

# Church and December 2011 January 2012 Community News



## Christmas celebrations in Wrawby

19th December 2.00 p.m. School Christmas Service

### Christmas Eve

4.00 p.m. Carols and Christingle Service

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass at St. John's, Brigg

### Christmas Day

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion



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

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 Nigel Good 658883  
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 Patrick Keilthy 655360

**Wrawby Methodist Church**

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

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We are also very grateful to Jim Flewker who transfers the copy from each edition to the village web site at [www.wrawby.org.uk](http://www.wrawby.org.uk), along with a gallery of photographs and other useful links and information.

Please note that events advertised in this magazine are the responsibility of the organisers. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the information in Wrawby News, neither the Church or the Editors have any control over the events or information supplied by others.

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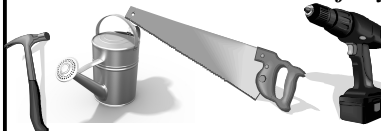
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THIS POEM WAS SENT TO US BY AN ANONYMOUS READER. WE'RE SURE IT WILL STRIKE A CHORD WITH MANY OTHERS... THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



### WRABY BYGONES

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 A BUTCHER'S SHOP, NOW THAT WAS A TREAT,  
 OPEN EVERY DAY FOR GOOD FRESH MEAT.  
 THREE GROCER SHOPS WHO SOLD THIS AND THAT,  
 FOLK WOULD MEET TO HAVE A CHAT.  
 TWO CHAPELS GONE, DEAR ME, A LADY WAS HEARD TO SAY.  
 BUT ST. MARY'S WILL WELCOME ALL, WHEN THEY COME TO PRAY.




Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 - 8.00 pm



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**CHRISTIAN AID BIG CHRISTMAS SING**  
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## WRAWBY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, four members of Wrawby Neighbourhood Watch attended a meeting in Scunthorpe hosted by the North Lincolnshire Neighbourhood Watch Association which was formed one year ago. (replacing HANWaG)

This was a most interesting evening where we were given talks by experts in their field with regard to Operation Eiger which deals with metal and cable thefts, and how the powers that be are trying to combat this crime which has repercussions for us all.

The UK Borders Agency explained how it is trying to safeguard our country. Humberside Fire and Rescue Service and Humberside Police Authority also gave interesting updates on their work and their role in society. Please note there is a new telephone number for contacting the police in non-emergency situations. (See adjoining page.)

Once again we are thinking about Christmas. I can't believe another year has gone by so quickly, however plans are being made to organise the Christmas tree at St. Mary's, hopefully some time during the first week in December. This will be purchased with the money which was kindly donated to us last year. We also bought a new flag of St George for the Church, provided Easter treats for the Tuesday Village Lunch, we gave a £50 donation to a young lady from Wrawby who was taking part in a production at the Edinburgh Festival and we will provide treats for the Christmas Tuesday Lunch. So thanks to you all, your money stays in the village and benefits Wrawby people.

Father Christmas will be calling in Wrawby once again this year. Look out for him on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December. He will begin his journey at the eastern end of Melton Road at approx. 4.30pm, continuing to Millview Gardens, Kettleby Lane, Applefields, Frankland Close, Vicarage Gardens, Markham Way, Chapel Lane, Tunnel Road, Bakersfield, Barton Road, and back up Brigg Road.

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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**Barton and Brigg Methodist Circuit**

**Christmas Extravaganza**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm**

To be held at Wrawby St Mary's C. of. E Church, Brigg Road, Wrawby.

Hymns, Songs and 'other items'. The perfect way to prepare the family for Christmas.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.

# The Month Before Christmas



*With apologies to Clement Clarke Moore!*

Twass the month before Christmas, and all through the store,  
Each department was dripping with Yuletide decor.

The Muzak was blaring an out-of-tune carol,  
And the fake snow was falling on "Ladies' Apparel."

I'd flown many miles from the North Pole this day,  
To check on reports which had caused me dismay.  
I'd come to this store for but one special reason,  
To see for myself what went on this Season.

I hid in a corner and in a short while,  
I saw the Store President march down the aisle.  
He shouted an order to "Turn the store tree on!"  
And also the "NOEL" in blinking pink neon.

Up high, grandly hanging from twin gold supports,  
Four hundred pink angels flew over "Men's Shorts."  
And towering over the Rear Mezzanine,  
A 90-foot Day Glo "Nativity Scene."

The clock on the wall said two minutes to Nine,  
The floorwalkers proudly all stood in line.  
I watched while the President smelled their carnations,  
Then called out his final command - "Man Your Stations!"

When out on the street there arose such a roar,  
It rang to the rafters and boomed through the store.  
It sounded exactly like street-repair drilling,  
Or maybe another big Mafia killing.

I looked to the doors, and there banging glass,  
Was a clamouring, shrieking, hysterical mass.  
And I felt from the tone of each scream and each curse,  
That the "Spirit Of Christmas" had changed for the worse.



The clock it struck Nine, and the door opened wide,  
And that great human avalanche thundered inside.  
More fearsome than Sherman attacking Atlanta  
Came parents and kiddies with just one goal - "Santa!!!"

