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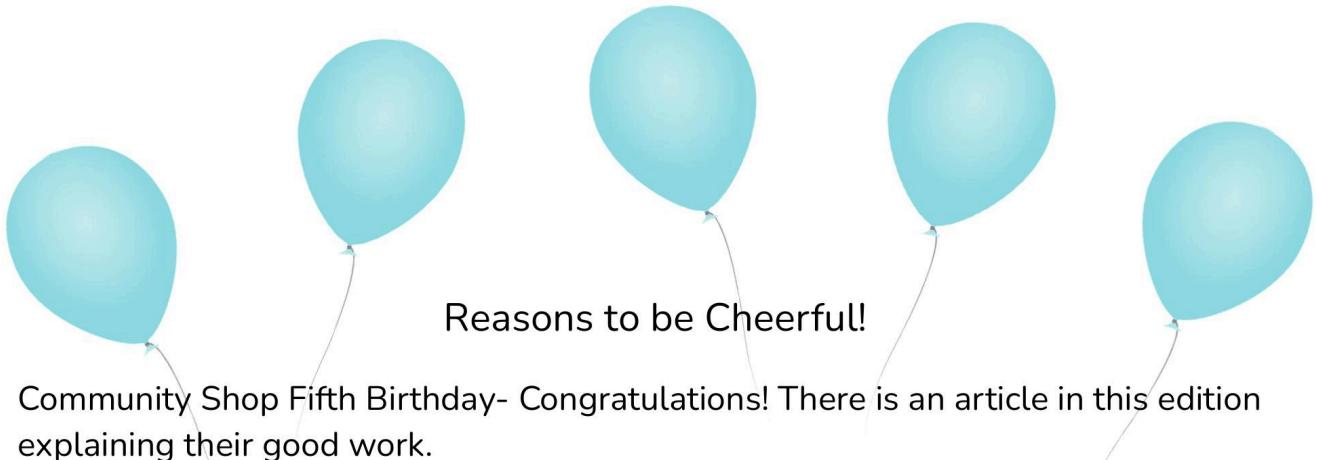
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Saturday 3pm - 4.45pm

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Community Shop Fifth Birthday- Congratulations! There is an article in this edition explaining their good work.

We have been voted the Co-op Community Champions! The money raised from this will help our finances and will enable Kirton First to continue to be delivered free to every home. Many thanks for voting and DO use your Co-op Card as often as possible between September this year and March 2026 to boost our funds.

We have two new shops in Kirton, the “Kirton Barbers” and next door to them “Creative Cuppa”. A big welcome and best wishes to them both.

We are also very pleased that we have managed to move our banking to a Credit Union which will save money... watch out for an upcoming article on credit unions in a future edition.

The weather this summer has been testing for all gardeners, but Kirton gardens have managed to look very colourful despite the wind and dry conditions...so we have many reasons to be cheerful! I hope there are lots of entries for our annual KLAGS show on September 6th.

The Editor

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OBITUARY PENNY HOEY

Penny was a well-loved character in Kirton in Lindsey. Married to Guy, in 1964 they were a great partnership. She grew up in Carshalton with a younger brother and sister. She trained to be a teacher and developed a lifelong group of friends, who regularly corresponded. She enjoyed her family life with Clive and her adopted daughter, Belinda. Guy regularly moved around the country changing jobs, as he was keen to make a good life for his family, but Penny was always able to make new friends and enjoy the challenge of somewhere different. She was very friendly and enjoyed socialising with family and friends. Every year a gathering was arranged with Penny's mum's side of the family, and this party was keenly anticipated. Later when the grandchildren Elliot and Ned arrived, she adored both of them. She was able to look after Ned regularly. She knitted wonderful jumpers and produced extravagant cakes for them. She was very involved in the local community. She was a stalwart of the church and one of her many duties was to greet people with a warm smile. She was a member of the Kirton in Lindsey society and the gardening club. She became the secretary of the Kirton in Lindsey Exhibition Endowment Fund, inheriting a "tin box" full of information about the history of education in the town from 1577 and she produced a book about this organisation. The garage door outside became an unofficial notice board so that anyone could post details of activities around Kirton. She became involved in the restoration of the virtually derelict Town Hall and with Pat Frankish and Jenny Cripps, managed to raise the money to restore and re-open the building. This took a great deal of time and effort for many years and both she and Jenny were awarded MBE's. The building was eventually re-opened, extended and refurbished, by Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex.

Her life was full and well lived. Many of Kirton residents benefitted from her kindness and support.



“Kirton Blooming”

Small is beautiful!

