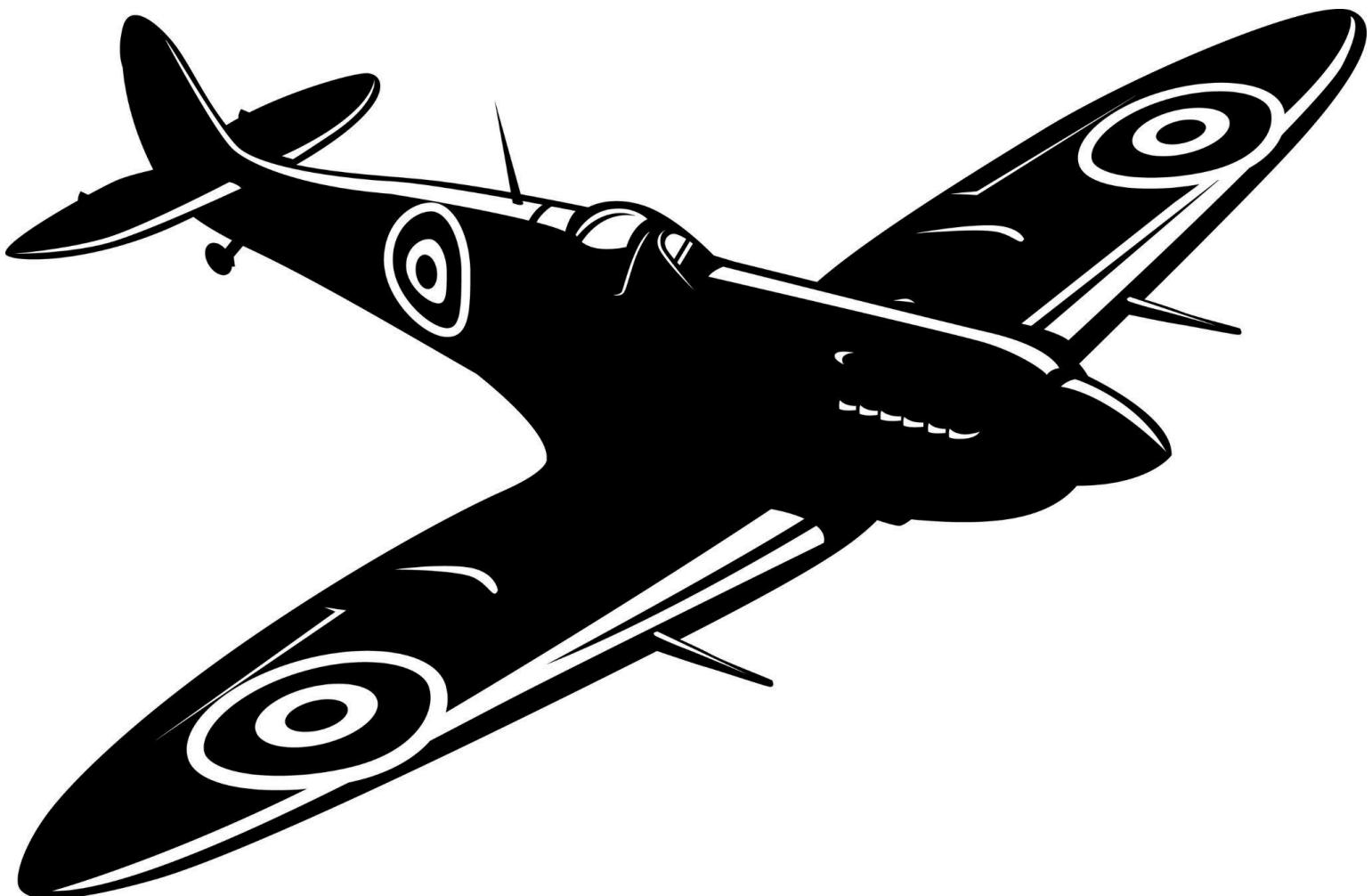


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## Notes from the editor

Welcome to Summer - strange weather but things are growing. Don't miss the plant stall on May 10th, and Churches Festival that weekend as well. Lots going on.

