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Editorial.

The Art Exhibition was a great success at the beginning of October and thanks go to all that helped on the day and all the talented artists who exhibited.

Many thanks to Kirton Primary School for their Art Work to cheer our Christmas Kirton First! Fourteen children volunteered to stay behind after school to design Christmas cards for us and we had a difficult job choosing the one for the cover. Thanks also to Kirton Academy for their seasonal Christmas input. We are delighted to have both schools contributing to our Magazine.

It seems strange having to think of Christmas while writing this still in October and enjoying good weather, but it will soon be getting busy and there will be the Christmas lights to look forward to, carol singing and concerts.

This will be the last magazine with Kirton First! on its cover! We have all agreed on a new name which we think sums up the importance of a community magazine, but don't worry, it will have the same great content, or maybe even better!!

The Editor

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6:00pm to 6:30pm

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

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

North Lincolnshire Council 01724 297000

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Friday Week 1	Brown and Burgundy Bins
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Summer (1st March to 31 October)	10:00am to 6:00pm
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Bus services from Kirton to Lincoln & Scunthorpe - Details are available at stops or by phoning "Traveline" on 08712 002233

Copies of all bus services for Kirton are available free of charge at the library. The timetable for the 103 service was updated in Oct 2025.

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Website:	www.standrewsunitedchurch.org.uk	

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Kirton contact: Jean McFarlane	01652 648114
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Miscellaneous

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Scunthorpe Hospital	01724 282282
Table Tennis	07776 247674
Town Hall	07752 246255
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The Quiet Christmas Morning

The whole house was asleep.

It was Christmas morning, too early. The hallway was dark, the tree downstairs was still unlit. Mum, Dad, and my little brother were fast asleep after wrapping presents until midnight. I woke up cold. My window was white with frost.

Tap, tap, tap.

A robin was on the snowy windowsill. Tiny, red chest, looking right at me. I slowly opened the window. Cold air rushed in. It didn't fly away. It hopped in, dropped something red on my pillow and fluttered back to the sill.

It was my favourite red ribbon. The one I thought I'd lost at school. I was so upset.

The robin sang one small, clear song in the quiet morning.

Downstairs I heard footsteps. The house was waking up. Soon there would be hot chocolate and laughter.

I tied the ribbon in my hair and whispered "Merry Christmas".

The haunted Christmas of Kirton in Lindsey

On Christmas Eve, the whole town of Kirton in Lindsey was covered in snow. Suddenly all the Christmas lights began flickering and a ghostly figure appeared in the town centre.

A freezing wind swept through the streets as the Christmas spirit whispered "I HAVE RETURNED!"

Doors slammed, bells rang, and mysterious footprints appeared in the snow leading towards the old church.

Everyone hid inside their homes until one brave child stepped outside and shouted "MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

Suddenly, the ghost smiled, the lights sparkled and the whole town glowed with Christmas magic.

But as everyone celebrated, the spirit vanished into the fog, whispering:

"See you next christmas, Kirton in Lindsey..."

- Miley Fitzgerald

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

Christmas Festival



Food ~ Drinks ~ Sweets ~ Gifts ~ Stalls

3pm - 7pm

Sunday 29th November

Market Place & Town Hall

Meet Santa from 4pm
Lights switch on at 5pm
plus
Fairground Rides and food stalls
on Sylvester St

Could you become a Town Councillor? What's it all about?

With **local elections taking place on 6 May 2027**, it is not too early for residents who are passionate about their communities to consider standing as a Councillor and helping shape the present and future of our town.

Councillors play a vital role in representing local residents, influencing decisions that affect communities and helping shape local services. It is important that the representatives on Town and Parish Councils offer a broad and diverse range of voices from all backgrounds, experiences and walks of life.

While Town Councillors don't get paid, they aren't volunteers in the traditional sense! Town Councillors are actually elected representatives chosen by you, the community, to hold public office. This distinction is important because the Town Council has statutory responsibilities. **Every Councillor has a legal obligation to represent all residents impartially, participate in formal decision-making, and manage public funds responsibly.** We operate under local government law, meaning our work requires training, strict data protection compliance, and full financial transparency. **Town Councillors are here to serve as your official voice in local government.**

Residents do not need previous experience to become a Councillor - **almost all residents aged 18 and over are eligible to represent their community.** Skills gained through work, family life, caring responsibilities, volunteering and community involvement can all be valuable in the role. If elected, Councillors are given the opportunity to attend training and receive support to help them carry out their duties effectively.

We provide information to help everyone have a clearer understanding of what the role involves, who can stand for election, and the support available to those who choose to put themselves forward. This information, including eligibility criteria and guidance on standing for election, is available on our website. We will also have information available during our annual Christmas Festival event, so come along and find out more upstairs in the Town Hall!

