

Church and December 2010 January 2011 Community News



Christmas celebrations in Wrawby

22nd December 10.00 a.m. School Christmas Service

Christmas Eve

4.00 p.m. Carols and Christingle Service

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.30 a.m. Christmas Eucharist at St. John's Brigg



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**Who's Who in Wrawby
St Mary's Parish Church**

Clergy
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Nigel Good 658883
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Wrawby Methodist Church

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Robert Wright 652418
Church Treasurer
Jonathan Dibdin 653321

**Wrawby St. Mary's C E
Controlled Primary School**

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Mrs. S. Rowe 655579
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Mrs R Hoyle 653154
Friends of Wrawby School
Petra Heath 678224

Other Organisations

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Graham Foster 651250
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Wrawby Post Mill
Mrs. Susan Day 653699
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Mr. Paul Dalton 654665
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Village Hall Secretary
Mrs. Kirstin May 658206
Village Hall Property Manager
Mr. John Walton 651805
Wrawby Women's Institute
Allison Walker 655049
Wrawby Community Choir
Caroline Reddish 653155
Ladies Afternoon Club
Barbara Green 653039

Some Christmas crackers to start the festivities.....

Q. How long does it take to burn a candle down?

A. About a wick...

Q. What did the big candle say to the little candle?

A. I'm going out tonight...

Q. Where do mistletoe go to become famous?

A. Holly wood....

Q. What do wizards use to wrap their presents?

A. Spell-o-tape...

Q. What did you buy your dog for Christmas?

A. A mobile bone....

Q. What did one Christmas tree say to the other?

A. I have a present fir you...

Q. Why did Scrooge buy everyone birds for Christmas?

A. Because they were going cheep...

Q. What do DJ's enjoy most about Christmas?

A. Doing lots of rapping...

And remember....STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelt backwards!!



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Wrawby Neighbourhood Watch



During the summer, we were very sad to learn of the death of one of our founder members, Brian Lowe. His family very generously asked for donations to be given to Neighbourhood Watch and in his memory, a seat has been purchased for the village and placed on the village green outside Wrawby Hall Care Home. I am sure Brian would have been delighted. Thanks to Derek Button and John the Joiner who supplied the labour for this venture.

Christmas is almost upon us once again and the village Christmas tree provided by donations received last Christmas, will be put in place and decorated during the first week in December.

During the year we also purchased a new flag of St. George for St Mary's Church, we have given £50 to Little Explorers and £50 to Wrawby St. Mary's School to help with the regeneration programme for their garden. We provided Easter treats for the Tuesday Village Lunch, and there will be treats for the Christmas Lunch. This is how your donations received last Christmas have been spent in the village.

This year Father Christmas will be visiting Wrawby on Sunday 19th December to meet you all and find out what you would like for Christmas.

He will begin his journey at approximately 4.30 p.m. from the eastern end of Melton Road, continuing to Millview Gardens, Kettleby Lane, Applefields, Frankland Close, Vicarage Gardens, Markham Way, Chapel Lane, Tunnel Road, Bakersfield, Barton Road, back up Brigg Road, ending at the Black Horse.

On behalf of the Neighbourhood Watch Team, may I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful new year.

Julie Smith

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PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER MEETING



Once again, the **police report** that the incidence of crime in Wrawby in October was low, with only 2 recorded crimes in the month. 9 other minor matters (road traffic incidents, suspected criminal damage etc.) were investigated. I make no apology for once again asking residents to remain vigilant and to report anything suspicious, however small. The police have recently been attaching importance to incidences of poaching/hare coursing and a recent conference involving many interested parties (landowners, CPS, Police officers, magistrates etc.) proved very informative. Local vigilance immediately brought results in that a suspicious vehicle with dogs and men on board was seen by a landowner. The vehicle was eventually stopped and prosecutions ensued. The police have advised that incidents of poaching/hare coursing will always be fully investigated.

The ten-yearly **census** will take place on Sunday 27 March 2011. When the census forms arrive, it is vitally important, for future planning and funding activities, that everyone completes and returns them. There are jobs available to assist in the census. The website is: www.census.gov.uk and there is also a poster is on the village notice board, outside Wrawby Hall Care Home.