Hope you get to the Beacon Lighting for VE day on May 8th. Will be a memorable day, so important to be a part of it.

New section "Spotlight On" highlighting different issues. Next one is on transport available in Kirton. Lots of information to help you all so watch out for further issues.

This is the way we keep in touch across Kirton. Feel free to write to us and we'll follow up your issues.

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Veterinary Surgeon	01427 612662

## A Hard Act to Follow

We have recently bid farewell to our good friend Jenny Cripps who has now decided to take life at a slightly slower place after giving over 20 years of invaluable service to Kirton First. She was an integral part of the group and wore many hats. Her varied duties included handling the grant applications and keeping accounts alongside carrying out general administration. She was also responsible for organising the distribution of the magazines. We hope she is now enjoying more time to herself and send her our best wishes and grateful thanks.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Kirton First volunteers for their ongoing support and welcome our newest volunteers Anne and Julie.

D Brelsford  
On behalf of the Editorial Team



*the kirton in lindsey society*

## May & June meetings & news

The Kirton in Lindsey Society's season of indoor meetings continues on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, in the Town Hall, Market Place, Kirton in Lindsey.

The talk this time is "A Swift Gallop through 20<sup>th</sup> Century Costume" - social historian Janet Tierney makes a return visit; the evening includes an illustrated talk as well as garments from the period to look at. She shows how quickly fashions changed in the 1900s.

June talk is "Crime and Punishment - Anglo Saxon to present day" and will be given by Eric Jackson.

St Andrew's United Church is open during the West Lindsey Churches Festival weekend of 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> May. As well as displays on the theme 'Heaven and Earth', there will be materials from Lincolnshire Archives and The Kirton in Lindsey Society archives, Tower Tours, organ recitals, an 'Angel Hunt' in the churchyard and other wonderful displays by the Brownies and local groups on the theme of 'Heaven and Earth'. Home-made soup and bread rolls will be served at lunchtime and light refreshments at other times.



To find out times etc. visit [www.churchesfestival.info](http://www.churchesfestival.info)

For all the latest news, outings and information check out our website [www.kirtoninlindseysociety.org.uk](http://www.kirtoninlindseysociety.org.uk) or contact Martin Hollingsworth (Secretary) 01652 648435

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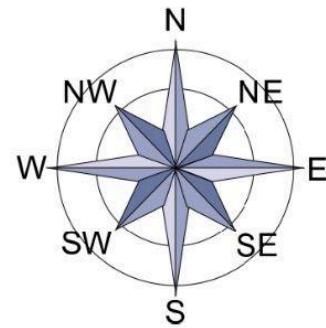
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# A Trip South

By Andy Palin  
(Part 2)



I arrived early January shortly after the longest day, but it wasn't until mid-January that the sun started to set, even if only briefly. The sun was out continuously for the first month and at times it felt quite mild. This was deceptive and due to the very dry atmosphere, with temperatures rarely rising above zero even though it was midsummer.

In the shade was thick ice with some of the buildings having snow over the roof.



## The scenery

was spectacular, with Rothera surrounded by towering peaks and ice cliffs. We could often hear huge explosions in the distance as ice cliffs collapsed into the sea. Every day the boat crew took scientists out and, if space was available, a call went out over the radio for volunteers. It wasn't until I

was in a boat speeding across Ryder Bay that I realised the scale of the place. The mountains in the distance were huge and just weren't getting any closer.

The scenery would often change. You'd leave the accommodation block and the view would be of the bay, calm like a mill pond. Hours later the wind would change and the bay would be full of brash ice and enormous icebergs. When the wind changed again, hours later, the bay would be clear with not an iceberg in sight.

