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Thoughts from the editor

See the good news. People have responded to our appeal for financial help. Thank you to those who have donated. Lots more needed so please give if you can. Bequests included!

Kirton Academy has sent lots of information about developments. We wish them good luck with their continued improvements.

See the KLAGS daffodil show information. Hope lots of you enter and there is a good display.

See notification of open clubs in May. Busy weekend in May with plant stalls as well.

Lots happening!

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DELIVERY TEAM - Please contact Jenny if you are likely to be away.

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01652 648244	

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Wednesday -	11:00am to 5:00pm	Thursday - Closed
Friday -	9:30am to 3:30pm	Saturday - 10:00am to 1:00pm
01652 648406		

Council

Town Council (Clerk)	01652 648978
Public drop in sessions at the Town Council office Tuesdays and	
Thursdays between 12-4pm. The Clerk is available to meet at other times	
by appointment.	

North Lincolnshire Council	01724 297000
<u>Refuse collections</u>	
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Friday Week 2	Grey/Green Bin and Boxes
<u>Waste Disposal Site</u>	
Redbourne Mere (NB you may be asked for identification)	
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Winter (1st November to 28th February)	10:00am to 4:00pm

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Kirton contact: Jean McFarlane 01652 648114
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Mini Bloomers	mini_bloomers@outlook.com
POLICE (Non emergency)	101
POST OFFICE	01652 648234
Scouts Group	daniel.crawshaw@northlincsscouts.org.uk
Scunthorpe Hospital	01724 282282
Table Tennis	07803 459464
Town Hall	07752 246255
Traveline (Buses)	0870 6082608
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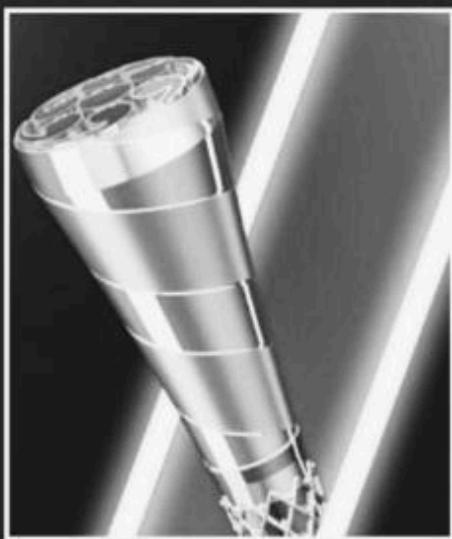
The first point of contact for anyone wanting to know what goes on in the town.

We hope that you will discover new activities and groups that you would like to be a part of.

There is also information about community events, transport and local policing.

Go to www.kirtoninlindsey.com for all the info!

**Calling for Baton-Bearers in North Lincolnshire
Applications are now opened**



North Lincolnshire Tour Date

15.09.2025

<https://batonofhopeuk.org/become-a-baton-bearer/>

Closing date: Monday 31st March 2025

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was
blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

G K Chesterton

"A Donkey" was written by Ted Hughes, who grew up in West Yorkshire, and was famous for his many descriptive poems of animals and birds. He obviously feels great affection for donkeys!

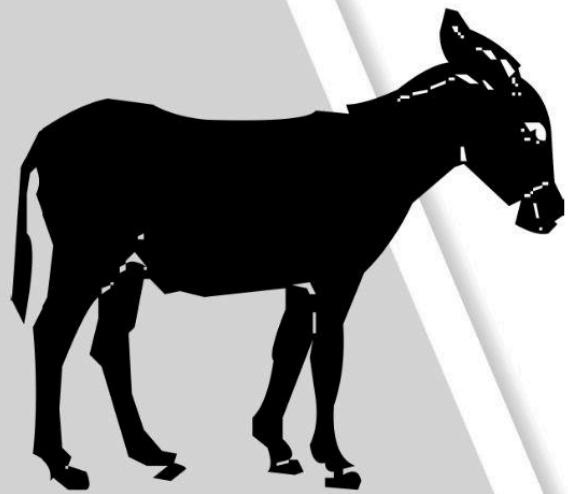
"The Donkey" written by G K Chesterton is written from the donkey's perspective. Bemoaning how he is regarded by many as a bit of a joke, he consoles himself by remembering with pride his role on Palm Sunday.

Maggie Davies

His face is what I like.
And his head, much too big for his body- a
toy head,
A great, rabbit- eared, pantomime head,
And his friendly rabbit face,
His big, friendly, humorous eyes- which
can turn wicked,
Long and devilish when he lays his
ears back.