As previously advised, in the last 2 years the **village hall** has benefited from a complete new floor, a complete new heating system, new vandal proof windows, a complete new kitchen, substantially improved drainage and extensive car park works, including barrier work and complete lighting of the car park. It is felt that it is a "second to none" village facility. Some of the cost of all this work has come from excellent fund raising activities, with additional support from the Parish Council. The ceiling tiles at the hall are in poor condition, as a result of previous damp, and the Village Hall Committee has been looking at the possibility of completely renewing the ceiling. However, the estimates so far obtained indicate that it would cost between £5000 - £6000 which in these days of financial restrictions, the Council simply cannot afford. Discussions about cheaper options are ongoing and details will be advised. The Chairperson of the Village Hall Committee is Mrs Sue Day (tel.653699) and Sue also acts as the Booking Officer for the Hall. At the meeting on 2nd November, members of the Parish Council expressed their appreciation of the hard work Sue puts in for the village. Any assistance anyone can provide for Sue would be very much welcomed - please telephone either Sue or the Parish Clerk Graham Foster (651250) if you can help in any way.

The **local Carers Group** in Brigg advise that should anyone require their help in any way their details are: Carers Support Centre, 11 Redcombe Lane Brigg. DN20 8AU. Website: www.carerssupportcentre.com. Tel.650585.

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Wrawby St. Mary's School



One of the wonderful things about working in a school is that Christmas comes early. Thanks to Mrs Robson the sounds of children singing festive songs can be heard all around the school as we prepare for the Christmas events.

These events begin with a special visit from Jeff Rich, the drummer from Status Quo, who will present a Christmas Percussion Workshop on 7th December. This will be followed by the first of our Christmas concerts in the afternoon. The children are also getting excited about our traditional whole school trip to the pantomime. This busy month will conclude with the Christmas Church Service at 10 o'clock on the 22nd December, to which all are welcome.



May everyone at Wrawby ST Mary's CE Primary School wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



LITTLE EXPLORERS

Our Christmas party will be held on Thursday 16th December from 9:15am till 11:15am.

Come and enjoy Christmas activities, songs and games with the usual cake at coffee time!

There will be a snack and Santa will arrive at 11am with a gift or two!!!

There will be no charge for our Christmas party, just a BIG thank you to everyone for attending in our first year and of course our very best wishes to you all.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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- If you are insured contact your insurance company before commencing any repairs as they may have their own approved traders who will do the work for you.
- If you are arranging your own repairs always use traders who have been recommended or have reliable reputations
- Be wary of opportunist workmen who turn up unannounced and try to pressure you into paying for substandard or little work.
- Consider getting written quotes from at least 3 traders
- Consider making stage payments keeping back a significant part of money until the work is satisfactorily completed.
- Trading standards work alongside the Police to check the identity and authenticity of traders.
- The local council offices will be able to provide a list of vetted traders. This can be accessed via www.northlincs.gov.uk or on 01724 296296 or call in person to the main reception.
- If a trader is aggressive or you feel threatened you can call the Police on 0845 6060 222
- Further information and general guidance can also be found via www.consumerdirect.gov.uk

These simple winter tips are provided to help prevent you becoming a victim of crime over the festive period.



Safer when buying your Christmas Gift:

- Park your car in a well lit populated area—preferably a car park with security.
- Lock all doors and windows and use a steering lock
- Don't leave your car unattended with gifts or valuables on display
- Remove sat nav's and remove all circular marks from the windscreen. Thieves target vehicles with these marks in the hope of finding the sat nav in the glovebox.
- Use a bag which closes securely and do not put your wallet where everyone can see it.

Safer at Home over Christmas:

- Keep your home secured including windows and outside doors and if you have a burglar alarm make sure it is set
- Store your gifts out of sight until Christmas Day
- When going out use timer switches to turn your lights on
- Be a good neighbour and report anything suspicious in the area
- The best burglary deterrent is to make your home look occupied at all times.

Brigg Police Station, 0845 60 60 222

THANK YOU!