One day a call came over the radio that there were orca in the South Cove. I found a small group at the water's edge watching a mother killer whale teaching her calf to hunt seal whilst birds circled overhead. An amazing once in a lifetime sight. Penguins and seals were often seen near the base,

although not in the numbers seen in previous years, Orca pods and leopard seals would visit the bay periodically, checking ice flows for the seals and penguins, but would soon move on.

I saw a map on a wall one day dated 1996 of the surrounding peaks. I was amazed to find much on the map was just white and marked 'uncharted' I was even more amazed when I was informed that this was the latest map.

Rothera has the most southerly permanent runway, usable for only 4 months in summer. Further south runways are ice and the season very short. Late February saw many planes transiting north to south America, pulling teams out. Many seemed to be old DC-3 Dakotas, bringing through many nationalities. People returning from the pole seemed to be very tanned with huge beards. I shared a room with an American guy returning from the pole. He said he'd been travelling for 4 days and apologised for the smell!

Life at Rothera was very busy, with long hours, and a 6 day working week. In summer around 150 people live at Rothera, with about 30 people overwintering and staying for up to 18 months at

a time. Others would stay for only a few weeks. The internet was surprising good, and frequent calls home to the family were possible and kept me going.

Having seen many flights leave, It was finally my time to board a DeHavilland Dash 7 for a spectacular 4½ hour flight back along the peninsula too Tierra del Fuego eventually landing at Punta Arenas. It was great to feel some warmth and see trees, grass and colour again. It took 5 flights to get back to the UK, the last being 11½ hours.

On reflection, the thing that sticks with me about Antarctica is the incredible scale and beauty of the place, the abundant marine life, and the people with their nomadic lifestyle and incredible life stories. It was pointed out to me that regular meals, warm huts and internet were only a thin veneer of normality, and that astronauts on the international space station were closer to civilisation than we were. Human life has the most precarious grip in this inhospitable continent.

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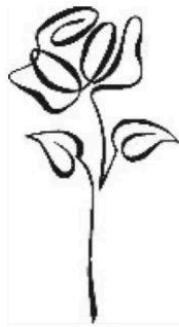
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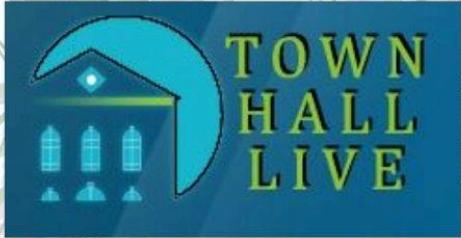


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# Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners Meetings & News



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May (9.00am to 11.00am), in the Market Place it is the club's Annual Plant Stall. Bedding plants, vegetable plants and much more. Bring along any spare plants to help raise funds for the club and find that missing gem of a plant for your garden.

The KLAGs 2025 season of meetings continues on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm, in the Town Hall, Market Place, Kirton in Lindsey.

**Doug Stewart**, local radio gardening expert, professional horticulturist and plant

enthusiast, will give an illustrated



presentation titled '**The Greatest Show on Earth**'. He takes a personal look behind the scenes at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.



At each meeting monthly competitions are held for members, this month it will be 'A Sprig of Blossom).

Please come along and join the group who are a friendly bunch and very welcoming. These are the next visits/meetings:

	Topic/Event	Speaker/details	Monthly Competition
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> June Meeting time to be arranged	Visit to Kirton in Lindsey's Allotments	Hosted by the Allotment's Association	Buttonhole
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> July Meeting time to be arranged	Visit to Pilham Arboretum		Photo of a Summer Border
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> August	History & development of English Gardens	Celia Lord	Vase of Perennials (min 3 stems)
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show</b>		

For more details contact: Sarah Wilkinson, Secretary (01652 409717) or [sarah.wilkinson11@outlook.com](mailto:sarah.wilkinson11@outlook.com) or Tracy Hughes (Chair) on 07831 179974 or Follow us on Facebook 'KLAGs (Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners)



## **Torksey's Charity – can you help?**

Torksey's Charity (registered charity 251454) has been operating in the town since 1855 and seeks to provide light financial assistance to residents of Kirton in Lindsey in need of some help.