But mostly he's comical-and that's
what I like.
I like the joke he seems
Always about to tell me. And the laugh,
The rusty, pump-house engine that cranks up laughter
From some long-ago, far off, laughter-less desert-

The dry, hideous guffaw
That makes his great teeth nearly fall out.
Ted Hughes



Donkeys

Regular activities at the Town Hall

Weekly:

Town Hall Office Open - Mondays & Tuesdays 9am - 12pm

Fitness 4 Fun Circuits - Mondays at 6.30 to 7.30pm

Town Council Office Open - Tuesdays 12 - 4pm

(Clerk 01652 648978)

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

Seated Exercise - Wednesdays at 10-11am (NLC 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/>)

Pilates with Louise - Thursdays 10 -11am

(Louise 07790 759003)

Town Council Office Open - Thursdays 12 - 4pm

(Clerk 01652 648978)

Box-it! - Thursdays 5.30-6.30pm

(<https://www.kirtoninlindsey.com/boxit>)

Slimming World - Fridays 9.30- 11.30am

Community Shop - Fridays 1-2pm.

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www.kirtoninlindseytownhall.co.uk

Monthly:

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

WI – 2nd Tuesday 7.30-10pm (Gill 07714 240053)

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 9.30 – 12 noon

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

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

Town Hall Live - (Brian - 01652 649230)

Information correct at the time of going to press but situations can 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 or ring **07752 246255** or the event organiser.

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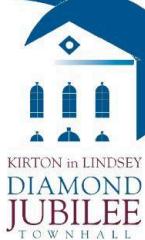
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Kirton in Lindsey Town Council by-election – 27th March 2025

**An election has been called to fill a vacancy on Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
The election will take place on 27th March 2025 – look out for more details soon.**

To stand as a candidate at this Town Council election:

Anyone aged 18 or over can stand for election if they meet certain qualification criteria. The first is that you are a British citizen or a citizen of either an eligible commonwealth nation or the European Union.

The second qualification criteria is your connection to Kirton in Lindsey; there are four different criteria you could meet and **you only need to meet one of them** to be able to stand:

- i) be registered as a local government elector within the Parish of Kirton in Lindsey; **or**
- ii) have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises during the whole of the previous 12 months within the Parish of Kirton in Lindsey; **or**
- iii) their principal or only place of work during the whole of the previous 12 months has been within the Parish of Kirton in Lindsey; **or**
- iv) have resided in the Parish of Kirton in Lindsey for the whole of the previous 12 months or within 3 miles of it.

You are disqualified from being a Town Councillor if any of the following apply: you are an employee/paid officer of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council, you are subject a bankruptcy restrictions order/interim order, you have been sentenced (inc. suspended sentences) to a term of imprisonment of three months or more within the five years prior to polling day or you have been disqualified under the Representation of the People Act 1983 e.g. for corrupt or illegal electoral practices.

Detailed guidance on qualification and disqualification can be found on the Electoral Commission website.

Information for Voters

Voters do not require a polling card to vote and can vote at their usual polling station by attending and giving their name and address to the staff at the polling station.

Remember the new rules about identification when voting at the polling station.

If you live in Kirton in Lindsey, go to your usual polling station at either:

the Church Halls on St Andrew's Street

or the Library / Youth Centre on King Edward Street to vote.

The By-Election to elect a Town Councillor to Kirton in Lindsey Town Council will take place only if more than one valid nomination is received before the deadline.

No Poll will take place if only one valid nomination is received,
as that candidate will be automatically elected.

Further information about the election can be found on the Kirton in Lindsey Town Council and North Lincolnshire Council websites as well as by contacting the Town Council Office at the Town Hall.



Kirton Academy: Building a Future as a Community School

Kirton Academy continues to make strides as a beacon of community engagement and educational excellence. With an array of exciting initiatives and developments on the horizon, the academy is cementing its role as a forward-thinking institution dedicated to supporting both its students and the wider community.

Empowering Families Through the Air Fryer Project

We are thrilled to announce that Kirton Academy has been approved as a provider for the **Air Fryer Project**. This innovative initiative is aimed at helping families embrace healthier cooking practices by teaching them how to effectively use air fryers. Our workshops will focus on equipping families with the skills and knowledge to prepare nutritious meals, making healthy eating accessible and affordable.

Details on how to apply to attend these workshops will be shared soon via our website, www.kirtonacademy.co.uk and our social media platforms. This project is a testament to our commitment to fostering healthier lifestyles within our community.

Celebrating Student Achievements

Our Year 7 students will be participating in the **North Lincolnshire Big Sing** at Baths Hall, an event that promises to be a memorable experience. This collaborative musical celebration showcases the talents of young voices, and we are incredibly proud of our students for taking part in such an exciting opportunity.

