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It's hard to believe that we are coming to the end of 2025 and will soon be enjoying all the events in Kirton running up to Christmas once more.

As always there will be a lot going on before then. Get your cake fix at the Macmillan Coffee Morning as usual at the George! After the Annual Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph there will be a special free Poppy Building Session at the Brick Hut. There are reminders in the magazine of concerts, a special Open Day in the Pottery celebrating their 50th anniversary and setting it all off, the "Turn On "of the Christmas Lights in the Market Place. We can then marvel as St Andrew's Church is floodlit again!

We hope that the challenge of "Shopping Locally" is explored enthusiastically. December 6th is National Small Business Day! Then we can not only buy new but also scour the Hospice shop for surprising and quality goods!

The Editor

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

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Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

would like to invite everyone to take part in our

Christmas Character Competition

This could be any festive character you can think of from Father Christmas to a film character like Olaf!

Characters can be displayed in your window or outside in your garden.

Judging will take place between 1st – 7th December with the winner receiving a fantastic Christmas Hamper!

If there are enough entries, will create a trail for you all!

For more information, or to register your interest in entering, please contact Cheri at assistantclerk@kirtoninlindseytowncouncil.gov.uk



KIRTON IN LINDSEY TOWN COUNCIL

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL



Food ~ Drinks ~ Sweets ~ Gifts ~ Stalls

3pm - 7pm

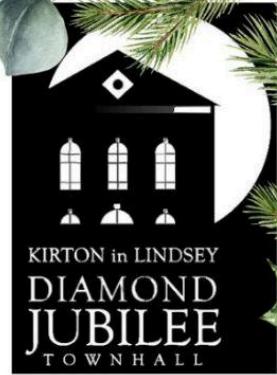
Sunday 30th November

Market Place & Town Hall

Meet Santa from 4pm
Lights switch on at 5pm
plus

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CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please help support the Town Hall

1st Prize £200

2nd Prize £100

3rd Prize £50

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Numbers drawn at the Christmas Festival
on 30th November

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finance@kirtoninlindseytownhall.co.uk

Scan this code:



or at the Town Hall office
Mondays & Tuesdays 9am to 12 noon

Charity No. 1160832

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Kirton in Lindsey Library

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* Weekend opening hours are for borrowing and returning books only.
Information, advice and access to computers and printers is available on weekdays *



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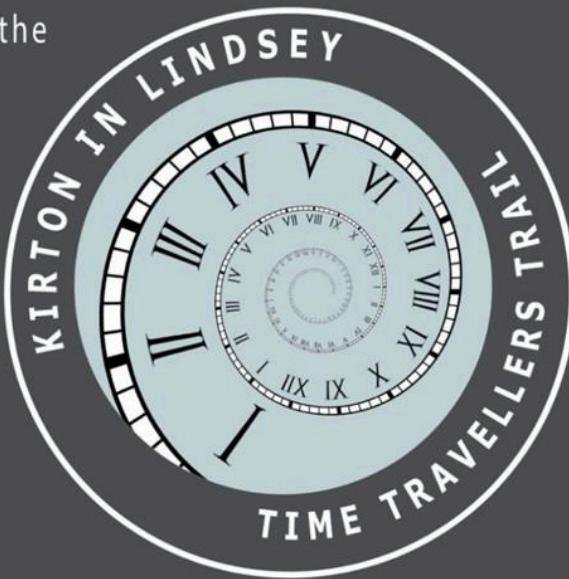
Don't forget the Time Travellers Trail—the perfect way to walk off the Christmas dinner!

Discover how the town has changed over time!

Follow the Time Travellers Trail and uncover the stories behind our old buildings and the people who lived and worked there.



SCAN TO START



<https://kiltt.quest>



the kirton in lindsey society
regarding a family tree museum

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- Works from your smartphone and guides you around the town with spoken narrative, words and pictures.
- Start in the Market Place, scan the QR code and follow the instructions. The Trail can be done all at once (about 1 hour) or piecemeal, as suits, and goes down and back up the hill.
- You can also do it from your sofa or anywhere in the World! On the menu select each place to see a video, pictures and words.