As we had anticipated, there was a very small entry for the garden competition as it was very last minute and not widely advertised. However, the ones who entered were of such a high standard that they were a delight to view.

What gave us extra pleasure was that one of the front gardens had never been entered before. Because their friends and passers-by had encouraged them, they reluctantly decided to enter! It was filled with a riot of colour and wild flowers buzzing with all manner of bees and pollinators.

The three winners will each receive a Garden Centre Voucher at the K.L.A.G.S annual show on September 6th. So, many congratulations to Lesley, Tony and Chris!

Maggie D

Kirton in Lindsey in 2025

In 1965 and again in 1997 the Kirton in Lindsey Women's Institute Branch produced a record of the town as it was in that year. This was to celebrate specific Women's Institute Anniversaries, nationally and locally. With around 30 years passing between the years 1965, 1997 and 2025 it would be a good time to produce a record of our town as it is in 2025.



I am in the process of putting together information, on similar subjects to those included in the previous records, ranging from education, services, public transport, shops as well as groups and organisations. There's always plenty happening and changing in and around the town!

The record won't be finished until the early part of 2026, in order that the information from 2025 is complete. I am keen to involve as many different aspects of the town as possible, and would welcome contributions and information. Please get in touch via the email address KL20Five@gmail.com and look out for more updates.

Thank you, Neil Taylor-Matson



Migrating Geese



We are very lucky here in Kirton to live so near to so many Wildlife Centres and Nature Reserves where we can see lots of birds. We have Messingham Sand Quarries, Scotter Common, Barton Water's Edge Centre and Far Ings Visitor Centre also at Barton on Humber. But in the next couple of months or so, without leaving Kirton, we should all witness the spectacle of geese on the move.

The sight and sound of skeins of wild geese is always special. I understand that I am not the only one who gets a 'lump in the throat' when they hear that distinctive sound and then look up to see the impressive sight!

However, I was a little confused on reading this poem, as our geese aren't leaving. We shall soon have geese arriving from somewhere in the far

north with severe winters -Iceland, Greenland, Siberia, that are coming here for a milder one.

When I looked up the author of the poem I found she was born in New York and later moved to Maine where they experience severe winter weather... so "her geese" would be getting ready to migrate to warmer climes in Autumn.

Rachel Field wrote many collections of poems for children but died very young at 48 of pneumonia. This poem was one of her best loved.

Maggie Davies



Something Told the Wild Geese

Something told the wild geese
It was time to go,
Though the fields lay golden
Something whispered "*Snow!*"
Leaves were green and stirring,
Berries lustre-glossed,
But beneath warm feathers
Something cautioned, "*Frost!*"

All the sagging orchards
Steamed with amber spice,
But each wild beast stiffened
At remembered ice.
Something told the wild geese
It was time to fly-
Summer sun was on their wings,
Winter in their cry.

Rachel Field



Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners



The KLAGs 2025 season of meetings continues on Wednesday 18th September with an illustrated talk and demonstration by **Viv Sharland**. She is a gifted local artist and crafter who will provide a 'gardening' art inspired evening of entertainment.

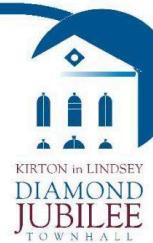
The monthly members competition is '3 Cheese Scones'.

The October talk will be 'Next Door Nature'.

Please come along and join us we are a friendly bunch.

Follow us on Facebook at **KLAGs (Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners)** or for more details contact either Sarah Wilkinson, Secretary (01652 409717) or sarah.wilkinson11@outlook.com or Martin Hollingsworth (Publicity) 01652 648435 or m.hollingsworth205@btinternet.com

Regular activities at the Town Hall



Weekly:

Town Hall Office Open -

Mondays & Tuesdays 9am - 12pm

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(Clerk 01652 648978)

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(NLC Active Communities Team: 01724 297270)

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(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

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Slimming World - Fridays 9.30- 11.30am

Community Shop - Fridays 1-1.45pm.

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 7.30-9.30pm

(Sarah 01652 409717)

Cupcakes, Coffee and Chat - 1st Saturday 9.30 – 12 noon

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

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**.