In sports, our Year 10 team has reached a historic milestone, advancing further in the **English Schools Club** than any team from Kirton Academy ever has. Their dedication and teamwork have inspired the entire school and the Kirton-in-Lindsey community, who are undoubtedly cheering them on as they strive for victory.

New Facilities to Enhance Learning

Kirton Academy is embarking on a transformative phase of development with major building projects starting after February half-term. The construction of a **new cooking room** and a **state-of-the-art science lab** marks a significant step forward in providing our students with modern, high-quality facilities. This work has only been possible through the support of Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust.

These new spaces will not only benefit our students but also enable us to extend our resources to local primary schools, fostering collaboration and enhancing education across the community.

Supporting Academic Success

As our Year 11 students prepare for their final mock exams ahead of the GCSE period starting on May 1, 2025, we are committed to supporting them every step of the way. Initiatives like the **Magic Breakfast Program**—offering free breakfast to every student daily—ensure that every child starts their day fueled and ready to learn. This program underscores our belief in the importance of proper nutrition in achieving academic success.

A Bright Future for Kirton Academy

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the community for their ongoing support as Kirton Academy continues its journey of growth and excellence. These exciting projects and achievements reflect our mission to provide exceptional opportunities for our students and to be a vital resource for our community.

Stay tuned for updates on our initiatives and accomplishments by visiting www.kirtonacademy.co.uk and our social media platforms. Together, we are building a brighter future for Kirton Academy and the community it serves.

Academy's transformation continues

Major refurbishment works to provide vastly improved facilities and state-of-the-art classrooms at Kirton Academy have begun.

The significant investment comes as part of the agreement which saw the school join Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust last year.

The improvements include:

- Four science classrooms and prep rooms transformed
- Updated food technology classroom
- Refurbishment of the PE changing rooms
- Refit of kitchen and servery
- Big electrical upgrade including a new fire alarm system

The works follow the refurbishment of the reception, music room, library and other areas last year.

Principal Emma Ricketts was pleased to see the works starting.

"Students and staff have already seen major improvements since the academy joined the trust last year but the latest works will transform other areas," Mrs Ricketts said.

"We have been planning the works for some time and disruption will be kept to a minimum.

"The aim is to have everything completed in time for the start of the new academic year in September."

Chief Executive Officer at Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust Martin Brown joined Mrs Ricketts at the start of the works.

He said: "I'm delighted to see this investment as we continue to transform the teaching and learning environment.

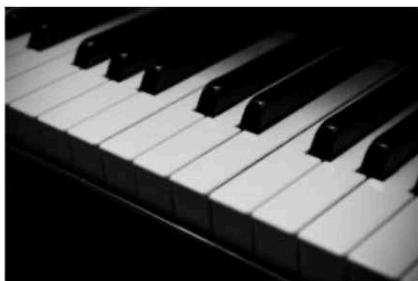
"When we first visited, it was clear the academy was in desperate need of significant capital expenditure.

"This latest programme of works will ensure we have a school and facilities of which staff and students can be proud.

"It is part of our overall transformation of the school under Mrs Ricketts. We are determined to continue to drive standards upwards."

The works are being undertaken by Cube3.





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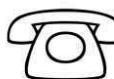
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Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

Budget 2025 - 2026

At the Full Town Council Meeting on 18th December 2024, Councillors approved the budget for 2025-2026:

£117,225

The average household (Band D property) in Kirton in Lindsey will contribute £100.52 annually, which works out at just £1.93 per week.

Due to increased costs of providing services to the town,

this is a 7.3% increase on last year.

The Town Council budget covers the following:

Open Spaces:

£23,435 (19.99%)

The Town Council's maintenance contracts look after The Green (including the War Memorial), the Cemetery, flower beds and areas around the boundary signs across the town.

The Town Council receives funding from North Lincolnshire Council for works to the highway verges and the Public Rights of Way network.

This area also covers the upkeep and provision of the play area at The Green, and maintenance of some heritage areas of the town.

Administration:

£59,547 (50.8%)

Budgeting for two part time members of staff (36.5 hours per week & 17 hours per week), office rental, office services, office equipment and meeting room hire costs.

The statutory requirement for an annual audit, memberships and subscriptions to professional bodies. The administration budget also includes training for staff, insurance, legal licences and permissions.

Additionally, technology and communications, including the Kirton in Lindsey Town Council website are covered in this section.

Let us know your priorities

Your Town Council can only act on issues that we know about, so please get in touch to let us know what matters to you:

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Town Council Office
Diamond Jubilee Town Hall
High Street
Kirton in Lindsey
DN21 4LZ

01652 648 978

07518 284 173

Civic Duties:

£2,290 (1.95%)

Civic commitments including an annual Service and Dinner to build countywide relationships.

This also covers the annual Civic Award and Mayoral Allowance.