Kirton in Lindsey
Actively Supporting Sport
In the Community

KLASSIC

KLASSIC has a new contact number
07783 162778
and can be contacted via phone, text and WhatsApp.
Please note that WhatsApp is the preferred contact method where possible due to the poor mobile signal in Kirton in Lindsey though. Thank you

KLASSIC contact details and to book the hall/field- Email: klassicinfo@aol.com Phone: 07783 162778
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Crafts & Others

Kirton Kreators Craft & Sewing Group
Contact Judith –
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Phone: 07519 090022



Art & Craft Group
Contact Tony –
Phone: 07895 992816

Companion Minds Dog Training
Contact Kate –
Website: www.companion-minds.com

Kirton WI
Contact Alison –
Email: alison.birkett@yahoo.com

Kirton Area Gaming Group
Contact Darren –
Email: info@kagg.co.uk



Wellbeing & Fitness

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Tai Chi
Contact May Lai -
Text Only 07952 578068

Sport

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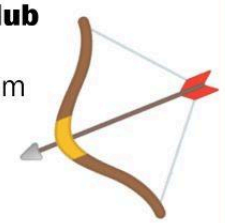
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Adult Football
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Kirton in Lindsey Archery Club
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WHAT'S ON

For the latest updates, contact our Venue Manager, Julia on 07752 246255 or info@kirtoninlindseytownhall.co.uk

WEEKLY

Yoga with Louise: Mondays 9.30am-11am
(Louise 07790 759003)
Town Council Office Open: Tuesdays 12noon-4pm
(Clerk 01652 648978)
Evergreens: Tuesdays 2pm-4pm
(Barry 07876 332188)
Strength & Balance: Wednesdays 10am-11am
(NLC Active Communities Team: 01724 297270)
Tai Chi: Wednesdays 11.15am-12.45pm
(George -01427 617171)
Rock Choir: Wednesdays 7pm-8.30pm
Register at https://rockchoir.com/
Pilates with Louise: Thursdays 10am–11am
(Louise 07790 759003)
Town Council Office Open: Thursdays 12noon-4pm
(Clerk 01652 648978)
Kirton Kombat: Thursdays 5pm-7.30pm
(KirtonKombat@outlook.com)
Slimming World: Fridays 9.30am-11.30am
Community Shop: Fridays 1pm-1.45pm.