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FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER – ALICE HOWE & FREEBO

To hear Alice sing is to be enraptured by the natural unaffected beauty of her voice. There is no artifice, just honest authentic, singing in the tradition of the roots music that shaped her. She will again be accompanied by her long-time mentor, the legendary Freebo (**£16**)



SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - THE PLEASURES



The Pleasures are fronted by the renowned Australian singer/songwriter Catherine Britt and Melbourne's Lachlan Bryan. The band produce a sound that is blues inspired and occasionally interrupted by delicate moments of sublime country folk. In August this year they released their second album 'Enemy of my Enemy' and are playing a handful of UK dates on the back of a Scandinavian tour. Another must-see band. Support: Andrew Leahey from Nashville. (**£17**)

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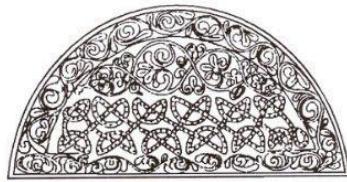


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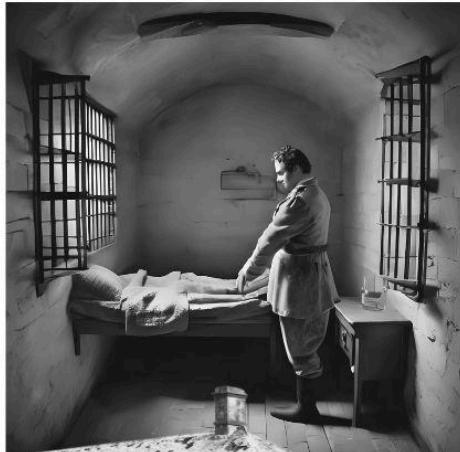


the kirton in Lindsey society

heritage open days



Present: From Prison to Pillar of the Community The Story of Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall



Guided walk with visit/tour of the Grade II Listed
Town Hall.

1.30 - 4pm

Saturday 13 September
Thursday 18 September



**Meet at the Market Place
Kirton in Lindsey DN21 4LZ**

No charge

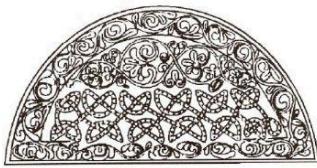
- part of the Heritage Open Days initiative



Booking essential

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Light refreshments and toilets available



the kirton in lindsey society
September meetings & news

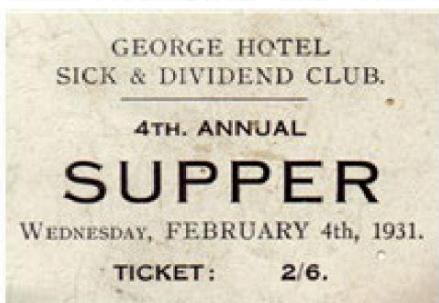
The Kirton in Lindsey Society's season of activities continues with two events in September.

As part of the national Heritage Open Days Events in the Society will be hosting two free guided walks/visits.

The title of the event is '**From Prison to Pillar of the Community**'. Both start at 1.30pm and are on Saturday 13th and Thursday 18th September. Booking required. To find out more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/3yzf3asn> or use the contact information below.

On Tuesday 23rd September our new season of talks starts with the **Society AGM** followed by an illustrated talk titled **All for the benefit of us!! - Guilds & Pigs to**

Ivy Leaf & Hotspurs. Martin Hollingsworth takes a delve in to the many groups, associations & societies that existed in Kirton over time.



For all the latest news, outings and information check out our website

www.kirtoninlindseysociety.org.uk or contact Martin Hollingsworth (Secretary) 01652 648435





the kirton in lindsey society

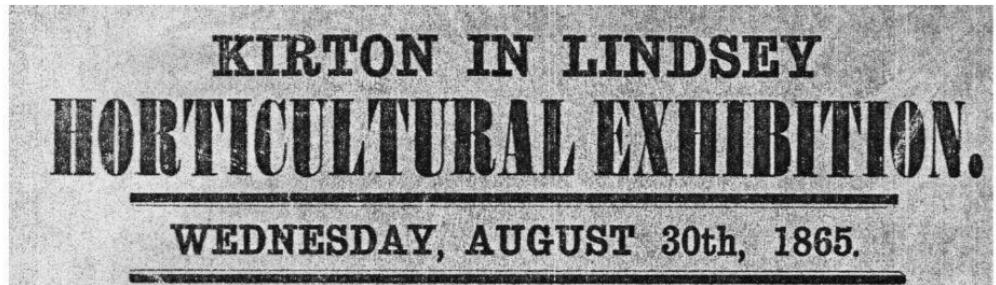
Allotments and 160 years of Horticultural Shows

Earliest reference found to allotments in the parish of Kirton is 1794

But this was not an allotment as we are standing here today. They could be much larger areas; it was at the time when the large open fields were 'allotted' as part of the dividing up of the farm/common land around Kirton known as 'the Enclosure'.