It isn't part of the Town Council or North Lincolnshire Council, but exists in its own right and the Charity budget is currently funded by renting land belonging to it.

Currently the Charity is looking for a couple more Trustees. The workload is very light; it requires at least one meeting per year to do administrative things, plus we meet if an application is made for assistance to discuss it and award financial help if deemed appropriate and helpful. It is a voluntary role and Trustees must be a current resident of, or have close links to, Kirton in Lindsey and be able to attend meetings in person.

The Charity was established to provide emergency financial assistance to local residents in need, applicants provide information to help us understand the situation they are in and how we can help. We then meet to discuss the information provided and try to determine the best way of assisting.

If you would like to apply to be a Trustee, please either notify the Charity in writing to 'Torksey's Charity, c/o The Diamond Jubilee Town Hall' and post it/put it into the Town Hall letterbox, or send an email to [torkseys@gmail.com](mailto:torkseys@gmail.com)

Please make any enquires or send any applications by 10th June. If you would like any further information, please contact us via the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall or email [torkseys@gmail.com](mailto:torkseys@gmail.com)

Thank you.



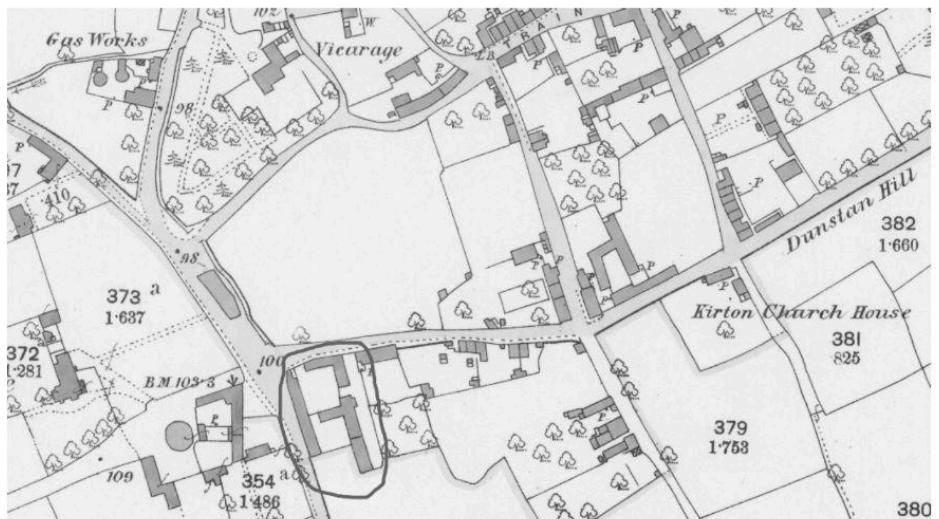
## the kirton in Lindsey society

'Incendiaryism in Kirton almost 190 years ago'

and Can you tell your 'Fathom from your Furlong'?