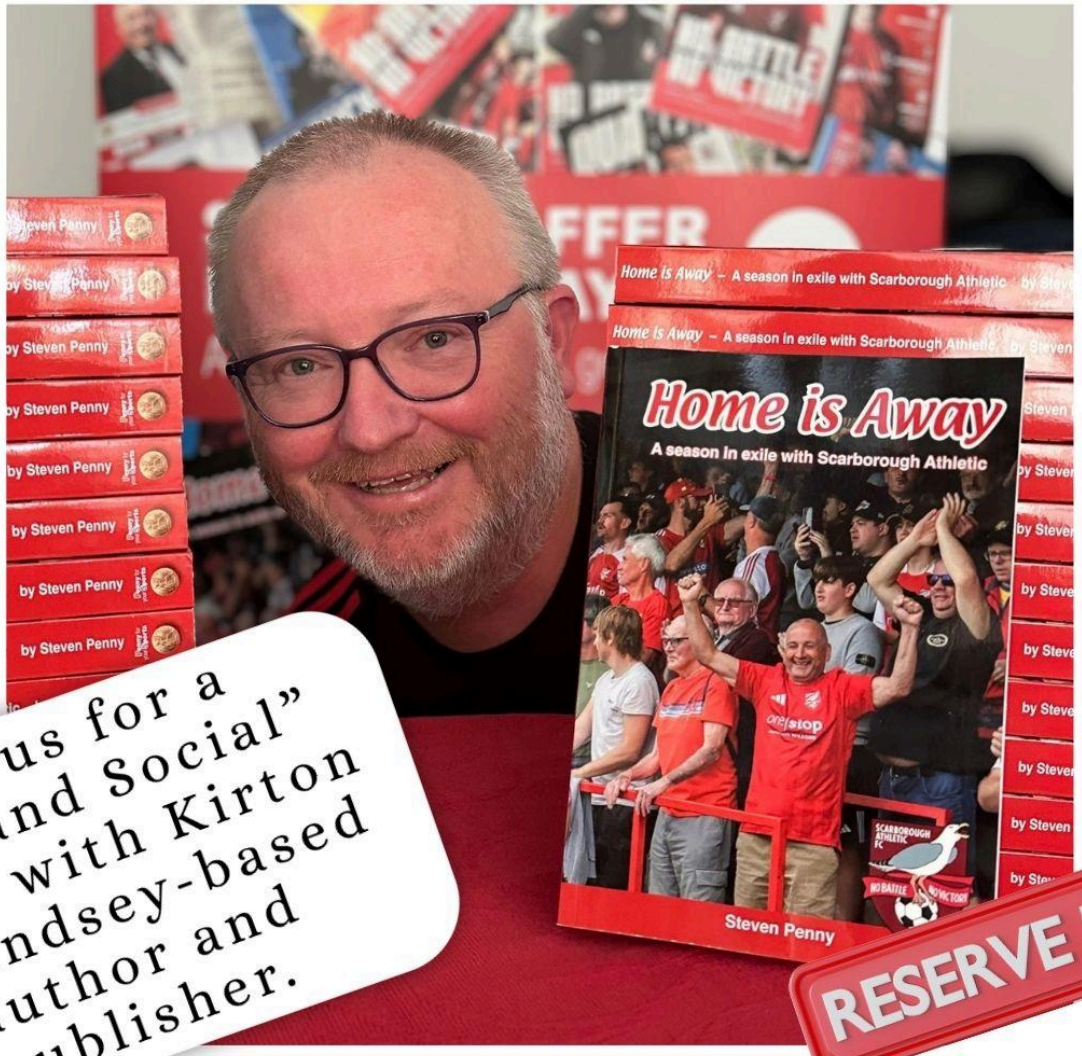
MONTHLY

Tea Dance: 2nd Monday 2pm-4pm
Women's Institute: 2nd Tuesday 7.30pm-10pm
(Gill 07714 240053)
Kirton in Lindsey Society: 4th Tuesday 7.30pm-9.30pm
(Martin 01652 648435)
Goodwin Healthcare Community Brew: 3rd Wednesday 1pm-3pm
KLAGS (Amateur Gardeners): 3rd Wednesday 7.30pm-9.30pm
(Paul 07754 359061)
Town Hall Book Group: 2nd Thursday 1pm-2.30pm
(Jodie 07467 762486)
Cupcakes, Coffee and Chat: 1st Saturday 10am–12 noon
Town Hall Craft Club: 4th Saturday 1pm-4pm
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FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER – JAIMEE HARRIS



Jaimee Harris grew up in Waco, Texas. Mentored by Jimmy LaFave, and then by Mary Gauthier, she was touted to be the next queen of American Folk, a slightly edgier Emmylou Harris for the new generation. She announced her arrival with her 2024 album 'Boomerang Town'. Much of the material was inspired by personal experience and having toured extensively around the world with Mary, she now embarks on her first solo UK Tour. **(£16.50)**

FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER - SORREL NATION



Sorrel Nation, from the Isle of Wight brings a soulful mix of folk-rock, country and beyond and possesses one of those voices that immediately makes you stop what you are doing to give her your full attention. She engages audiences with her 70's inspired style and a voice full of soul, which further increases the seductive power of her songs. **(£16)**

FRIDAY 11th DECMBER - THE HUNCH



The Hunch, from Wakefield perform expertly crafted classic folk, blues, soul and popular songs with five-part harmonies and instrumental virtuosity. The five-piece band is led by Mick Doonan. Their ready wit and easy rapport with their audience ensures that any concert goes with a swing and a smile. Their set includes traditional folk arrangements and songs by artists as diverse as Bob Dylan, Vin Garbutt, Coldplay and Joan Osborne.
They are a unique must-see band. **(£17)**

TICKETS FOR ALL CONCERTS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM:

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What a great start to this academic year! We've had several children perform at the Mayor's Civic Service, and had a group attend a residential trip to PGL. Some children have been to watch the superbikes at Donington and the School Council travelled down to London to visit the Houses of Parliament.

We have plenty more things to look forward to before Christmas.

Our new Reception class have done so well settling into school life. We have been getting to know each other and have painted our own portraits. We have also started to develop our ball skills in PE and enjoy learning new sounds everyday.





Year 1 have made a fantastic start have got stuck into their learning! In English, we have started our exciting class book about a penguin and have enjoyed writing sentences to describe it. We have had lots of fun in Art, mixing primary colours to create secondary colours. We have also been on a material hunt around school to identify different materials and their properties in Science.





Year 2 have been learning how to use oil pastels to create colour and texture. We created different planets to show off our new skills. We also spent a day thinking about a book called 'The Dot'. One of the activities saw us collaborate to create our own collage of dots.



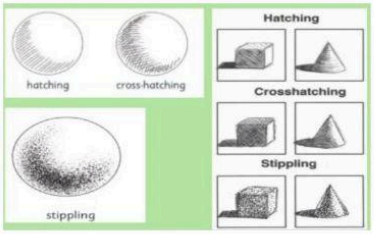


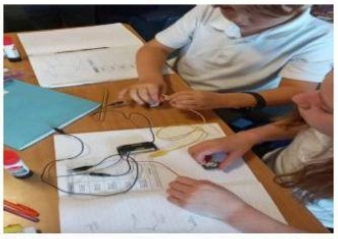
In Year 3, during History lessons, we have been deciding whether we would rather have lived in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age and we enjoyed using toilet rolls to understand the timeline of prehistory. In Art, we have been learning about the Lascaux cave paintings and recreating our own, using similar materials to those that would have been available to the people who created the original paintings.





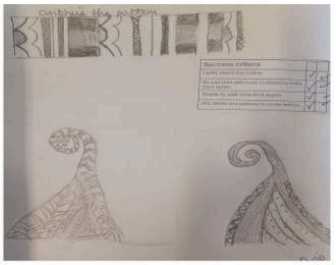
In Year 4, we have been developing their drawing skills by exploring hatching, cross-hatching, and stippling. Using charcoal, we created impressive horse drawings with a strong focus on adding tone and depth. Alongside art, in Science we've been learning about electricity and how to make a series circuit and add different components. When they didn't work, we had to problem solve and work out why!





Year 5, have begun learning about the Vikings in History and we have been sketching Viking prows. They have also been learning about Annie Edson Taylor in English, who went down Niagara Falls in a barrel. We also started learning Spanish with help from Kirton Academy.





In Year 6 they have been learning about the workings of the heart and draw large scale diagrams on the playground to help us explain it. We've also taken part in a virtual author visit.