Grants & Donations:

£15,380 (13.12%)

Every year, Kirton in Lindsey Town Council provides Grants and Donations to organisations based in Kirton in Lindsey, see www.kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk for more details and how to apply for these.

For further information email:
enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk

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Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

Budget 2025 - 2026

Burial Ground:

£717 (0.61%)

The Town Council has burial authority responsibilities, this covers the maintenance and running of the town Cemetery at Grove Street. Kirton in Lindsey Cemetery opened in 1940 and the Town Council now holds over 1,319 records.

Public Services:

£250 (0.21%)

To fund the SportsZone community sports for young people of the town and the upkeep of the Town Clock.

Charities:

£1,400 (1.19%)

The Town Council look after 3 of the town's charities; 'KLASSIC' generates its own income. As 'The Green & The Market Place' and the 'War Memorial & Garden of Edward Elmhurst Duckering' have no income, the Town Council budget for upkeep and maintenance of these areas.

Democratic:

£400 (0.34%)

Expenses set aside for Councillor training, and for Local Election costs, held every 4 years.

Promoting Kirton in Lindsey:

£12,756 (10.88%)

Bringing events to our town. The Town Council organises the Summer Gala, including the Scarecrow Trail, Best Kept Town Centre Frontage competition and the Christmas Festival, including the Christmas Lights in the central Market Place and floodlighting at the Church.

Allotments:

£1,050 (0.9%)

In 2022, the Town Council opened the new allotment site, which requires ongoing maintenance and utility supplies.

There is a waiting list for plots, you can use the contact details provided, to find out more, and to register your interest.

Get to know your Town Council

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council currently comprises 9 local Councillors, all dedicated to representing your needs. More information including contact details are available at

www.kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk

Your Town Council is also a statutory consultee on Planning Applications across Kirton in Lindsey, and these applications are discussed at Town Council meetings with reasoned comments and objections, based on residents views submitted.

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council works in conjunction with North Lincolnshire Council and other organisations and authorities, to raise concerns, priorities and improvements, trying to keep Kirton in Lindsey on their agendas.

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For further information email:
enquiries@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk



Kirton in Lindsey Town Council - March 2025 update

Result of 13th February Election

The Town Council welcomes Tony Kitchen 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.

Dog Fouling problems

The Town Council is aware of increasing problems of dog fouling by a minority within the town and enforcement by dog wardens is possible, but only if people are reporting instances through to North Lincolnshire Council. Without reports directly to them, it is unlikely that they will have the evidence they need to assign a dog warden. So please always report it when you see it.

Website for Kirton in Lindsey - www.kirtoninlindsey.com

Don't forget the website for Kirton in Lindsey – see further details in this issue of Kirton First!

Local Councils Award for Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is the first Council to attain the new Silver Award. The award is assurance that the Council operates at a national professional standard and is dedicated to delivering quality services - showing that the Town Council achieves good practices in governance, community engagement and Council improvement.

Town Council Budget - Precept information for 2025-2026

In December 2024 Kirton in Lindsey Town Council agreed its budget for 2025-2026. North Lincolnshire Council has imposed a 2.7% increase at Band D, which meant that if the Town Council budget remained the same as last year, Band D Council tax payers would still have seen a 2.7% increase. Your Town Councillors considered the budget very carefully and it was clear that with costs rising in every area it was not possible to keep the budget at the same level as 2024-2025. A 4.5% increase was agreed, and coupled with the 2.7% increase imposed by North Lincolnshire Council this is a total increase of 7.3% at Band D. Council tax is worked out at Band D as it is considered the average housing band. Areas of the budget which have had to increase are Administration, Grants and Donations, Open Spaces, Burial Ground, Promoting Kirton, Civic and Charities. Further information and a full breakdown are included in this issue of Kirton First.

Baton of Hope – Monday 15th September

The Baton of Hope is the UK's largest suicide prevention initiative and will this year travel through our region. North Lincolnshire Council are looking for individuals and organisations to play a vital role in helping the Baton make its journey across the county. More information in this issue!

Councillor Vacancy – Election to be held Thursday 27th March

Following the resignation of Cllr Delsignore in January, there is currently a vacancy for a Town Councillor, please get in touch for more information about the role and how to get involved. The vacancy will be filled by an election, as requested by at least ten residents, and this will be held on Thursday 27th March so look out for details online and in noticeboards for more information.

Stay informed!