Allotments as we know them today stem from the General Enclosure Act of 1845 that made provision for 'field gardens' to be used by the landless poor. The later 'Small Holdings and Allotments Act' 1908 imposed responsibilities on councils to provide allotments if there was a demand for them.

The first horticultural show/exhibition was in August 1865, we have all the schedules and class details for some of these early shows.



What were 'Fluke Potatoes'? answer next time. This was one of the vegetable classes in the show.

They carried on in various guises and under different names; sometimes including 'Allotments or Allotments Society' in its titles until just before WW1.

The local shows in Kirton re-emerged again in the 1920s until the early 1950s when interest waned. It seems the Queen's Silver jubilee in 1977 was the catalyst for many shows and galas starting again.



KLAGs of course was formed in 1980.

The first documented/dated reference to a set of allotments in Kirton was in 1895 and they were on

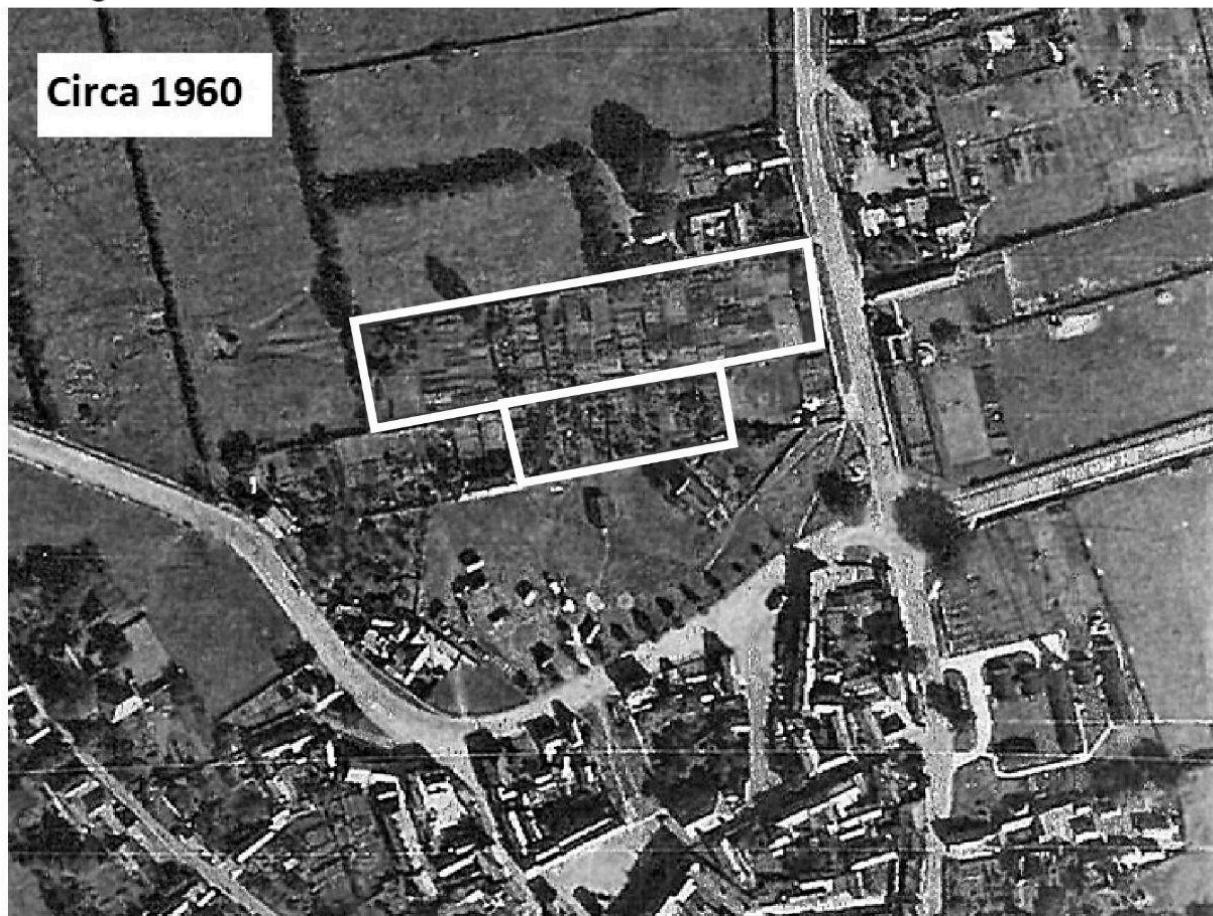
the Redbourne road (later to become Redbourne Mere) it was a field called 'Long Close' (on the north side bordering the eastern parish boundary) and it is shown here on this plan. It was land owned by the Church Commissioners.