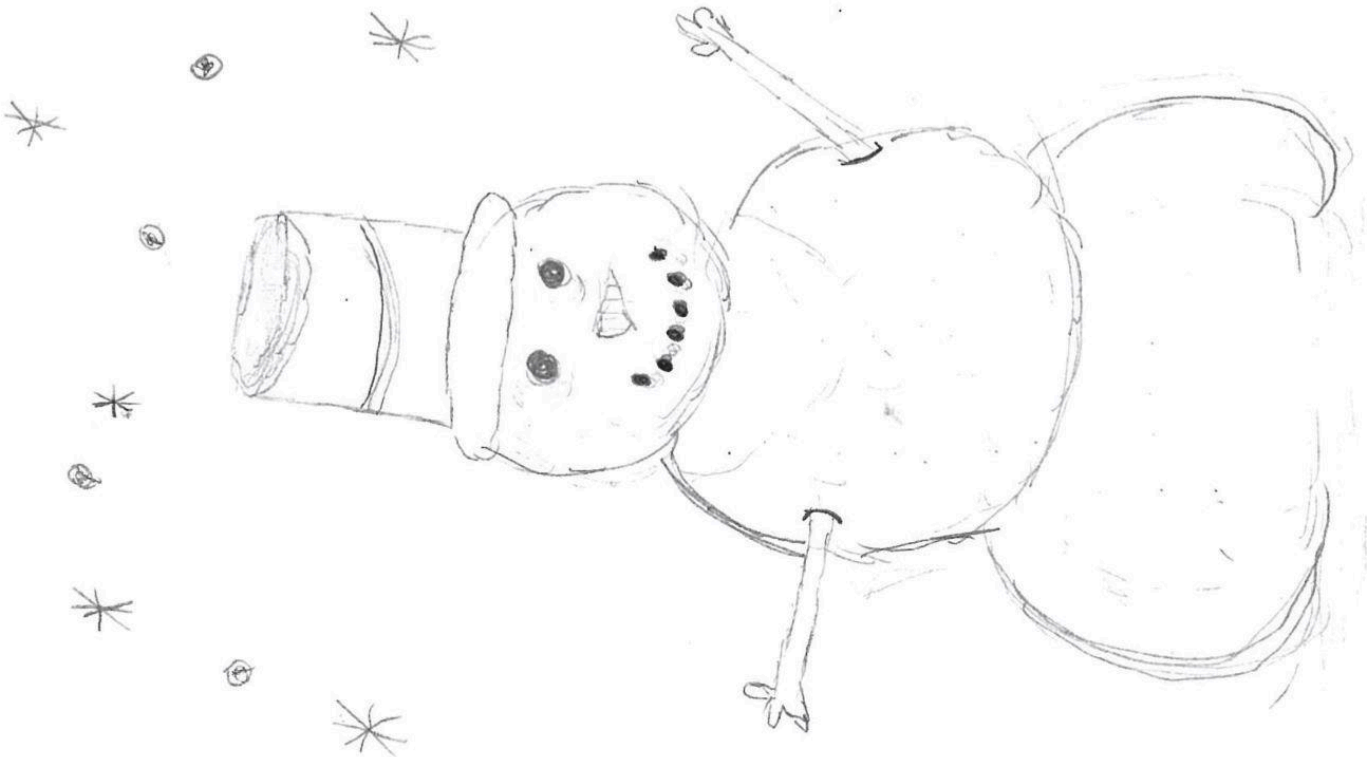


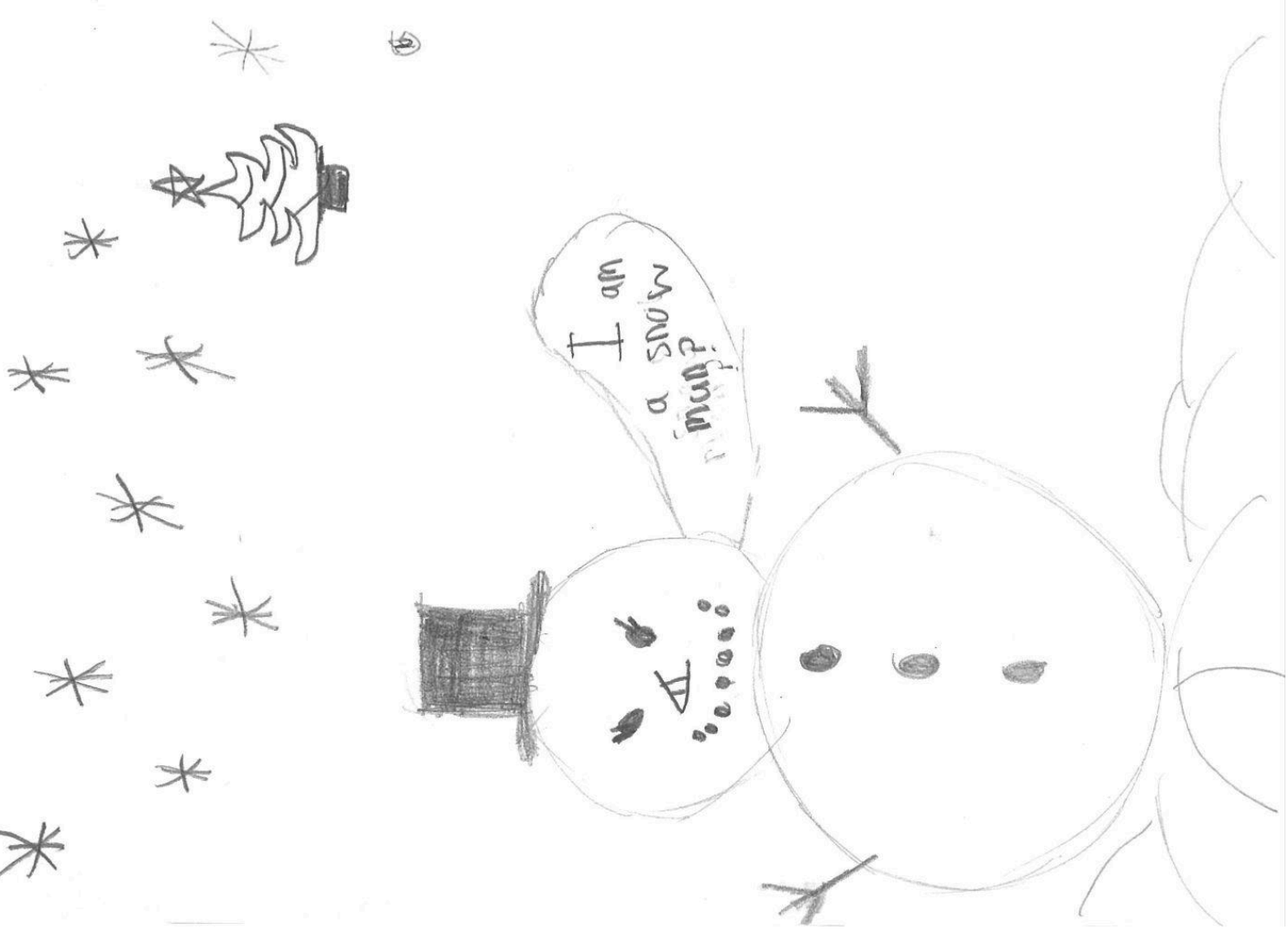




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Kirton in Lindsey Town Council - November 2026 update

About Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

Your Town Council is made up of nine Councillors and three members of staff. The purpose of the Town Council is to represent the local community, deliver community services and improve local life. Your nine Town Councillors make decisions on behalf of residents to carry out these functions: Cllr Hazel Fox (Mayor), Cllr Joy Kofoed (Deputy Mayor), Cllr Pat Frankish, Cllr David Garritt, Cllr Karen Gunn, Cllr Chris Howard, Cllr Tony Pollitt, Cllr Barry Starkie and Cllr Suzanne Stephenson.

The Council employs three members of staff; Neil is the Town Clerk, Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) and Burial Clerk (working 36.5 hours per week). He is the point of contact for the Council, manages the Council office and Council finances. This includes managing day to day operations, contractors, public enquiries and carrying out the decisions made by the Council.

Cheri is the Assistant Clerk (working 17 hours per week split between two roles). As Assistant Clerk (13 hours per week), Cheri's role involves managing annual town events including the Summer Gala, Christmas Festival and Civic functions as well as activities such as SportsZone. The other part of Cheri's role is the Venue Manager for KLASSIC (4 hours per week), looking after KLASSIC for the Council in its role as sole trustee.

Mandy is the Community Co-Ordinator (4 hours per week) and looks after the community website **www.kirtoninlindsey.com** and links in with groups and organisations in the town to keep everyone informed of what is going on in and around the town.

The Whipping Post returned!

Following the collapse of the Whipping Post located off Spa Hill last November, the Town Council sought grant funding from North Lincolnshire Council to help cover the costs of restoration work. We worked with **North Lincolnshire Council (NLC)**, **The Kirton in Lindsey Society (KLS)** and local joiner Richard Lees to bring the whipping post back. Thanks go to **KLS** for their information about the previous restoration works in 2008, to NLC for Community Grant Funding to cover some of the cost of the works and to Richard for his craftsmanship to complete the necessary works. A small area of gravel is now in place around the base to further protect the wood from works to maintain the grassed area. You can find out more about the Whipping Post as part of the town Time Travellers Trail and on the interpretation board which is by the path.