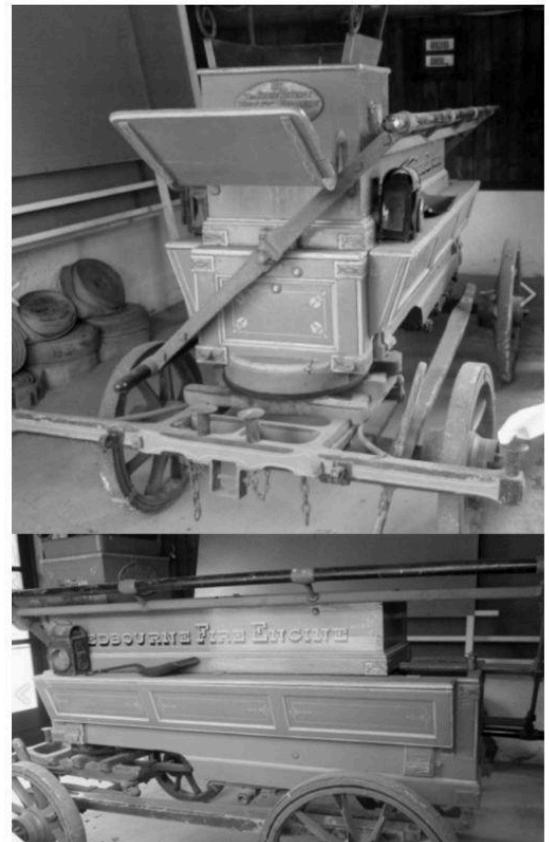
What is 'Incendiaryism' you may ask? Historically it refers to the creation of civil strife or violence for political reasons, or inflammatory behavior/agitation. More commonly it means the act or practice of illegally setting fires (arson).

On the morning of Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1839 the farmyard, stacks and buildings of Mr Joseph William Cook were CONSUMED BY FIRE. It is believed to have been this farm at the bottom of Dunstan Hill (circled). It was farmed by the Cook family (J W senior and his son J W junior, who is pictured) for several decades in the mid late 1800s before moving to take up residence at The Grange, situated on the North Cliff.



The waggon shed and stables were burned down but prompt action by farm hands and local residents saved the larger beasts and horses but sadly 3 ewes & 7 lambs in a pen were killed. Also consumed by fire were: 1 haystack, 1 clover stack, 1 pea stack, 1 wheat stack, part of an oat stack, two waggons, harrows and other equipment.

The Kirton fire engine attended quickly; joined an hour later by the Redbourne fire engine (pictured). It was through the hard work by all in attendance, and a fortuitous change of wind direction, that more buildings



and the farmhouse did not fall victim to the flames. The Kirton fire engine had only been set up and purchased the year before.

It was thought to have been started deliberately so a committee of enquiry was set up and held the following day in the Manor Court House. It was led by C B Luard Esq., Rev. H J Pooley and two magistrates. Several prominent Kirton residents were included.

What happened then? - read more next time.

### Schools and Education

The next display in the Heritage Room, in the Town Hall, will be themed around Schools and Education. It is currently in preparation and should be finished as you read this. It will include photographs (people and buildings); ephemera; school journals and other items. Here is an extract from Arithmetical Tables of the mid to late 1800s. The full table will be on display.

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69½ miles	... 1 degree

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12TH JULY	Summer Gala
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KLASSIC is changing to a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). We will therefore be on the lookout for new Trustees in the coming months. Anyone that may be interested please drop an email to [klassicinfo@aol.com](mailto:klassicinfo@aol.com) and I will get back to you with more information.

**Kirton in Lindsey**  
**Actively Supporting Sport**  
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# KLASSIC

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### **Art Class**

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### **Kirton WI**

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### **Kirton Area Gaming Group**

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### **H & ME Creations**

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### **Short Mat Bowls**

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### **KLOTS**

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Mobile: 07484 680471

### **Over 30's Football**

Contact Dan Gunn –  
Mobile: 07845 594587  
Email: [kirtonover30s@gmail.com](mailto:kirtonover30s@gmail.com)

### **Kirton in Lindsey Archery Club**

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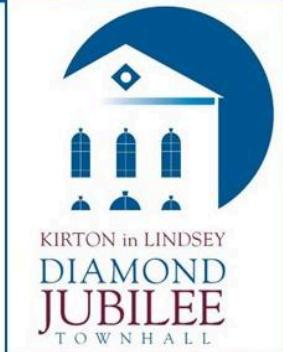
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**Evergreens** - Tuesdays 2-4pm (Barry 07876 332188)