The editors would like to thank everyone who contributes to the Wrawby Church and Community News and ensures you receive your copy every month. We are grateful to those of you from the various village organisations that regularly send us information about their events. Particular thanks go to:-

David Eames, Enid Knowles, John Cole, Owain Mitchell and Nigel Good who provide the Page 7 articles.

Margaret and John Cairns who collect the magazine from the printer, and their team of helpers who deliver it to your door.

Jane Caldwell for managing the advertising, and Jim Flewker for adding each month's copy to the Wrawby web site.

Thanks to all your efforts the Church is able to provide the magazine free of charge to every home in Wrawby.



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31ST OCTOBER
7TH NOVEMBER

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BAPTISMS

RENE RANKIN
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Advent SMASH sessions

1st. Dec: Advent Wreath, 8th. Dec: Jesse Tree, 15th. Dec: Christmas banners for church
As always, the church will be open from 3.30pm for refreshments and for the activities, followed by a short service at 4pm. Please come along as we prepare ourselves for Christmas. For more information, contact Fr David. P.S. If you are interested in coming along to SMASH but are unable to come on a Wednesday, please let me know as we'll be reviewing the service at the end of this term. Thanks, Fr David.

VILLAGE HALL LUNCHESES

Don't forget the last lunch in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th December at 12.30. The editors understand there will be a special festive flavour to the lunch as well as the usual selection of homemade soup, bread, cheese, cake and tea or coffee. All welcome.

St. Mary's Church

All are welcome to attend the Sunday Services at St. Mary's Church. Those on the 1st and 3rd Sunday are particularly arranged as joint services with the Methodist congregation.

There is a Sunday School during services on the 2nd and 4th Sunday. The 9.00am Wednesday Eucharist Service is a short (30 minute) Communion service.

SMASH is an 15-20 minute informal service suitable for all ages, although children need to be accompanied by an adult. The doors will be open from 3.30pm for a drink, snack and some fun activities for all ages to join in. The 9.15am Friday Morning Prayer is a short informal service with refreshments.

To book a Wedding or Baptism please see Fr Owain after Parish Communion on 2nd or 4th Sunday. For all other matters contact him on 01652 653989 or e- mail: fromitchell@btinternet.com

Wrawby Local History Group



Our long awaited second book will be available from Mid December. Titled, Wrawby At War 1914- 1918, it tells the story of the lives of the inhabitants of Wrawby during World War 1 as reported in local newspapers of the time. It is a tribute firstly to those who fought and died in the Great War. Secondly, it records the activities of those who "kept the home fires burning" and supported the war effort, despite and because of the inevitable consequences to their loved ones involved in the fighting.

Orders are now being taken for delivery before Christmas (a unique Christmas present) either by e-mailing wrawbybooks@yahoo.co.uk or phoning Angela Rowlands on 01652 659173.

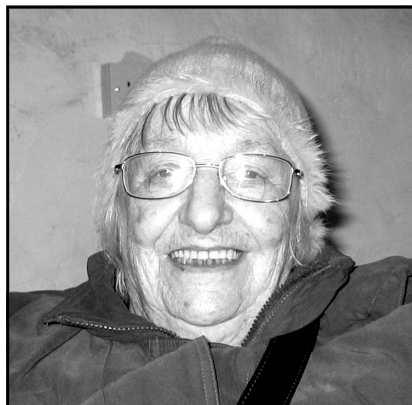
A special introductory price of £6.50 will be available until the end of January. Don't forget, the History Group's original book "Village On The Hill" is also still available at £6.00.

Rene Rankin – R.I.P.



On 26th October the funeral of Mrs. Rene Rankin (aged 90) took place at St Mary's Church, attended by a large congregation. A tribute was paid by Rene's granddaughter, Kerri. Burial followed at Brigg cemetery.

Rene was born and brought up in Wrawby - the youngest of three brothers and four sisters, living in Barton Road and Tunnel Road. Her war service in the Women's Land Army was recently recognized by a national award, which she proudly received in Lincoln cathedral from the Lord Lieutenant, together with a letter from Prime Minister Gordon Brown. In 1943 she transferred to the NAAFI, and worked on several Lincolnshire bomber bases.