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 2027-2028 application period for Budgeted Grants is now open and will close on 16th 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 and 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 7th December.

Civic Service held

The Mayor, Cllr Hazel Fox, held her Civic Service at St Andrew's United Church on Sunday 6th September. Thank you to everyone who attended. The theme this year was 'Kindness' and £300 was raised for the Mayor's Charity – Kirton Lindsey Shed (Charity no 1216281).

Christmas Festival

The annual Christmas Festival and Lights Switch on will be held on Sunday 29th November – the last Sunday in November as usual! With the increased businesses in the Market Place which will also be opening during the event, there will less space available for stalls. This is so that we work together with businesses who ask that their frontages are left clear. As wells as stalls outside there will be more inside the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall (which we have booked), entertainment throughout the event with the Christmas Lights switched on at 5pm. We hope you will join us to kick start the festive season in the town! **For further details about town events organised by the Town Council, please contact the Assistant Clerk.**

Letters to Heaven post box installed at Grove Street Cemetery

A special white post box has been installed at Grove Street Cemetery to give families a way to express thoughts and memories to departed loved ones. The post box was inspired by the nationwide Letters to Heaven project, which was discussed with the Mayor, Cllr Hazel Fox, at a number of Civic functions by other Councils who had already installed similar facilities. The Letters to Heaven post box can be used by anybody regardless of where their loved one lived or where their last resting place is. We hope that the Letters from Heaven post box will bring a little extra solace to families and friends who are mourning loved ones. We hope the simple act of putting pen to paper will help people express their emotions and remain connected to their loved ones as they grieve. Anyone can use the box to write messages to those they have lost, share memories, mark milestones and continue a conversation. The contents will remain completely confidential and will be carefully managed by the Town Council. The new Letters to Heaven post box provides a simple but meaningful outlet for remembrance, reflection, love and expression.