**Seated Exercise** - Wednesdays at 10-11am (North Lincolnshire Council Active Communities Team: 01724 297270)

**Tai Chi** - Wednesdays 11.15-12.45 (George -01427 617171)

**Rock Choir** - Wednesdays 7-8.30pm Register at <https://rockchoir.com/>

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**Town Council Office Open** - Thursdays 12 - 4pm (Clerk 01652 648978)

**Slimming World** - Fridays at 9.30- 11.30am

**Community Shop** - Fridays at 1-2pm.

### Monthly:

**Tea Dance** - 2nd Monday 2-4pm (Jenny 01652 640281)

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**Kirton in Lindsey Society** – 4th Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm (Martin 01652 648435)

**KLAGS (amateur gardeners)** – 3rd Wednesday (Sarah 01652 409717)

**Cupcakes, Coffee and Chat** - 1st Saturday 10am – 12 noon

**Town Hall Craft Club** – 4th Saturday 1-4pm

**Pop-up Market** - 1st Sunday 10am to 2pm

**Town Hall Live** - various dates (Brian - 01652 649230)

Information correct at the time of going to press but situations change. Any later developments will be on our website and short-notice changes will be posted on our Facebook page so do keep checking. If in doubt, contact **Jo** on [info@kirtoninlindseytownhall.co.uk](mailto:info@kirtoninlindseytownhall.co.uk) or ring **07752 246255** or the event organiser.

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## **KLUSH – Kirton Lindsey Ukrainian Support Hub**

Once again, the Ukraine war is sadly making headlines. The war has entered its fourth year with many terrible scenes hitting our news screens. In this time, KLUSH members have welcomed 15 Ukrainian guests to our town and have helped them settle here, far from the homes they knew. They have been supported to settle in with welcome packs, finding employment and suitable accommodation, travelling to and from places of work and appointments and generally making friends here.



This has not only been a lifeline to these individuals and families fleeing war, but has enabled Kirton folk to make new friends and understand more about Ukraine and its history and culture.

Although three families are still living close by and are in regular contact with their hosts, we feel it is now time to close KLUSH as an organisation. The future is still very uncertain for our guests with only an 18 month extension to their visas for now, but we feel that the friendships and mutual support that has grown from KLUSH is enough to continue supporting our friends on an informal basis from now on.

Much of the money raised by the initial fundraiser has been spent on welcome gifts, helping to finance essential journeys and supporting the guests to integrate into things like dance lessons and university. The small amount left will be donated to a local charity supporting Ukrainians as stated in our constitution.

The members of KLUSH would like to thank the community of Kirton Lindsey for their generosity in donating to the fundraising raffle and band night and to the local businesses who donated items of use to these families and to the individuals who gave up their time to provide much needed transport. We hope our lovely community will continue to be as welcoming to our new neighbours as you have been so far.

The situation is fast moving in Ukraine at the moment and there are still many Ukrainians looking for support under the Homes for Ukraine Scheme. If anyone is interested in hosting and would appreciate hearing about our experiences as hosts, please don't hesitate to get in touch. It has been, and continues to be, a rewarding experience.

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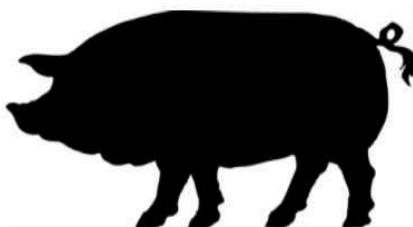
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## Kirton in Lindsey Town Council - May 2025 update

### Result of 27<sup>th</sup> March Election

The Town Council welcomes Barry Starkie as Town Councillor for Kirton in Lindsey.

The Town Council also thanks Mark Goring and David O'Brien for their interest in the role and those residents who engaged in the democratic process which is outside of the control of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council.

### Annual Town Council Meeting

7th May sees the Annual Town Council Meeting, which includes nominations for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other roles and responsibilities including memberships of committees and representation to serve on outside bodies. More details about the decisions made will be published in July.