An Allotment Committee was formed at that time to negotiate the rent levels and other legal issues. The rental was agreed (30s an acre) and they became known as the Grange Farm allotments.

At the time they also said that they would like land for allotments to the west and south of the village. Only vague references to other sites being confirmed and as yet not found. In the late 1920s press cuttings about the shows refer to classes for the Grange Farm and Boggart Allotments.

In the 1940s to 1960s there were two areas of allotments. The allotment holders were paying 7s 4d half yearly (about £11 today)

They were located on land to the north of The Green, shown on this aerial photo but no longer there.

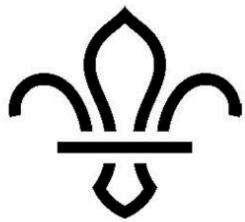


Now we have our new allotments, situated on the Camp Road. All active with 'enthusiastic allotmentees'!

New research project

If readers have any memorabilia of clubs and groups they or the ancestors belonged before WW2 please get in touch.

Remember if you have any family stories, queries or ephemera that you would like help with or pass on to the Society please contact Martin Hollingsworth on Tel. 01652 648435 or by e-mail enquiries@kirtoninlindseysociety.org.uk



1st Kirton in Kirton First

Did you know that there has been a Scout Group in Kirton for over 80 years?

1st Kirton Scout group has changed over the years, and we offer groups in Kirton (running mainly at Klassic Park) from age 6 up to about age 14. We want to provide fun and excitement for the young people in our town, but we need help. All our sections are run by volunteers.

Who can help?

Our Beaver section (aged 6-8)

Our Beavers are our youngest section. We're looking for adults who enjoy working with this age group – and can help regularly or from time to time. Beavers runs on a Wednesday evening.

Can you help? Contact us if you would enjoy working with this age group – you don't need experience (it's a great way of getting experience!) -but any skills you have will be helpful.

Our Cub section (aged 8-10.5)

Our Cubs love to have fun indoors and out. They run on a Wednesday too.

Can you help? We're especially looking for people who can make a regular commitment, (maybe once a month) to help run the evening sessions, and also for people who can help occasionally (for example for camps or visits).

Our Scout Section (aged 10.5-14)

Scouts like adventures! Scouts runs on a Tuesday evening.

Can you help? We're looking for people who enjoy adventurous activities and who want to make a difference: hikers, climbers, cyclists, gardeners, campers, explorers! You don't have to have been a Scout before – but we'd love to have some former Kirton Scouts come back to us – but we do want people who want to make a difference to their local community, and to help our young people engage with the world. You might want to come every week, or once a term – everything would help us.

Scouts happens when a lot of us give a little. You're not signing up for a lifelong commitment – just to help out, when and where you can.

For more information, please contact Sarah Gillingham (geckirtonscouts@yahoo.com 07940 394437) or Sue (treasurer1stKirton@hotmail.com)



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Sunday Lunch
12pm - 4pm

Events planned for this year book early and make sure you don't miss out:

- We have now scheduled an "Adamms family themed" Halloween party on the 31st October.
- Our Christmas starts with a Wreath making and afternoon tea on the 28th November, followed by our annual Cleatham Christmas fair on the 29th with a visit from Santa, gift stalls and our fabulous Christmas café.
- Then on the 12th December our "Darwin Story" Murder Mystery dinner returns!!
- Festive menus will commence on the 30th November

The Restaurant is open daily from Wednesday to Sunday. Watch out for our Autumn menus starting in September. Try our Sunday Lunch, or weekday Lunch 2 course, Table d'hôte menu from £20, our celebrated Afternoon teas and of course Dinner menu. All using homemade seasonal jams and chutneys, available to buy. Brunch served from 9 – 11am, Lunch served from 12 to 3pm, Afternoon Teas from 1 to 4pm Dinners from 6 to 8.30 pm

See our website at www.cleathamhall.com/events for our menus and pricing

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Welcome to the Community

This summer has seen two new businesses opening on the High Street – Kirton Barbers and Creative Cuppa.

In July Soran Ali opened Kirton Barbers after spotting the empty shop whilst previously visiting Kirton. Soran, who has nine years experience as a barber in Scunthorpe, thought the premises presented the ideal location to open his first shop. He runs the shop with his assistant, Kaiwan, offers a range of services for males of all ages to keep hair and beards in tiptop condition and also sells a variety of male grooming products. Open seven days a week and with no appointment required it couldn't be more convenient for Kirton residents. Soran has also had some of his previous clients follow him from Scunthorpe to Kirton. As an added incentive well-behaved boys (and possibly grown ups!) are offered a sweet treat as a reward. Returning customers also get a £2 reduction off their next visit. Soran has found a really warm welcome in Kirton since setting up and says the locals couldn't be friendlier.