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.**

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.

Stay Informed!

Residents make reports on highways issues and other problems in the local area on various community forums on Facebook. We do have a Facebook page for information and whilst we really do encourage contact with us by any means, the sheer number of community sites makes it impossible to monitor reports and queries made in this way. **The best way to report any problems or any issues you would like to raise is still to contact us directly**. Keep in touch about the work of the Town Council on our website 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 and you are always welcome to come along to our meetings to see the decision making and put your views forward.

For those old enough to remember learning poems by heart at school or lucky enough to have had an enthusiastic English teacher who loved words, this poem may have stuck in your minds like it has in mine!

The words are so exotic, and the contrast between the "Stately Spanish galleon" and the "Dirty British coaster" so dramatic that you can clearly picture them. However I don't think I ever knew what all the words meant but it didn't matter as it was fun to read aloud ... a bit of a tongue twister reading the last verse! Quinquireme were large wooden warships that were rowed by banks of rowers in the 2nd to 5th century BC in the Mediterranean. There are replicas of Spanish galleons which we can see today. Moidores were gold coins.

How horrifying it seems to us today when we think of the trade in ivory, apes or peacocks. But I still love reading this poem as it bounces along conjuring up treasures of the East but also the practical commodities of fuel and "cheap tin trays"!

- Maggie D

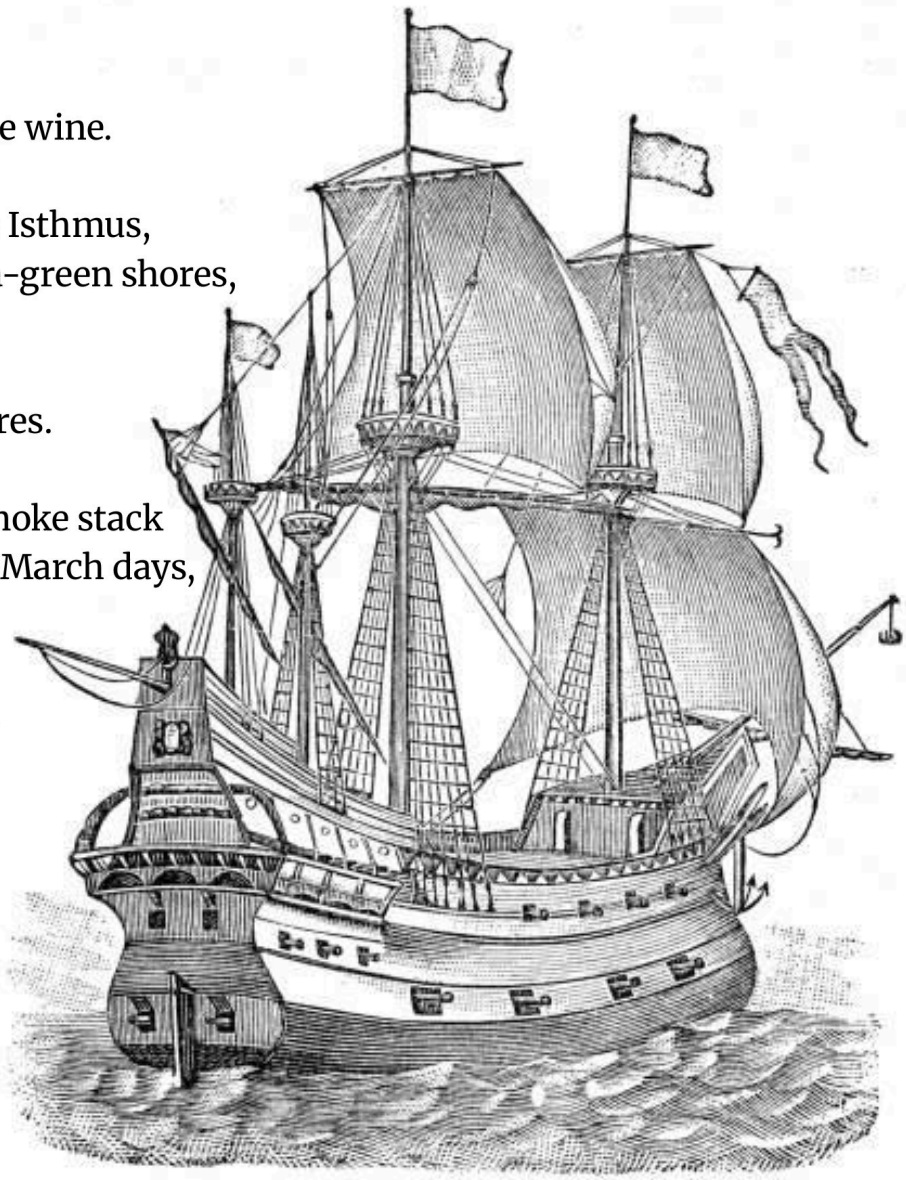
Cargoes

Quinquireme of Nineveh from distant Ophir
Rowing home to haven in sunny Palestine
With cargoes of ivory,
And apes and peacocks,
Sandalwood, cedarwood, and sweet white wine.