In 1947 Rene married Alex Rankin, formerly a Sergeant in R.E.M.E. After living first with her parents they moved to 9 Vicarage Gardens in 1954. Their son Stuart was born when Rene was 37 years of age, and she joined the group of younger mothers in the village. In her heyday she was keen on athletics, tennis and ladies' football. Later she was an energetic participant in Keep Fit and bowling. She was much involved in amateur dramatics in Brigg, both in the chorus and behind the scenes as vice-chairwoman of the entertainments' committee. She was also an active member of the Women's Institute. In recent years Rene often attended the Village Hall lunches.

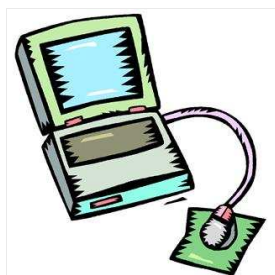
In 1969 to 1979 she and Alex ran the 'White Horse' pub (now the 'Jolly Miller'), where many lively social events took place. On leaving there they moved temporarily to Barton-on-Humber, and then returned to Wrawby – to the same house as before. It was Rene's home for over 50 years.

After Stuart became a choirboy in the days of the Revd David Bates both parents followed him into St Mary's choir – a body of which Rene eventually became the sole survivor. Their church links became even closer when, in the days of Canon Ben Whitfield, Alex took on the role of vergier with Rene assisting him in many ways. She continued as a PCC member until a few months before her death, when she moved to Wrawby Hall for residential care.

We give thanks for Rene's long and active life in this village, and for all that she did as a loving wife to Alex and as a caring mum / mother-in-law / grandma to Stuart, Carol and their daughters, Kerri and Keely. Many of us have memories of Rene's energy and zest for life, as well as her forthrightness and wicked sense of humour – a local 'character' who will be much missed. May she rest in Peace.

Thanks to Bishop David Tustin for this obituary.

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All over the world, choirs, schools, charities and many organisations are rehearsing carols for Christmas and Nativity plays and secular sketches for the time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



In this fast-changing world, people are reminded of something which has filled generations with awe and wonder. Yes, many folks will be drawn back to the days when they themselves wore a T-towel on their heads, or were a star, an angel, a sheep or a donkey (or even Mary, Joseph, a wise man or Herod!) in the infant school nativity play – or their children and grandchildren have been!

But what can we really believe as Christians? Can we really believe the census took place? Yes, there is evidence for that?

What about Jesus being born in a stable? The donkey? The inn-keeper? The shepherds? The choir of angels? The star? (Yes, the appearance of a comet was recorded at just the right time), The wise men?.

Maybe we should be looking for a different kind of truth. Maybe we should be looking at the message of truth which the nativity story brings us. That truth being

1).that Almighty, Eternal God intervened, came in flesh and blood, in order to show his love for humankind; to bring the values of the Kingdom of Heaven to his created world by challenging authorities of the day; to draw his wayward children lovingly back to himself.

2)that truth of the importance of simplicity; being aware of the miraculous activity of God in unexpected places at unexpected times.

3)that truth of God's desire for peace, joy and hope for all people for all time.

Immanuel – God is with us!

And that fills me with awe and wonder!

May you and yours be blessed this Christmas with the wonder and awe behind the nativity story – and may you know God's blessing of peace in the New Year

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As the Church moves into the season of Advent, She marks the beginning of a new Christian Year. The word *Advent* comes from the Latin, for ‘coming’, so the season of Advent is about Christ’s coming among us.



But Advent is more than simply looking forward four weeks to our celebration and remembrance of the Holy Nativity. We are urged to look forward to the Last Things. We call to mind Our Lord’s promised return when He shall judge both the living and the dead. So as the Church begins a new year, we do so by looking forward to these Last Things – the day of judgement – rather than by looking back to the first – God’s incarnation over two thousand years ago.

Before we are able to celebrate Christmas and fully enter into the mystery of Jesus’ birth, we spend a short period of time reflecting on the Last Four Things in preparation for the end of time as a human construct, when all that God did for humanity as a result of that first Christmas will come to fruition. In His earthly life, Jesus taught us to look forward to the hour that we are called from this world, through death: death being the crowning point of every life, when we appear before Him to be judged.