Next door Creative Cuppa opened its doors for business on 11th August. The enterprise is jointly owned by Sue, Jolene, Donna and Joanne, all local crafters and friends, though in the case of Donna & Joanne auntie and niece. They regularly displayed their creations in the “Pop Up” shops and, following one of their regular meetings, Donna shared her idea of opening up a shop in Kirton. With all on board and the premises already identified it didn't take long before things began to take shape. No need to call in DIY SOS when you have the skills of these ladies, coerced family members and willing volunteers! Creative Cuppa is a gift and coffee shop but so much more. It offers a creative space and support to local makers covering such crafts as woodworking, jewellery making, candle making, crochet work, textiles, felting and photography. Also an unusual craft known as “Powertex” this involves using recyclables to create beautiful items inspired by nature with a botanical feel. The “Makers Gallery” showcases local talent and gives a biography of each maker. Clients can partake in a wide variety of crafts, suitable for all ages, whilst enjoying delicious homemade cakes, baked locally, and high quality coffee or other beverages. Crafting kits can be purchased to use at home but then you wouldn't have the advantage of expert hold and guidance. Creative Cuppa is open six days a week. Future plans include developing workshops where you can receive expert tuition to master a new skill. As an endorsement of the ladies' talents they entered and won the Scarecrow Challenge with their lifelike portrayals of crafting queens Kirsty Allsop and Esme Young.

We wish both these businesses every success.



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There is currently **a vacancy** for a Town Councillor – **this will be filled via a process called Co-Option**, with your current Town Councillors making a choice from applications received at a meeting of the Council. Applications are currently welcomed, please **see this months Town Council report** for full information.

All Councillors are contactable via the Town Clerk

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Kirton in Lindsey Town Council - September 2025 update

Mayoral Charity 2025-2026

For her 2025-2026 term of office, the Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey, Cllr Hazel Fox, has chosen **Royal British Legion Kirton in Lindsey** as her charity. The Mayor's first fund raising event will be her **Civic Service to be held on Sunday 5th October at St**

Andrew's United Church. Donations are welcome to be made to the Mayor's Charity at any time, and all money raised will be presented to the Royal British Legion Kirton in Lindsey after the 2025-2026 term of office. Please contact the Town Council for any further information and to contribute donations.

SportsZone finishes for 2025 on Monday 29th September!

FREE activities for children have taken place on the Green each Monday from 5:30-6:30pm since April. The team will take a break over the winter months, with the Town Council to consider continued provision for 2026. Let us know if you are interested in seeing these activities continue!

7th Annual Scarecrow Trail

Thanks go to everyone who took part in the 2025 Scarecrow Trail – our seventh year! The theme was Heroes (linking in with the 80th Anniversary of VE-Day & VJ-Day). There were 8 entries, with 'Kirsty Allsopp & Esme Young' coming first in the votes and 'Elton John' coming second. The word challenge also returned this year with an anagram to solve! This proved tricky as one scarecrow was AWOL but well done to those who gave it a go! We hope you have enjoyed the Scarecrow Trails over the past seven years, and if you have ideas for the future trails, and possible future themes we would be very interested to hear them so please do get in touch!

Summer Gala

The Summer Gala was held on the Green on Saturday 12th July with amazing sunny weather. Plenty of our towns groups and organisations were represented and we hope that everyone that came along enjoyed a relaxed afternoon of fun together. We are always seeking feedback, ideas and contacts to make these events even better, so please get in touch with any you have!

Christmas sponsorship

The Christmas Festival will take place on Sunday 30th November and we are seeking businesses, groups or organisations who would like to be involved with sponsorship. In previous years the A Team have generously funded the Town Christmas Tree and local businesses and supermarkets donated to provide gifts for the children from Santa. These businesses are no longer able to do this. If you would like more information or can help in anyway, please get in touch with us.

Grant Funding

Grants are available through the Town's Precept for community groups and projects. Groups applying must have a constitution and a bank account with two signatories, and we are unable to fund individuals. The 2026-2027 application period for Budgeted Grants is now open and will close in November. We also have a Community Pot for smaller grants (up to £300) which is open all year round. Further details are available from the Town Clerk.