Stately Spanish galleon coming from the Isthmus,
Dipping through the Tropics by the palm-green shores,
With a cargo of diamonds,
Emeralds, amethysts,
Topazes, and cinnamon, and gold moidores.

Dirty British coaster with a salt-caked smoke stack
Butting through the Channel in the mad March days,
With a cargo of Tyne coal,
Road-rail, pig-lead,
Firewood, iron-ware and cheap tin trays.

John Masefield



The WI Book Club Bring up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel

(short listed for the Man Booker prize 2012)

We've been enjoying books for over 11years and we still find we have plenty to say.

This month it's Hilary Mantel's 2nd book in the Thomas Cromwell trilogy – Bring up the Bodies. It is a substantial book and takes a fair amount of concentration. At the front of the book there is a Cast of Characters, we found it most helpful. The story is set in 1535/6 King Henry V111 is married to Anne Boleyn but all is not well. Henry wants a son and this is the basis of the story and leads to massive historical upheaval – the breakaway from Rome and the Catholic faith.

Thomas Cromwell, son of a blacksmith/brewer is now Master Secretary to Henry. In modern terms: the gatekeeper, lawyer, fixer and enforcer. He has enormous responsibilities. He is feared, respected by some and loathed by the aristocracy. Mantel writes in great detail, you feel you are in the room with him. Thomas speculates to accumulate both in people and property, yet he is a good family man and provides alms to those in need.

Within this book we see 'spycraft' being developed, it's a period of troubled times both here in England and most especially in Europe. Thomas has to find a way to get rid of Anne Boleyn within the constraints of Henry's wishes. It is an interesting and enlightening read. You learn about Tudor England both from the male and female point of view. You become aware of the massive uncertainty of the future, each protagonist fighting for their own and family's security, wealth and position in court. But Henry, as we all know, was a fickle chap!

It is a very good read but you have to put effort in to fully enjoy it.

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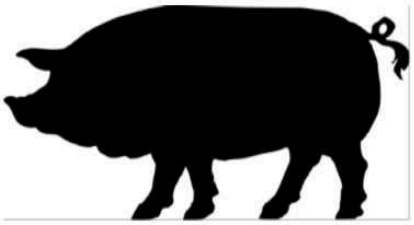
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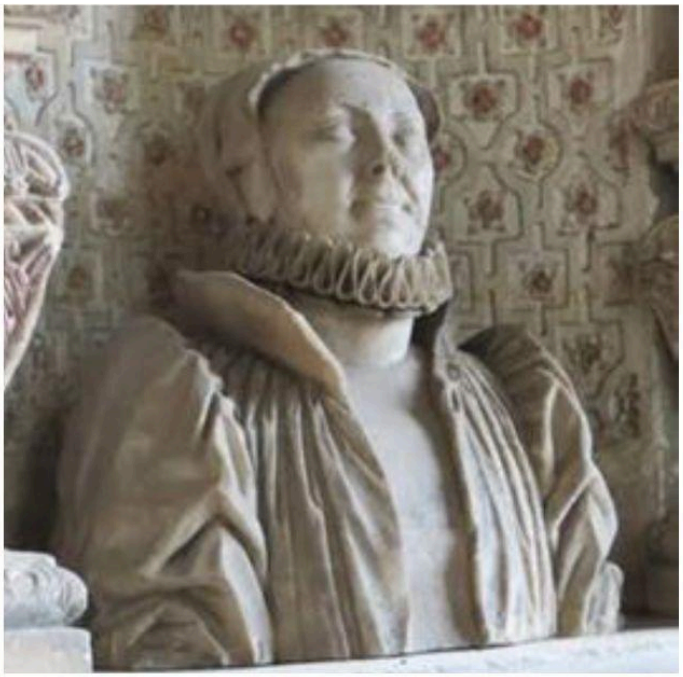
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the kirton in lindsey society

Kirton in Lindsey Society Meetings and News

The Kirton in Lindsey Society season of talks continues on the evening of Tuesday 24th November.



The talk this time is titled **Lincolnshire's Greatest Tudor Woman,** well-known local author and historian **Adrian Gray** will be paying his first visit to the Society and giving an illustrated talk about **Katherine Willoughby, Duchess of Suffolk.**



All meetings commence at 7.30 p.m. in the Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, High Street, Kirton in Lindsey DN21 4LZ.

Entrance fee is normally £2.00 including refreshments for members and £5 for non-members.



In December we will be welcoming **The Market Rasen Ukulele Band** on Tuesday 15th. Come and join us for an evening of popular and seasonal music with mulled wine and nibbles.

The Kirton in Lindsey Society welcomes anyone with an interest in the North Lindsey area: its history and environment. Meetings, outings and social activities are arranged throughout the year.

For further information and up to date news please contact Martin Hollingsworth on 01652 648435 or enquiries@kirtoninlindseysociety.org.uk or visit our website: www.kirtoninlindseysociety.org.uk

Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners
Meetings & News

The KLAGs 2026 season of meetings finishes on Wednesday 18th November at 7.30pm, in the Town Hall, Market Place, Kirton in Lindsey.