### Unnamed Streets – Named!

Back in 2023 we launched a survey of residents about the unnamed paths in the town. There was a keen interest to retain the existing network of paths, as if they go unrecorded they could in time be lost. Thanks to those of you who responded back in 2023 and wished to see the paths protected by returning your answers to the survey. The recording of the paths could only be achieved with support from residents who were happy to confirm that they use the paths, that they are needed and wanted to see them named! The next steps were for the Town Council to work with North Lincolnshire Council to for the process to be started. At the beginning of April this work completed, and the installation of signage took place (however Duck Lane will not now be progressed). We hope that the recording of these paths will see them protected and create more awareness of the recent and older history of Kirton in Lindsey. In addition to this, Cllr Hazel Fox also worked with residents of King Edward Street to have the signage for the houses around the Green better identified.

### Website for Kirton in Lindsey - [www.kirtoninlindsey.com](http://www.kirtoninlindsey.com)

Don't forget the website for Kirton in Lindsey – everything from groups, organisations and community activities to the recycling centre, places to eat, pharmacy, library, local transport and policing – for all the information about our town, whenever you need it! Anything wrong or missing? Please contact us and let us know!

### Annual Town Meeting

Thank you to those who attended this years Annual Town Meeting held on 9th April. This presented an opportunity to get to know the work of your Town Council over the last twelve months from the Mayor, Councillor Hazel Fox and receive a report from North Lincolnshire Council Ward Councillor David Garritt on the work of North Lincolnshire Council and our Ward Councillors for Kirton in Lindsey. There was also the presentation of grant funding to groups and organisations in the town and the opportunity to engage in an open forum. Plenty of groups and organisations were represented and were able to network and chat in a relaxed environment with refreshments. The draft minutes are now published on the Town Council website so that everyone is able to access them.

### Electric Blanket testing

Thank you to those who took their electric blankets for testing at the Community Café on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The event proved that there was interest in the town for this to be carried out and North Lincolnshire Council plan to return to carry out more electric blanket testing in September or October, so look out for more information nearer the time.

## **Grant Awards**

Each year the Town Council welcomes applications for Budgeted Grants from town groups and organisations and these are considered around the budget setting period in November. Presentations for these grants took place at the Annual Town Meeting. Representatives from the organisations spoke of their activities and use of the grant awards: • 1st Kirton in Lindsey Brownies - £500.00 • 1st Kirton in Lindsey Scouts - £600.00 • Diamond Jubilee Town Hall - £3,870.00 • KЛАSSIC Park - £4,000.00 • Kirton First - £2,000.00 • Nutshell - £400.00. Additional 2025 Budgeted Grants awarded, but no one present at the meeting to receive the presentations were: • Evergreens - £800.00 • In Bloom - £1,000.00 and • Mini Bloom - £500.00

## **Peace Garden – volunteers sought!**

We are seeking volunteers to help with the three rose beds near to the War Memorial. Huge thanks go to In Bloom and KLAGs volunteers who have carried out this voluntary work but are no longer able to do so. Any volunteers who can help with weeding and general tiding throughout the year are welcomed – please get in touch with us!

## **New Neighbourhood Police Officer**

In January, PC Paul Topham started his new role within the Kirton in Lindsey area as part of his Ridge/Messingham ward duties. Pc Topham is happy to share his email address with everyone to use to get in touch with him - paul.topham@humbershire.police.uk

See more information about our new Neighbourhood police officer in this issue of Kirton First!

## **The Last Pay Phone – proposed removal notification**

BT have posted notice (dated 10/04/2025) of their proposal to remove the public pay phone on George Street due to the lack of use. Resident are given 90 days notice (until the beginning of July) to make any representations about retention of the pay phone, via the local authority (North Lincolnshire Council).

## **VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Planning for events to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day in the town are currently underway and are likely to be about to happen or have just happened when you receive your edition of Kirton First! The plans included a VE Day music quiz during the Community Café and a picnic on the Green (with pre-ordering from our local eateries) with music and the lighting of the beacon on the Green from 8pm. A fitting tribute for this important occasion.