In front stormed the mothers, all brandishing handbags,  
As heavy and deadly as 20 pound sandbags.  
With gusto they swung them, the better to smash ears,  
Of innocent floorwalkers, buyers, and cashiers.

Egged on by their parents, the kids had one aim,  
To get to the man who was using my name.  
They mobbed him and mauled him, the better to plead,  
For the presents they sought in their hour of greed.

The President watched with a gleam in his eye,  
As he thought of the toys that the parents would buy.  
Of all Christmas come-ons, this crowd would attest,  
That a visit to "Santa" was clearly the best.

It was all too much for my soul to condone,  
And I let out a most unprofessional moan.  
The crowd turned around, and I'll say for their sake,  
That they knew in an instant I wasn't fake.

"I've had it," I told them, "with fast-buck promoting,  
With gimmicks and come-ons and businessmen gloating.  
This garish display of commercialized greed,  
Is so very UN-Christmas, it makes my heart bleed!"

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



### Police Matters

Incidences of crime rose in September and recorded crimes were:

2 Criminal damage to property (single incident - one suspect)

1 Burglary in a dwelling

1 Theft (from St Mary's Church)

1 Possession of a controlled drug

1 Having a bladed weapon in a public place

The last 2 offences relate to a single incident, for which a male has been arrested and charged.

### Interpretive Board/Map/Wrawby History etc

The Parish Council is considering installing a lectern to give visitors to Wrawby a "taste" of the village both past and present. The content and location of this lectern are being considered at present and council is seeking residents views. Please contact Louise Tandon at [pavandlou@btinternet.com](mailto:pavandlou@btinternet.com) (*Editor's note - the original idea for this was to make use of the redundant bus shelter base, next to the new bus shelter standing opposite Vicarage Motors.*)

### Winter weather guidance

After the severe weather of last winter, N Lincs Council is to make available to each Parish Council funds, extra grit, salt boxes etc. in addition to their normal gritting runs. Wrawby's allocations will be:

(a) Cash - £750 towards contractors, farmers etc. costs re clearing areas

(b) 2 tons of salt/grit

(c) 3 extra salt boxes filled once by N Lincs Council

Full details, locations etc will be to hand shortly and will appear in this Magazine and on the Parish Notice Board outside Wrawby Hall Care Home

### Re-Cycling, Jolly Miller

North Lincs. Council has removed the recycling bins previously situated at the Jolly Miller at the request of the owners. If residents have excessive or additional quantities of recyclable materials, they can be taken to any household recycling centre, the nearest one being at Barnetby on Melton Ross Road, or all major supermarkets.

### Emergency Plan

The Wrawby Parish Council Emergency Plan was published last month and circulated in this magazine. The council is asking for volunteers from people who could help our community in the unlikely event of an emergency. Please make contact with any member of the council if:

- You have a special skill which could assist until outside help arrived. e.g. Medical training, plumber, electrician
- You have special equipment such as tractors, diggers or emergency generators.
- You have experience in Social Services, counselling, youth work, teaching or catering.
- You have a stock of towels or bedding which are no longer used but could be called on if required.

You can e-mail details to [councillors@wrawby.org.uk](mailto:councillors@wrawby.org.uk) or complete the form included in the Emergency Plan itself. Any information you supply will be treated as confidential.



## Outstanding news from Wrawby School!



Just after the November edition of the magazine had gone to the printers we heard that Wrawby St Mary's Church of England Primary School had received a letter from the local authority judging it to be 'Striving for Excellence - Good to Outstanding'.

We now have the results of an Ofsted inspection that took place two weeks ago which gives additional "cause for celebration"!

Our school has been judged Outstanding by the inspectors. This puts it into a category that only 6% of primary schools in England achieve. Marvellous!! Not only is this great news for the hard work of Headteacher Sheila Rowe and her staff but it is great news for our village children who have the very best start in life because of the care, dedication and professionalism shown. By the children's own judgement! It is also a 'kind' and 'happy' school.

Now, of course, we have all known for a while how fabulous our village school is, and its increasing popularity with families is testament to this but how nice to have it recognised officially! Thanks for a job truly well done!



**October's Christmas Fayre saw the Village Hall bursting at the seams. We had 20 stall holders with a wide variety of goods on sale. The support from the village was tremendous, a big thank you.**

The members enjoyed a sugar craft demonstration by Lynn Larder at the November meeting. Plenty of idea's for our Christmas cakes this year!

We have a packed programme for the coming year. The January meeting is Felting by Sue Hawkmoon, followed by a presentation from someone offering a Will writing service in February.

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AT ST. MARY'S IN NOVEMBER

The Methodist Coffee Mornings take place between 10.00 and 12.00 on the first Saturday of each month. Come along for the delicious scones, a drink and a friendly chat.

If you are looking for somewhere to find a bit of peace and time for contemplation, or just want to look inside, St Mary's Church is open between 9.00 and 15.00 on school days.

A big "thank you" to the Wrawby Community Choir for their contribution to the Remembrance Day Service at St. Mary's Church last month.