Civic Award

Each year the Town Council receives nominations from residents uses these to present the annual Civic Award. If you know someone who has contributed to the local community, has gone out of their way to help others, or has acted above and beyond their call of duty, please get in touch and let us know. The Annual Civic Award is a great way to show your gratitude to those who may not usually get the recognition they deserve. The deadline for nominations is in early December.

Co-Option

There is a vacancy for one Town Councillor with Kirton in Lindsey Town Council. If you are passionate about the town and want to help shape local decisions? Can you give a few hours a month? Town Councillors are volunteers who serve their own communities. No experience is needed – if you’re 18+, live and work in the parish, and care about your community, you’re likely to be eligible and we can guide you through the process! To apply, check out our Co-Option Policy and fill in our short application form by 15th September. Copies are available on our website or contact the Town Clerk. Step Forward. Speak Up. Serve Your Community.

FREE Electric Blanket Testing

It is hoped to arrange more free electric blanket testing sessions at Kirton in Lindsey, likely to be at the Community Café, St Andrew's Church Halls on a Thursday afternoon. Look out for further information for sessions in September or October once they are confirmed.

Winter Weather

Salt bins are provided, stocked and refilled by North Lincolnshire Council. Don't leave a salt bin running low as you never know when you or someone else might need to use it. If a salt bin is in need of refilling, contact North Lincolnshire Council with the exact location on Tel: 01724 297000 or online via their website. Let's work together to keep Kirton in Lindsey safe and moving through the winter.

James Richards Circus returns

The Town Council are delighted to welcome the Circus back for their third visit. You won't be able to miss the Big Top on The Green! They have shows on Friday 12th September 6pm, Saturday 13th September at 2pm and 6pm and Sunday 14th September at 2pm only.

Baton of Hope

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council put forward nominations for residents to represent the town as Baton Bearers on the North Lincolnshire leg of the Baton of Hope relay on 15th September. Raising the profile of this suicide awareness and prevention charity, we wish them all luck as they represent their own experiences and all of us.

Dog Fouling and Litter

Dog fouling and litter are a constant issue, not only for Kirton in Lindsey but across the nation. A simple act of responsibility goes a long way. Picking up after your dog is not just courteous – it's essential for public health, the environment, and our shared community spaces. Bagged dog waste can go in any public bin – not just the designated dog waste bins. If there's a bin nearby, use it or take it home with you! The same clearly goes for litter, the park or street didn't provide you with the item, you brought it along – so dispose of all litter responsibly. Leaving dog mess behind pollutes our town, spreads disease, and gives responsible dog owners a bad name. Please do your part – bag it, bin it, and help keep our spaces clean and safe for everyone. North Lincolnshire Council have provided signage to remind everyone about keeping the area clean, if you know of hot spots we can usefully display these, please get in touch!

Christmas Festival

The annual Christmas Festival and Lights Switch on will be held on Sunday 30th November, look out for more information soon and if you would like to be involved, please get in touch. Contact details are on the Councillors details page in this issue of Kirton First.

Stay Informed!

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



the kirton in lindsey society

City of Lincoln

WAITES



Crying Christmas

The City of Lincoln Waites will proclaim the start of Christmas with a concert of medieval music and readings of the ancient cries of Christmas.

7.30pm Tuesday 16th December
Diamond Jubilee Town Hall Kirton in Lindsey
DN21 4LZ

Tickets: £2 members £10 non-members

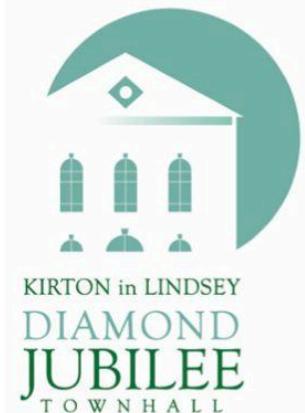
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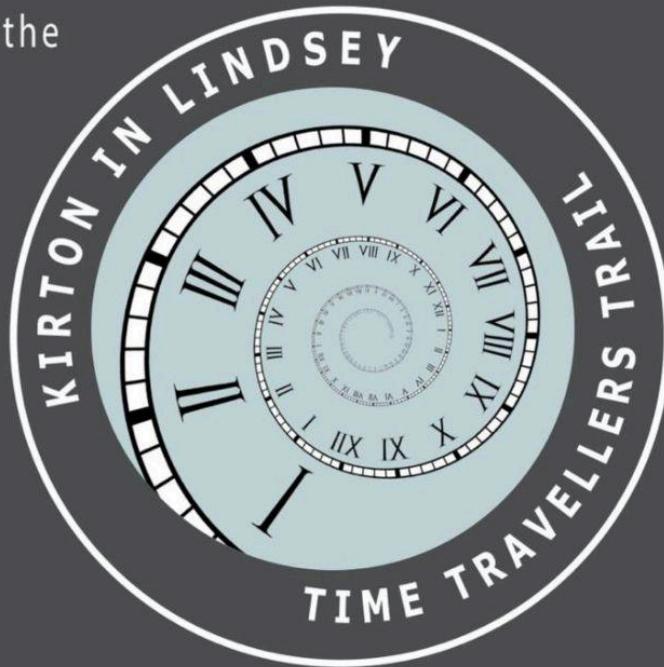
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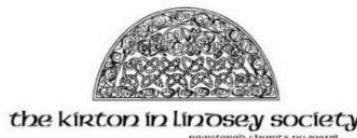
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Crying Christmas