The key point of Christmas, which many of us are preparing to celebrate, is the fact that God became human in order to help humanity become divine. He taught us to see our lives in His Divine perspective, to look forward to the day when he will come again, when the time of this world will cease. Then all will be united and perfected in His Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven, except for those who are lost and are therefore destined to hell.

As we get excited and look forward to the fun and joy of celebrating that first Christmas, let’s prepare ourselves by reflecting of the Last Things: death, judgement, heaven and hell. We prepare ourselves for death and for eternal life, in order that ‘we may be strengthened in hope, moved to thank God for His grace, and be inspired to deeper penitence and greater love.’ (The Promise of His Glory, 1991; p. 103)

May all your preparations for the celebration of Christmas bring you comfort and peace, that you may share in the joy of Our Lord’s Second Coming.

With my prayers and every blessing,

Fr. Owain

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Wrawby's Diary for December and January



December

- 1 Wednesday**
St Mary's Eucharist, SMASH and Choir
(See Regular Weekly Events)
10 a.m. Teddy Bear's Club
Lunch Club at the Black Horse
Mobile Library (see panel for times)
- 2 Thursday** 9.15 a.m. Little Explorers, V.Hall
- 3 Friday** 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer, St Mary's
- 4 Saturday** 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee Morning in Church - Cream Scones, Coffee etc
- 5 Sunday**
St. Mary's 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. United Family Service
- 6 Monday** 2.00 p.m. Monday Club in Village Hall. Tel. 653039 for details.
- 7 Tuesday** 12.30p.m. Village Hall Lunch with a "festive flavour" to end the season.
- 8 Wednesday**
St Mary's Eucharist, SMASH and Choir
(See Regular Weekly Events)
- 9 Thursday** 9:15 a.m. Little Explorers, Vill. Hall
- 10 Friday** 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer, St Mary's
- 12 Sunday**
St. Mary's 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 15 Wednesday**
St Mary's Eucharist, SMASH and Choir
Mobile Library (see panel for times)
Village Hall 8.00 p.m. Women's Institute
- 16 Thursday** 9:15 a.m. Little Explorers, V. Hall
Christmas Party
- 17 Friday** 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer, St Mary's
- 19 Sunday**
St. Mary's 11.00 a.m. Morning Praise
4.30. p.m. onwards
Father Christmas Visiting Wrawby
- 22 Wednesday**
St Mary's 9.00 a.m. Eucharist
10.00 a.m. Wrawby School
Christmas Service
School Term Ends



- 24 Friday** **Christmas Eve**
4.00 p.m. Carols and Christingle
11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass
- 25 Saturday** **Christmas Day**
All Saints, Cadney 8.30 a.m. Christmas Eucharist
St. John's Brigg 9.30 a.m. Christmas Eucharist
- 26 Sunday**
St. John's Brigg 9.30 a.m. Joint Parish Eucharist

January

- 2 Sunday**
St. Mary's 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. United Family Service
- 3 Monday** 2.00 p.m. Monday Club in Village Hall. Tel. 653039 for details.
- 5 Wednesday**
St Mary's Eucharist, SMASH and Choir
10 a.m. Teddy Bear's Club
Lunch Club at the Black Horse
Mobile Library
School Term Starts
- 9 Thursday** 9:15 a.m. Little Explorers, Vill. Hall



Regular Weekly Events

- St Mary's*
Wednesday 9.00 a.m. Eucharist
3.30 p.m. SMASH (St Mary's After School Hours) - Term time only
8.00 p.m. Wrawby Community Choir
- Friday 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Sunday 1st: 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. United Family Service
2nd: 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
3rd: 11.00 a.m. Morning Praise
4th: 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
5th: Joint Services as announced

Village Hall

- Tuesday 12.30 p.m. Lunch Club
Thursday 9.15 a.m. Little Explorers—Term time only

Wrawby Mobile Library Schedule

Alternate Wednesdays:-

- Village Hall 12.20 - 12.40 p.m.
Central Stores 1.45 - 2.10 p.m.
Tunnel/Barton Road 2.15 - 2.25 p.m.
See Diary for this month's dates