Members and quests will be having a '**social evening' of quizzes, challenges and merriment**'.

It is also the club's **AGM** prior to evening's entertainment. The club are keen to encourage new members to join. If you are interested in joining this small gardening club with a long history please come along or get in touch.

At each meeting monthly competitions are held for members, this month it will be '**a house plant"**

Please come along and join us we are a friendly bunch. All are welcome whether you just enjoy going out to talks or are experienced gardeners.

The Annual Show (held on Sat 5th Sept) was a great success despite the challenges of the extremes of weather that we have had this year.



Follow us on Facebook at KLAGs (Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners)

For more information contact Paul Bottomley (Secretary) 07554 359061 or Klags2024@gmail.com or Martin Hollingsworth (Publicity Officer) on 01652 648435 or m.hollingsworth205@btinternet.com

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Thank you Jenny Cripps

Here is Mary Hollingsworth, Chair of the Kirton in Lindsey Society, presenting a gift to Jenny Cripps in recognition of all the hard work she has done for the Society. Jenny is leaving for pastures new and will be greatly missed. She has been Vice Chair and a much valued committee member since 1998!

We wish her well in her well earned retirement!



Kirton in Lindsey Women's Institute at 90

Some of you may already know that 2027 sees the 90th anniversary of the very successful branch of the WI being established in Kirton. We are hoping to run some features about this amazing institution throughout 2027 and are asking for any memories or anecdotes you might have.
What amazing speakers have you heard? Did they make you laugh? Did they give you food for thought? What 'different' items have been entered into the monthly competition? Who were/are the stalwarts of the branch? How is the face of the WI shown at town events? How has the branch changed over the years?
It is a very active group and the enthusiasm it's members exude is wonderful.
So let's help them celebrate, bring back some memories and let's tell their story.
Please send your contributions directly to suelaw1955@gmail.com.
We hope to run the first feature in the January edition… so get thinking!!

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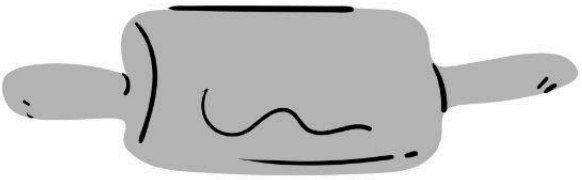
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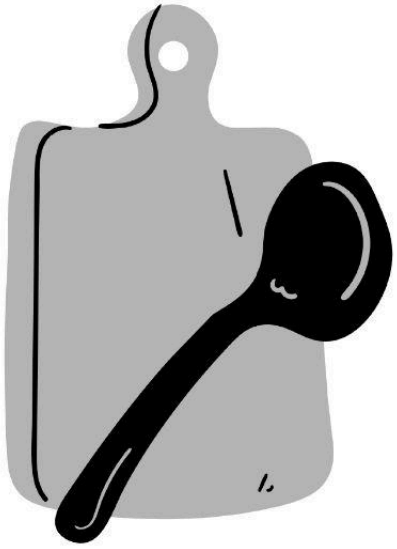
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Cookery Corner



It is mid September as I write my copy for the November Kirton First edition, so I think I can be forgiven for feeling some trepidation in typing in the C word… yes Christmas won't be far away when you receive your copy!!

Keeping it seasonal, I ask...how many of you have thought about making the **Christmas Pudding**? Then decided that it takes too much time, fuss and bother and so just have reached for the best Tesco or the Co Op can offer. Well think again-- this Christmas Pudding recipe takes about 30 minutes from start to finish (just a short reheat on the big day) and makes 1 x 900g pudding and 1 x 450g pudding. The magic is that it is cooked in the microwave. So no hours of steaming or pans boiling dry. I have been using this recipe with successful results for the past twenty years at least. Greased pudding bowls at the ready and here we go…



Melt 125g butter and 30ml black treacle in a large bowl in the microwave on high. Add 525g mixed dried fruit, 225g soft brown sugar, 1tsp ground ginger, 2tsp mixed spice, 175g fresh brown breadcrumbs, 75g plain flour, 3 eggs (beaten), grated rind and juice of 1 lemon, 150ml stout. Mix well.
Cook uncovered in High for 6 minutes, stirring every minute until mixture starts to bubble on the surface. Divide mixture between your prepared bowls and smooth surface. Cap the bowls with greaseproof paper. Cook on defrost, 900g pudding needs 24 minutes, 450g pudding needs 13 minutes. The puddings are ready when the surface is dry and just firm to the touch. Take out of the microwave and leave to stand for 15 minutes, then turn out.

To store: ready for the big day. Put into clean pudding bowls. Cover. Will keep in the fridge for 2 months.
Reheat on defrost on the day: 900g pudding 8 -10 mins; 450g pudding 5-7 mins.

A very quick Christmas treat is a **Mincemeat Cookie**
Heat oven to 160' fan and grease and bottom line a 20cm round tin

Mix 185g butter and 100g caster sugar. Add 225g plain flour. Add 1tsp cinnamon and 1 beaten egg. Take half of the dough and lightly roll to fit the bottom of the prepared tin. Take 200g warmed mincemeat (warming makes it easier to spread) and spread over the dough. Take the other half of the dough and lightly roll to fit over the mincemeat. You then have a 'sandwich'. Bake for 20 minutes. Enjoy





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