Back in the 1480s, Christmas was an uncomfortable union of religious worship with illicit gambling and a great deal of alcohol! On St Thomas's day (21st December) the **Cries of Christmas** proclaimed the start of the festive season when all men were free to do as they liked with no fear of arrest, other than by a writ from the king:-

"Every franchised man and denizen inhabit within this City shall have free liberty and safeguard, in honest mirth and game sports, to go or do what him please. No man will be attacked or arrested by any officers of this City without a writ from the King!"

(This short extract is a modern English version. The longer original dates from 1480).

In the sixteenth century, the words of the cries were written down to preserve them, as the custom had fallen out of use even then. They were written on a flyleaf of the entries of the Common Council of Lincoln, just before the first list of Mayor's Officers for the year 1565.

It is probable that the three men delivering the cries were members of the **City of Lincoln Waites**, as there is a record of 1571 of three of the mayor's officers being provided with new livery coats out of public funds for Crying Christmas. Waites were the mayor's musicians with a civic duty to play music and present entertainment at special occasions and ceremonies such as 'Mayor Making' or a visit from an important person. The custom of Official Town Waits died out in most English Boroughs soon after the Municipal Corporations Act (1835) was passed but Lincoln was unusual in retaining at least one Wait until 1857.

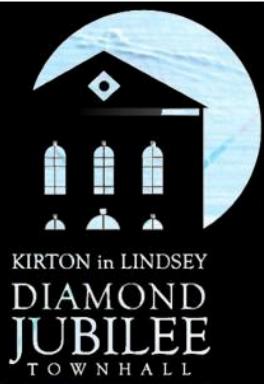
The City of Lincoln Waites you see today were re-formed in 2007 by Al Garrod, and recognised as official musicians of the Mayor of Lincoln on 21st April 2009. They are proud to be keeping alive the ancient tradition of Crying Christmas.

7.30pm Tuesday 16th December
Diamond Jubilee Town Hall Kirton in Lindsey DN21 4LZ

Tickets from: Martin on 01652 648435 or
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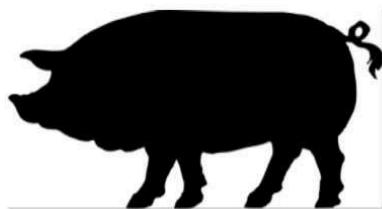
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The shop began in 2020 under covid restrictions selling a fixed bag of goods from the hallway. It has now blossomed into a self-service style shop in the upstairs hall with customers able to buy goods totalling 16 points for the grand total of £6.

The shop began and remains a fantastic waste reduction initiative and is open to everyone. We are not a foodbank (please see our local Food Aid scheme if you need help in a crisis) so if you are reading this now, please note that our shop is open to EVERYONE. We save food from landfill, we offer low-cost food to the local community, and we also raise funds to support the Town Hall, so we see it as a win for all.

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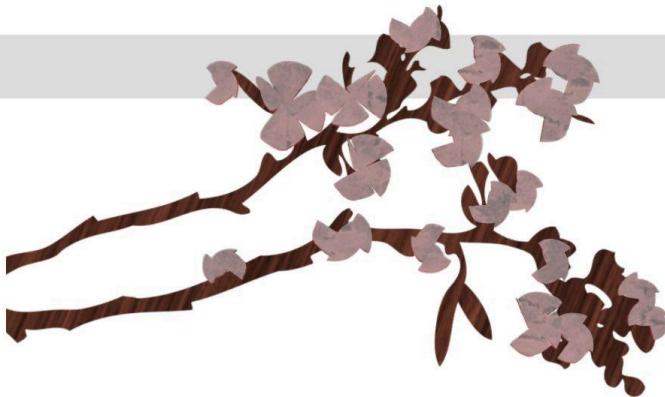


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