing and giving food to countries less fortunate than us. We were given lots of food to display and sell.

Tuesday 10 November

Cheese and Wine with the
Presentation of the Governors'
Annual Report to Parents
in Wrawby School Hall 7.0 pm

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Vicar of Brigg to open Church Fayre

The Revd Geoff Neale will perform one of his first 'official' engagements in Wrawby on Saturday 14 November - opening St Mary's Autumn Fayre at 2.30 pm in the Parish Room! Although there is nothing very religious about fund-raising, it will provide a good opportunity for Wrawby folk to meet Mr Neale and his wife in an informal and social context.

The Fayre will have the usual range of stalls, including Christmas cards and decorations, cakes (ring Anne Day on 653122 if you are willing to bake one for sale), tombola and a raffle which will include a Christmas hamper. Items for inclusion in the hamper can be left in the special carton at the back of church.

Among other sideshows there will be a bran tub for the children.

Admission to the Autumn Fayre is free.

Christmas is Coming!

Events already scheduled at St Mary's in the run up to Christmas include:

Saturday 5 December: 2.0 pm Townswomen's Guild Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 13 December: 2.30 pm The ever-popular Christingle service

Sunday 20 December: 10.30 am Family Communion with the Bishop of Grimsby making a return visit to the village

Tuesday 22 December: 7.0 pm Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas

Details of the services in all our churches over the Christmas festival will be in next month's magazine.

Do you want to know more?

A small group has been meeting informally each month on a Thursday evening for the last few months at the home of the Revd John Cole - Pelham House in Little Lane - to study and discuss different aspects of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

The nature of the group doesn't mean that you have got to be either very learned or very committed to going to church! So even if you harbour a lot of doubts about Christianity and what it might mean in your life, you could well still enjoy it. Above all the group won't make you feel guilty. Churches have for too long spent their *time* trying to bully people to respond to God (in a churchy way, of course!), not noticing how close God already is to people even in their doubts.

During the last few months we have been trying to understand prayer better. Now we are beginning to look at how people have gradually got rid of all sorts of mistaken notions about God - going right back to the Old Testament - *not* so that we can now say "We understand God", but so that we can be that much more aware that he is present with us *even* when we are not paying any attention

If that makes any sense to you, (or perhaps even more if it doesn't), drop in this month on Thursday 19 November

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Learning to be good parents

Val Whitaker describes a recent 'Parenting' seminar she attended in Lincoln.

"The criticism we give our children often does more damage than the behaviour we are trying to correct"

This seminar was held at St Benedict's in Lincoln and was led by Michael Quinn, a very down to earth and likeable Irishman. He is the director of the charity 'Family Caring', a man with great interest and enthusiasm to care for and preserve family life.

Michael and his wife have five children and have written a series of programmes designed to cover eight two-hour workshops to help parents function more effectively. These are already being set up by school, church and community groups throughout Britain and Ireland.

Michael led us through the format of his first seminar looking at practical skills to help us and our children survive and *even* enjoy our 'parenting'. So many of us have undertaken this job, and yet at times it seems to cause us much pain and suffering. It makes sense that by sharing our feelings of despair and frustration - and those of joy and reward! - we can analyse the situations we all find ourselves locked in, and can unravel these to improve the level of communication within our families.

One brief session was sufficient to allow me to see more clearly the mistakes I make daily, and also to see some simple steps I could take to modify my behaviour and make life better for all of us.

Michael encouraged us to consider starting groups of 8-10 parents to discuss these problems. His charity has prepared all the ground work in the form of a kit with cassette tapes and handbooks. These groups are meant to be led by interested parents, not experts, and it was suggested that once one had completed a course, some participants would feel inspired and ready to lead another group.

Topics explored by the group include

Misbehaviour - what is your child really looking for?

The responsible parent

Encouragement

Listening

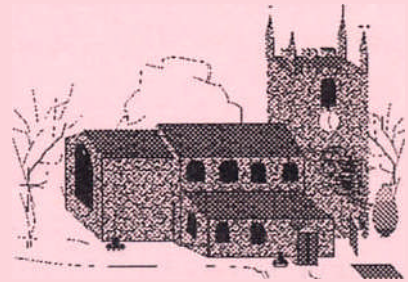
Communicating about parents

Disciplining children

Space for each to develop at their own pace.

The day was challenging and encouraging. Somehow we never expect much help with the task of being a parent; we often allow ourselves to feel discouraged or a failure, when we are really doing quite a good job.