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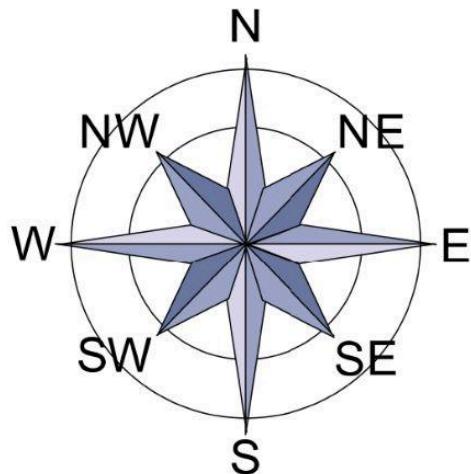
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A Trip South

By Andy Palin



My name is Andy. I am married with a 15 year old son and for 30 years I have lived in Kirton Lindsey and worked at the Steel Works before moving to a pharmaceutical company on the Humber Bank.

In 2022, with redundancy looming, I saw a job advertised online with a difference; polar engineer for the British Antarctic Survey. I said to wife that I'd seen my dream job advertised and, to my surprise, she told me go for it. This is the short story of my trip to Antarctica working for the British Antarctic Survey.

Having read the stories of Amundsen, Scott and Shackleton, I'd always had an interest in the poles. For some reason sun and sandy beaches just don't do it for me, but snow capped mountains do.

Antarctica is a fascinating place; the highest (averaging 2500 m), driest (classed as a desert), coldest (minimum temperature -90 °C) and windiest of the continents. Whereas the North Pole is floating

sea ice, Antarctica has land twice the size of Australia. Surprisingly relatively little snow falls there, but what does fall builds up until, in places, it reaches nearly 5 km thick with the oldest ice dated over 4 million years.

Although very little lives on land, Antarctica's water are teeming with life and its influence on global weather is huge.

British Antarctic Surveys originated from a war time mission, Operation Tabarin, named after a Paris night club, originally providing a British presence in Antarctica but also collecting meteorological observations. Since then the science role has grown with BAS operating 5 research stations; Signy, Bird Island, King Edward Point, Rothera and Halley IV.

Every year teams of scientists from around the world conduct research in Antarctica, but to support the scientists, requires a back-room staff of chefs, doctors, mechanics, meteorologists, mountaineers, plumbers, pilots,

divers and electricians. This is where I came in.

In September 2023 I found myself in Cambridge at pre-deployment training in a room full of the most excited, diverse group of people I've ever met.

Someone who had been in Kazakhstan for 3 months, another who'd hiked in the Yukon a week earlier and a guy who'd driven a bus through Namibia, plus a lot of Scottish farmers.

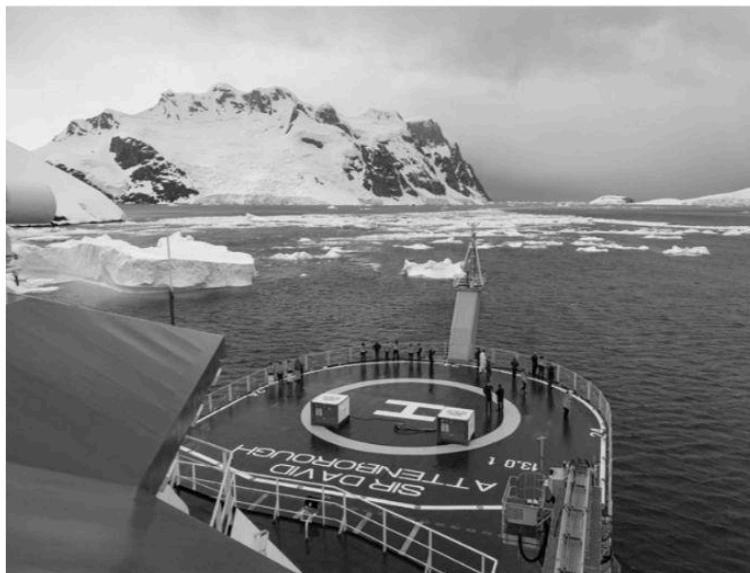
My welcome pack informed me I was to leave late December, fly through South America, pick up the Sir David Attenborough in the Falklands to finally arrive at Rothera for a 10 week stay in Antarctica.

The route south was Heathrow, Sao Paulo (Brazil), Santiago (Chile) Punta Arenas (Chile), Falklands. The flight down itself was spectacular, arriving at Sao Paulo at dawn, flying over forests in Brazil leading to wide open plains moving into Paraguay and Argentina, eventually leading to

deserts with huge salt flats and finally crossing the Andes to reach Santiago (Chile). The next day we flew the spectacular route along the Andes, towering snow covered mountains and volcanoes, and too many glaciers to count. We arrived in Punta Arenas in mid summer, but it felt cool and windswept. From there it was an 1 ½ hour flight to the Falklands and then a short drive by coach to

East Cove to pick up the RRS Sir David Attenborough.