## **Event Planning**

We are also busy with planning other events for the year, with work ongoing to bring you the annual Summer Gala on the Green on Saturday 12th July and the annual Christmas Festival on Sunday 30th November. We are looking carefully at offering what you would like to see and respond to any feedback we receive. We didn't have food stalls at Christmas last year, following previous feedback but others said they missed having the food stalls and want to see them back. Others are concerned the event is too successful with the stalls inside the Town Hall too busy to browse. Let us know your thoughts on how the event can work best for everyone!

The A Team donated significantly to fund the Town Christmas Tree each year, and local stores previously donated chocolates for gifting to children from Santa during the event. These donations are no longer possible – please get in touch if you could help with funding towards these essential parts of the Christmas Festival – any contributions will help!

## **Stay informed!**

Keep in touch about the work of the Town Council on our website

[www.kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk) and Facebook page – just search for 'Kirton in Lindsey Town Council'. Information about meetings, decisions and our activities is always available to you.

I wonder if you, like me, are infamous amongst your friends for either losing things or leaving items all over the country? I am so renowned for this that friends ask me on my getting up to go, "Have you got everything?" Keys, bag, phone?

At the beginning of this poem Elizabeth Bishop half-jokingly suggests that you should practise 'the art of losing' by losing small, material things

like house keys and watches, so you're more prepared for the larger, more difficult losses to come.

As we get older, we lose many friends too, but they are very much alive in the memories we have of them, which often make us laugh when sharing recollections with friends! So sad? Yes, but not a disaster.

Maggie Davies

# One Art

Elizabeth Bishop

The art of losing isn't hard to master; so many things seem filled with the intent to be lost that their loss is no disaster.

Lose something every day. Accept the fluster of lost door keys, the hour badly spent. The art of losing isn't hard to master.

Then practice losing farther, losing faster: places, and names, and where it was you meant to travel. None of these will bring disaster.

I lost my mother's watch. And look! my last, or next-to-last, of three loved houses went. The art of losing isn't hard to master.

I lost two cities, lovely ones. And, vaster, some realms I owned, two rivers, a continent. I miss them, but it wasn't a disaster.

—Even losing you (the joking voice, a gesture I love) I shan't have lied. It's evident the art of losing's not too hard to master though it may look like (Write it!) like disaster.



**My  
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Alert**



## **Introducing....**

### **New Kirton in Lindsey Neighbourhood Police Officer – PC Paul Topham**

In January, PC Paul Topham started his new role within the Kirton in Lindsey area as part of his Ridge/Messingham ward duties.

Paul has been a police officer within Humberside police for the last 8 years.

He is looking to conduct "Humber Talking surveys" over the coming weeks and so will hopefully get to meet residents in person as part of this.

PC Topham is aware that it can sometimes be difficult to contact the police, especially the designated officer for your area. Therefore he is happy to share his email address with everyone to use to get in touch with him - [paul.topham@humberside.police.uk](mailto:paul.topham@humberside.police.uk)

If you have information that may assist him in detecting those causing harm to our area then he would be extremely interested in hearing from you, but remember to please always call 999 for any live time incidents/emergencies.

## **Don't forget!**

The local police hold an open surgery at the Community Café each month.

The Community Café is held at the Church Halls on St Andrew's Street each Thursday afternoon. Look out on Facebook if you have it, or the Town Council website to see confirmed dates.

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#### FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MAY – THE BLACK FEATHERS

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*Corner Cottage Animal Boarding is a high quality, family-run business committed to ensuring your pet receives the highest standards of care.*



Our spacious, heated kennels are hygienic, comfortable and cosy to cater for all the different breeds and characters of your dogs.

At the Corner Cottage Grooming Salon we are focused on providing high quality pet (dogs, cats and small animals) grooming and complete customer satisfaction.

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