We often do not realise as we become involved in squabbles, nag at our children or lose our tempers, how we are blinded to the true message our children are trying to convey to us. This course offers interpretation of many situations. Are there parents in Wrawby who would like to know more?



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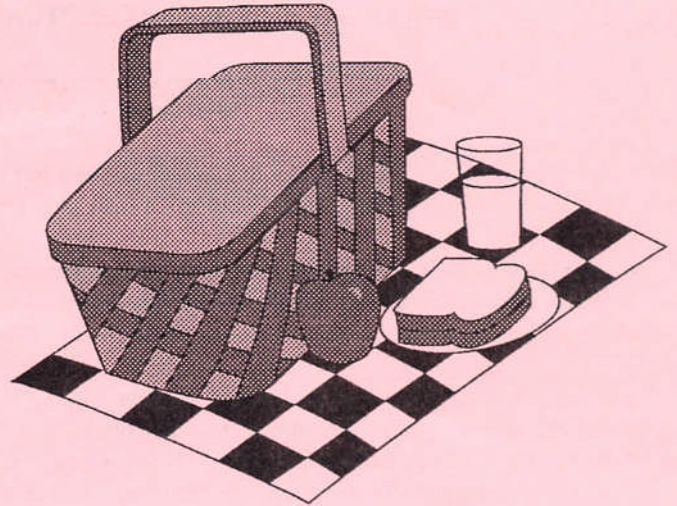
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Deanery Picnic

Val Whitaker reports on a busy Sunday afternoon

Even a grey sky could not dampen the enthusiasm of the seventy or so people who turned up laden with food at Great Limber one Sunday in September. The event was a Family Day and picnic for folk from across Yarborough Deanery - from Barton to Kirton Lindsey. Wrawby was well represented.



The weather forced us to eat indoors at the village hall, but as weather conditions lifted we were able to have a stroll in the form of a treasure hunt around the beautiful and tranquil setting of the vicarage, churchyard and village pond.

Decisions had to be made as to which of the many workshops we wished to attend. These were organised to accommodate a wide range of age and ability and included sessions on playdoh, collage, painting, music, drama, baking and writing.

The wide age group (probably from two to sixty-two at a guess!) might have been a problem for the organisers, but instead it led to some varied and fascinating work which was all put on show when we came together at 4 o'clock. It was then we shared the biscuits made by the baking groups and also heard or saw something from all the other groups.

The drama group performed a short sketch with everyone else being made to join in! Music groups led some choruses, and the collage and paintings were put on display.


Young and old had lots of fun and made new friends. We hope Cynthia Bunch and her team of organisers will share our feeling that it is worth repeating another year.

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COMMENT

by Nigel Good, Churchwarden at St Mary's

Follow the Saints

This month's title is not some enticement to support a certain football or rugby team. It is simply a request to look again at the example of the Christian men and women who have become known as Saints.

November 1st is 'All Saints Day', when the Church remembers those many Saints who do not have their own special day, or whose names are not even recalled at all.

Many of these people were 'ordinary' men and women, whose faith meant so much to them that they were prepared to die rather than to renounce it.

In my studies to be a Lay Reader, this term's work involves looking at the history of the early Christian Church. In its earliest years [he Church was regarded with some distrust, particularly during the first and second centuries. Christians conducted their worship in secret, giving rise to rumours of cannibalism (the 'body and blood of Christ' at the Eucharist) and orgies (the 'love feast' or 'Agape', which was a meal given as an act of charity by richer members of the Church).

All of this meant that Christians were blamed for anything that went wrong in society (because they had offended the gods!). One famous example is that of Emperor Nero when the city of Rome was burned down in a disastrous fire. He diverted the blame on to the Christians and persecuted many.

Throughout these early years there are many stories of Christians being persecuted. But what stands out most is the number who refused to give up their faith, despite the most hideous and painful torture used on them - despite even the prospect of martyrdom.

It is their example, their faith, that remains as their memorial.

It is very easy in our own day to feel that it doesn't matter whether we practise our faith or not. It is very easy to swim in the larger shoal of unbelievers, to pretend when everything in the garden is rosy that there is no need of God. But the faith that millions have died for, does not die. You may choose not to acknowledge it, but it is still there within you.

The Communists tried to eliminate it, yet it remained and now flourishes. Russia and China now have some of the fastest growing churches. The churches in South Africa and Uganda - just to take two more examples - are packed despite the troubles.

It is a fact that many turn back to God when trouble comes - a last plea for help perhaps! The early Christians faced persecution and isolation because of their beliefs, and yet many kept that faith. Why do so many today turn away from God? Is life too easy?