I was excited and nervous about the next part of the journey. The Southern Ocean and particularly the Drake passage has a fearsome reputation. Partly to do with the earth rotation and with no land to stop it the winds just circle the globe creating mountainous seas. With names like the Roaring Forties and Furious Fifties (latitudes) it was never going to be a mill pond. I was informed that on a previous voyage the ship had rolled to 42°, the chef said he makes the soup very thick on days like that! Luckily the sea



wasn't too bad once we were on the leeward side of the peninsula.

I spent a lot of time on the observation deck, it was surprising how often we saw whales. We also often saw albatross soaring behind the ship, an incredible sight with their 3 metre wingspan. 4 days into the trip we

were approaching the Antarctic peninsula. I got up at 3am as I didn't want to miss anything. I was disappointed to find thick fog and snow but, slowly through the fog, I could make out the most spectacular landscape I'd ever seen. An ice shelf as far as the eye could see, with towering cliffs made of house-sized blocks of ice, towering peaks on either side closing in on us. We slowed as

we entered the Lemaire Channel, the ship gently nudging smaller bergs out of the way. It was early January and mid-summer but weeks earlier the channel would have been frozen solid. We continued through the Bellingshausen Sea until after a week of travel we finally arrived at Rothera Research Station;



Adelaide Island.

Andy Palin

(To be continued)



the kirton in Lindsey society

Time for 'bodds wi' two tayals' to appear and when

'England died on the 1st February 1927!'

If "tha' wa' baarn i' Linkishir" you may have heard you grandparents utter the above words at this time of year. It's a Lincolnshire saying meaning *'it is time for the birds with two tails to appear'*; which of course means swallows and swifts coming back in the springtime.



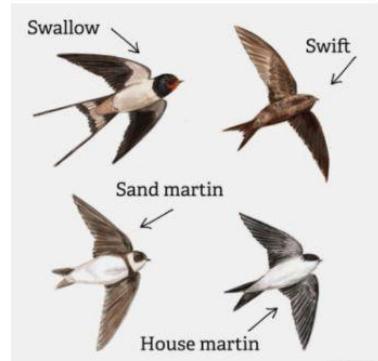
Is your house or garage protected by 'thunderwort? or have your eaten 'breeyad 'n' cheeyas' in May. You might find out more about these Lincolnshire terms, folklore and sayings if you come along to the April meeting of the Society. Tim Davies will be giving a fascinating talk about Lincolnshire folklore and sayings collected by Ethel Rudkin. If you can't make it you'll find out in the next issue.

England died on the 1st February 1927!

That is to say the well-known and respected local solicitor



England Howlett died on this date aged 72. Here he is pictured with his father Bartholomew and sister Annie, outside their home South View, on South Cliff Road. He and



Annie played a major part in church affairs, between them they served as organist for 33 years. Amongst various charitable donations in his will he also left £400 for a stained-glass window. He also set up the Howlett

Charity for providing gifts of money, coal or clothing for the aged and destitute poor of the parish at Christmas, irrespective of creed.

Forthcoming meetings of the Society:

TUESDAY 25 th MARCH	New Images of the Universe - astronomer and author Paul Money is back to share more fantastic celestial pictures and images of outer space.
TUESDAY 22 nd APRIL	"Otchkins, Boggarts and a Tater for Rheumatism"- Making his first visit Tim Davies explores the local folklore stories collected by, amongst others, Ethel Rudkin.
TUESDAY 27 th MAY	"A Swift Gallop through 20th Century Costume" How the fashions changed in this century, Janet Tierney guides the way.

If you can help or have any queries please contact Martin Hollingsworth on Tel. 01652 648435 or by e-mail enquiries@kirtoninlindseysociety.org.uk

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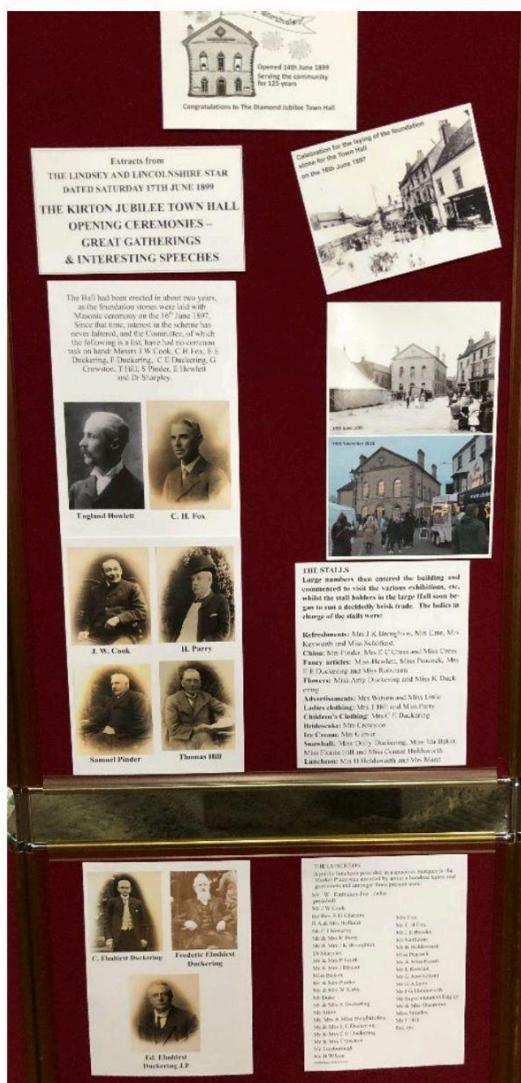
The Kirton in Lindsey Society is pleased to be supporting St Andrew's United Church again as part of the West Lindsey Churches Festival.