One of our readers took us to task for referring to soldiers rather than servicemen in the front page article of the November Church and Community News. We have to admit that the majority of the content was copied from the British Legion website and the editor didn't pick up on this point. We apologise for any offence caused.

On December 15th everyone from Wrawby school is going to watch the pantomime in Scunthorpe. Oh yes they are.....!

### Olympic Torch to visit Wrawby



Many of you will have heard that the Olympic Torch is coming to Wrawby on 26th June next year as it makes its 70 day journey to London. We would like to hear your ideas for celebrating this truly unique event....

There will be an evening celebration in Cleethorpes at the end of the day but it would be great if Wrawby residents could come together and make this a day to remember.

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## A WAITING GAME



Back at the beginning of October I went to Brigg Garden Centre and discovered Christmas Land had reopened, yes I know we always say preparations for Christmas get earlier each year! Perhaps it's because we don't do waiting anymore in our busy lives.

Many will tell of the days when the Christmas tree was not put up until Christmas Eve, carols were not sung until Christmas Eve either and the days following and we weren't fed up with Christmas before we even reached 25<sup>th</sup> December. But now it almost seems that shops are advertising Christmas as soon as the children finish their summer holidays. Preparations for Christmas means, for many people, beginning Christmas early.

Imagine how you would react if you entered a room and found a present on the table marked "this present is for you but don't open it now...wait". I wonder how many of us would obey the command. Waiting is not something most of us do easily. Our frustrations at waiting begin at an early age, as children we yell and wail until our wishes are met, and we don't get that much better as we get older. Our modern pace of living doesn't give us much scope for waiting, we are encouraged to get what we want now whether we can afford it or not, why wait we're told. Mobile phones, iPods and the like mean we don't even have to wait to communicate even when we're not at home! Waiting has become an ever increasingly strange notion; we have become used to immediacy and a fast response.

The Church, however, has an old fashioned notion that waiting is important. The season of Advent, the 4 weeks before Christmas, is this waiting period. It is a time of preparation, but not like the busy shopping frenzy, but a time to take space to prepare yourself. An opportunity to reflect and make yourself ready to receive the gift that is to come. The gift of the Christ child born in a stable at Bethlehem. The gift of God himself come among us. The true gift of Christmas.

I hope you can find yourself time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and may I wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Nigel

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# Wrawby's Diary for December and January 2012



## December

- 2 Friday** 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer in Church
- 3 Saturday** 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee Morning at St. Mary's Church
- 4 Sunday**  
*St. Mary's* 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m. United Family Service
- 6 Tuesday** 12..30 p.m. Village Hall Lunch  
7.00 p.m. Methodist Christmas Extravaganza at St. Mary's
- 7 Wednesday**  
*St Mary's* 9.00 a.m. Eucharist St. Mary's Lunch Club  
Mobile Library  
8.00 p.m. Wrawby Community Choir rehearsal at St. Mary's Church
- 9 Friday** 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer in Church
- 11 Sunday**  
*St. Mary's* 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 13 Tuesday** 12.30 p.m. Village Hall Lunch
- 14 Wednesday**  
*St Mary's* 9.00 a.m. Eucharist  
6.30 - 8.00 p.m. CHRISTIAN AID BIG SING
- 16 Friday** 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer in Church
- 18 Sunday**  
*St. Mary's* 11am Morning Praise
- 19 Monday** 2.00 p.m. School Christmas Service
- 20 Tuesday** 3.00 p.m. End of School Term
- 21 Wednesday**  
*St Mary's* 9.00 a.m. Eucharist  
Mobile Library  
8.00 p.m. Women's Institute in Village Hall
- 24 Saturday** **Christmas Eve**  
*St. Mary's* 4.00 p.m. Christingle Service  
*St. John's Brigg* 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass

**25 Sunday** **Christmas Day**  
*St. Mary's* 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

**28 Wednesday**  
*St Mary's* 9.00 a.m. Eucharist

**30 Friday** 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer in Church

## January

**1 Sunday** **No Services at St. Mary's**  
*St John's Brigg* 9.30 a.m. United Benefice Service

**4 Wednesday**  
*St Mary's* 9.00 a.m. Eucharist  
Mobile Library  
Lunch Club

**7 Saturday** 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee Morning at St. Mary's Church

**8 Sunday**  
*St. Mary's* 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

**10 Tuesday** 7.00 p.m. PCC Meeting at St. Mary's

**11 Wednesday**  
*St Mary's* 9.00 a.m. Eucharist

**13 Friday** 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer in Church

**15 Sunday**  
*St. Mary's* 11am Morning Praise

**18 Wednesday**  
*St Mary's* 9.00 a.m. Eucharist  
Mobile Library  
8.00 p.m. Women's Institute in Village Hall

**22 Sunday**  
*St. Mary's* 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

**25 Wednesday**  
*St Mary's* 9.00 a.m. Eucharist

**27 Friday** 9.15 a.m. Morning Prayer in Church

**29 Sunday**  
*St. John's Brigg* 9.30 a.m. United Benefice Service.

## 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	



**Wrawby Post Mill**  
**Open Days in 2012 will be announced on the February Magazine**