This All Saints-tide, look again at the Saints and look again at your faith. Let their example be a strength to you. Go on - "Follow the Saints" !

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Some events in Wrawby during November 1992

To include your events in future issues, ring 657484
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Who's Who in Wrawby

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Honorary Parish Minister:
Caron Ted Greathead, 17 Bakersfield, Wrawby (658603)
Churchwardens: Nigel Good (653072)
Colin Day (653122)
Deputy Churchwardens: Stephen Caldwell (653575)
Derek Bunting (652542)
Honorary Verger: Alex Rankin (652871)
Honorary Treasurer: Michael Pigdon (655044)
Honorary Secretary: Susan Day (653699)
Organists: Helen Marsden (658578)
Dora Dawson (653503)
Pram Service (1st Thursday monthly at 2.0 pm):
Co-ordinator: Jane Caldwell (653575)

Wrawby Methodist Church

Minister: Revd David Woodward (658268)
16 St James Road, Brigg
Church Stewards: Charles Standerline (656410) Derek Standerline (656410)
Jim Marr (650144)
Robert Wright (652418)
Church Treasurer: John Wright (652195)
Organists: Mrs E. Wright (652418)
Mrs Enid Hall (655437)
Ladies Friendship Circle: (Thursdays fortnightly at 7.45 pm in the Methodist Schoolroom):
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Wrawby Windmill Club: (Every Wednesday 2 - 4 pm in the Parish Room)
Secretary: Mrs Leahy
Community Policeman: P.C. Dargue (650222)
Wrawby O.A.P. Fund: Mrs Mary Topps (655323)
Wrawby Junior Football Team: Dave Wright (652546) Wrawby Neighbourhood Watch:
Coordinator: Gerald Dent (653909)
Wrawby Post Mill: Susan Day (653699)
Playing Fields Committee: J. Davis (657095)

Who's Who in Melton

Ross Church of The Ascension:

Churchwardens: Mr A. Wood (688930)
Mr J. Wood (688216)

OCTOBER	31	Saturday 6.0 pm Halloween and Bonfire Night at Jollies
NOVEMBER	1	TRINITY 20 (ALL SAINTS DAY) SM 10.30 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Evensong MR 11.0 am Matins WM 10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE 6.0 pm Divine Worship
	5	Thursday SM 2.0 pm Pram Service WM 7.45 pm Ladies Friendship Circle: Handmade Lingerie - Mrs Harris
	8	TRINITY 21 SM 8.0 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Evensong WM 6.0 pm Divine Worship Monday SM 8.0 pm at Pelham House, Little Lane: Planning meeting for Family Service (15 November)
	14	Saturday 2.30 pm St Mary's AUTUMN FAYRE in the Parish Room
	15	TRINITY 22 SM 10.30 am FAMILY COMMUNION MR 6.0 pm Evensong WM 9.30 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Divine Worship
	19	Thursday WM 7.45 pm Ladies Friendship Circle: Halfway up a Mountain - Mrs Ellis SM 8.0 pm Informal study/discussion group at Pelham House, Little Lane
	22	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT SM 8.0 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Divine Worship 6.0 pm Brigg/Wrawby link Inaugural Service WM
	29	ADVENT1 SM 10.30 am Holy Communion MR 6.0 pm Evensong WM 9.30 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Divine Worship
DECEMBER	3	Thursday SM 2.0 pm Pram Service WM 7.45 pm Ladies Friendship Circle: Christmas Flowers - Mrs Dodd
	5	Saturday SM 2.0 pm Christmas Fayre for OAP funds in School 2.0 pm Townswomen's Guild Carol Service
	6	ADVENT2 SM 10.30 am Holy Communion MR 6.0 pm Evensong WM 11.0 am Holy Communion 10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE 6.0 pm Divine Worship

Sidesmen at St Mary's during November

1 November	1030 am Mr G.Couch	6 pm Mrs B.Green
8 November	8.0 am Mr R.Day	6 pm Mr C.Day
15 November	10.30 am Mr E.Dawson	6 pm Mr M.Pigdon
22 November	8.0 am Mr B.Lait	6 pm Mr K.Daine
29 November	10.30 am Mr P.Topps	6 pm Mrs S.Day
6 December	1030 am Mrs M.Herring	6 pm Mrs B.Green

Copy for the December Issue of this magazine should reach the Editor, the Revd John Cole, Pelham House, Little Lane, Wrawby (Brigg 657484) by 6th November. Thanks.