Heaven and Earth . . .

... will be the theme of this year's display in St Andrew's United Church, Kirton in Lindsey.

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It is on Saturday and Sunday, 10-11 May (Open Saturday, 10am - 4.30pm; Sunday, 12.30 - 4pm)



Images are from last year's festival.

Further information from Jane Sheard:
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There is currently **a vacancy** for a Town Councillor – this will be filled via an election, as requested by at least ten residents in January, and will be held on 27th March 2025. Further details about the election will be made available shortly online and in noticeboards.

All Councillors are contactable via the Town Clerk

The Town Council rent office space within the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall:

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Daffodil Delight

Saturday 5th April 2025

9.30am to 12.30pm Town Hall, Market Place, Kirton in Lindsey



The daffodils should be in full bloom in your gardens and they'll be in flower in various guises until May. So why not bring some along and enter them into one of the competition classes in the 12th Daffodil Delight show hosted by KLAGs (**Kirton in Lindsey Amateur GardenerS**). There is a trophy to be won for the best exhibit in the show or you can just enter for the pleasure of showing off your blooms!

The classes for the daffodils and the special sections are shown below and it will be A suggested £1 donation per exhibit/entry (minimum 50p). Children's classes are free to enter.

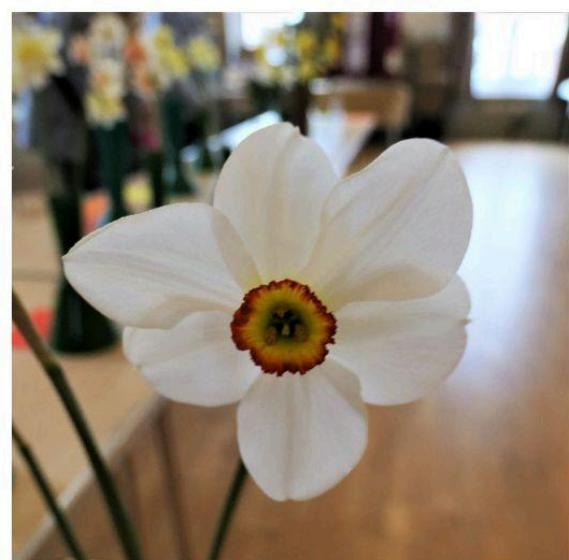
Classes: 1) Miniature; 2) Large Yellow; 3) Large White; 4) Large Two Tone; 5) Large Multi Head; 6) Miniature Multi Head; 7) Pheasant Eye (pictured here from last year's show); 8) Large Double Yellow; 9) Large Double White; 10) Any other variety; 11) Vase of Daffodils (minimum 5) decorated for all-round effect, 12) One single Daffodil, 13) One pot of Flowering Daffodils (minimum of 3 bulbs).

For each class you enter, you need to bring 3 flowers and vases will be provided. If you are not sure what type they are, help will be on hand!

Class 14) Children's section (age 16 years or under)
3 mixed daffodils decorated for all round effect.

Special Classes:

- ❖ Photographic Competition on two themes, which are "new/young life" and "Your Town/villages in spring". Maximum size of photo 6" by 4" (150mm x 100mm) Limit of 2 images per entrant per class.
- ❖ Decorate a paper plate to make an image of a lamb. – limited to 2 per entrant (adults and children's classes).



Timetable:

- ⌚ 9.30 to 10.15 entering and displaying
- ⌚ 10.30 Judging of Classes
- ⌚ 11.30 Prize giving
- ⌚ 12.30 pm Close

There will also be Coffee/Tea and home-made cakes served by St Andrew's United Church volunteers.

For more information and details of the classes or other events on the day please call Sarah on 01652 409717 or e-mail sarah.wilkinson11@outlook.com or Vincent on 07931 127826 or Follow us on Facebook 'KLAGs (Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners)'



THE KIRTON IN LINDSEY DIAMOND JUBILEE TOWN HALL 125th ANNIVERSARY

Lincolnshire Place Names 20th Anniversary Quiz

The winner this year, with a top score of 38 out of 40 was Pam Jodko, who thoroughly enjoyed the quiz and said 'it stopped me reading for several days'.

It was close this year with only 5 marks separating all the entries.

Thanks to everyone that took part, we raised £143 for the Town Hall.



Daffodil Delight

Saturday 5th April 9.30am - 12.30pm

Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall



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- 14 classes for different types of daffodils
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- Children's Section - 3 mixed daffodils, decorated for all round effect;
- Special Classes - Decorate a paper plate to make an image of a Lamb
- Photographic Competitions. – open to ALL (Max 2 per entrant in each class; Max size 6" x 4" or 150mm x 100mm)

Timetable for entrants:

- ⌚ 9.30 to 10.15 entering and displaying
- ⌚ 10.30 Judging
- ⌚ 11.30 Prize giving
- ⌚ 12.30 Close

Open to the public from 9.30 as well.



Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners Meetings & News



The KLAGs 2025 season of meetings continues on Wednesday 19th March at 7.30pm, in the Town Hall, Market Place, Kirton in Lindsey.

This month the talk and presentation will be about **Gardening for Hedgehogs**. Sue Smith, from Retford in north Nottinghamshire, pays the club a visit to give advice and help on how to improve our gardens and make them safer for Hedgehogs, which are now classed as endangered and they are on the National Red Data List for wildlife species in this country.



At each meeting monthly competitions are held for members, this month it will be 'A vase of Spring Greens' (minimum of three stems).

Please come along and join the group who are a friendly bunch and very welcoming.

These are the next two meetings:

	Topic/Event	Speaker/details	Monthly Competition
Wed 16 th April	Medicinal Plants: The Medicine Chest in Your Back Garden	Hannah Sylvester	Three cut tulips
Wed 21 st May	The Greatest Show on Earth	Doug Stewart	Sprig of Blossom

A couple of dates for your diaries:

- ❖ morning of Saturday 5th April in the Town Hall it is the Daffodil Delight show (see separate article for more details);
- ❖ and on Saturday 10th May (9.30am to 11.30am), 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.

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



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- Build *friendships* with like-minded people (who know what you're talking about)



- Brainstorm ideas with a new perspective
 - Build *larger projects* in a team
 - *Utilise tools* you may not have at home



Open to men and women alike, we would like to open our own shed here in **Kirton in Lindsey**. Find out more about Men In Sheds by attending the *meeting* on Thursday 13th March at the Community Cafe, St Andrews Church. These jobs can be lonely, and we aim to fix that.

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Good News!

You will remember we were very despondent about the future of Kirton First due to the increased costs of paper and printing, and so in January we printed a plea for help on our front cover.

The good news is that two very kind residents immediately got in touch, and each gave us a cheque which has helped, cheered us with their comments, and given us some extra breathing space to look at cheaper printing options.

One of the residents wrote a three-sided A4 letter to the editor on some ideas which he felt might raise some more money and perhaps increase community input to the magazine. I will try to precis his letter!

Some of the suggestions:

1. When you write your will to leave a small legacy to Kirton First to ensure their will always be something other than Facebook from which to get news of our small town. It is not just older people who avoid social media, many young

people are very wary of it.

2. A guest editor occasionally, to have a point of view, or perhaps "Have a Say" or "Letting off Steam" column?

3. Perhaps approach the local Schools to see if they have any budding journalists? Ask them to advertise for their very own "Junior Reporters"!?

4. A "Bring and Buy" sale in the Town Hall? So many of us as we get older start wanting to de-clutter. It would need to be well organised. (He

and his wife acting as auctioneers.)

5. Have a scheme like the “The 200 Club” to boost funds?

Our concerned resident wanted to stress the

importance of having a local magazine which has room in it for individuals to express themselves, so that it is not too ‘advert heavy’.

I hope I have extracted most of the ideas from the very

welcome letter, even though not so entertainingly written!

Maggie Davies

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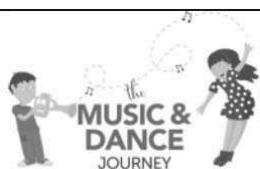
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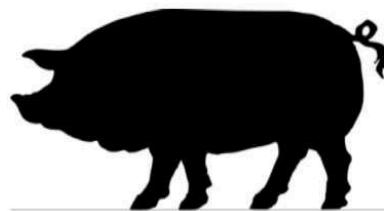


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