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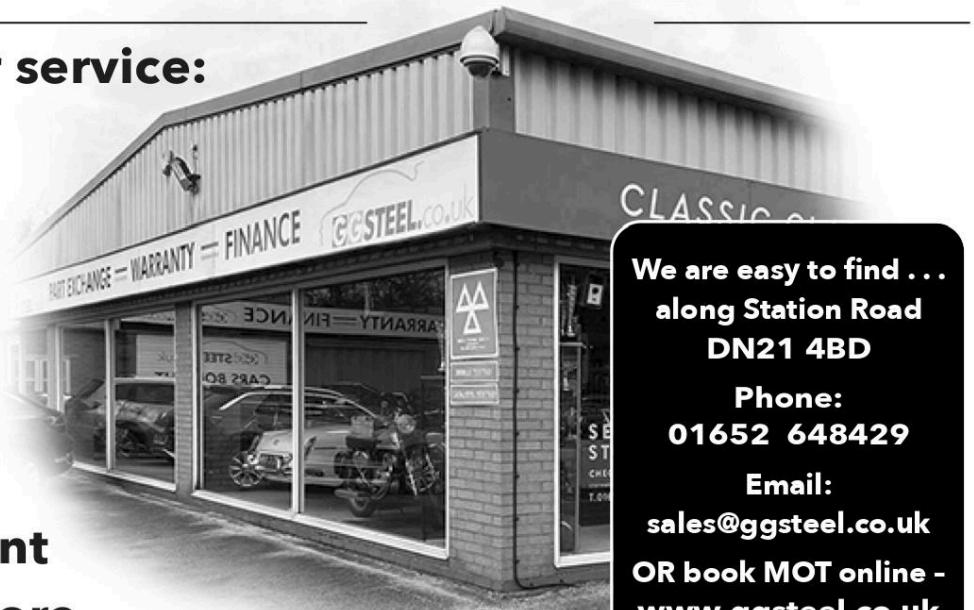
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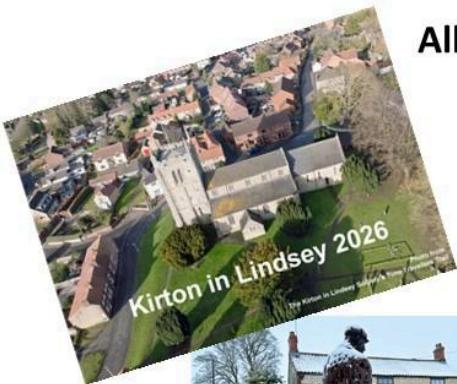
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2026

Views of the town taken and voted for by residents

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Shop Local - The Christmas Challenge

Kirton is well catered for with a wide range of shops and services. So much so that I believe, with a little creative thinking, we could fulfil just about all our festive needs within walking distance of our own front door, or a very short drive to the surrounding area.

For that perfect gift there's plenty of ideas at Jack's Patch for both personal and gifts for the home, a good range of gourmet food and drink and tableware at Uncle Henry's and gifts created by local crafters at Creative Cuppa that you won't find anywhere else. They are also holding a gift guides and needlefelt bauble making session. The Brick Hut is a must for Lego lovers of all ages and more expensive purchases can be paid for in installments. They are holding a Christmas Elf making session on 6 December and the ever- popular Christmas Traitors night for adults on 13 December. Knights could also be the answer to your gift conundrum selling a variety of electrical goods. Many people, me included, have no problem with receiving good quality "pre- loved" gifts so why not have a browse in Lindsey Lodge charity shop; that way more than one person would be benefitting from your purchase and often that is where unwanted gifts end up!. If you need more inspiration don't forget the Christmas Festival on 6 December. In the end, if you've run out of ideas you can always resort to a gift voucher. The usual High Street vouchers are available at the Post Office and garden centre vouchers at Jack's Patch. Another option is to purchase a session at The Brick Hut or Creative Cuppa.



Shop Local - The Christmas Challenge

You can find out what's on offer by visiting the shop or checking the webpage.

Christmas cards, wrapping paper and tree decorations are generally available at the supermarkets and Uncle Henry's. However, you will find a huge range of these plus an amazing selection of Christmas lights at Jack's Patch.

Foodwise there are four supermarkets, two farmshops nearby plus Uncle Henry's, Jack's Patch and Teesdale's bakery, who also take orders for Christmas cakes. The town also boasts its own chocolatier so we've got both basic and gourmet food covered.

Why not stay local for your Christmas "get together". The George is central and has accommodation. A short distance from Kirton there is the ever-popular Shires and the elegant Cleatham Hall. All of which are open for lunches and evening meals. For lunchtime gatherings Uncle Henry's, Jack's Patch and the Butcher's Bistro have varied menus and, if you want a sweet treat, Sylvia's has delicious home-made cakes.

If you're looking for something new to wear you could check out Bon Marche at Jack's Patch for something casual, formal or festive. Admittedly it just has women's wear and the menswear available in Jack's Patch is limited to leisure/sportswear.



Shop Local - The Christmas Challenge

Even if you can't find everything you need in and around Kirton, buy locally where possible to support our local businesses and consider the environment at the same time. Also, shopping at the Lincoln Co-op will benefit Kirton First and Kirton Scouts as the Community Champions.

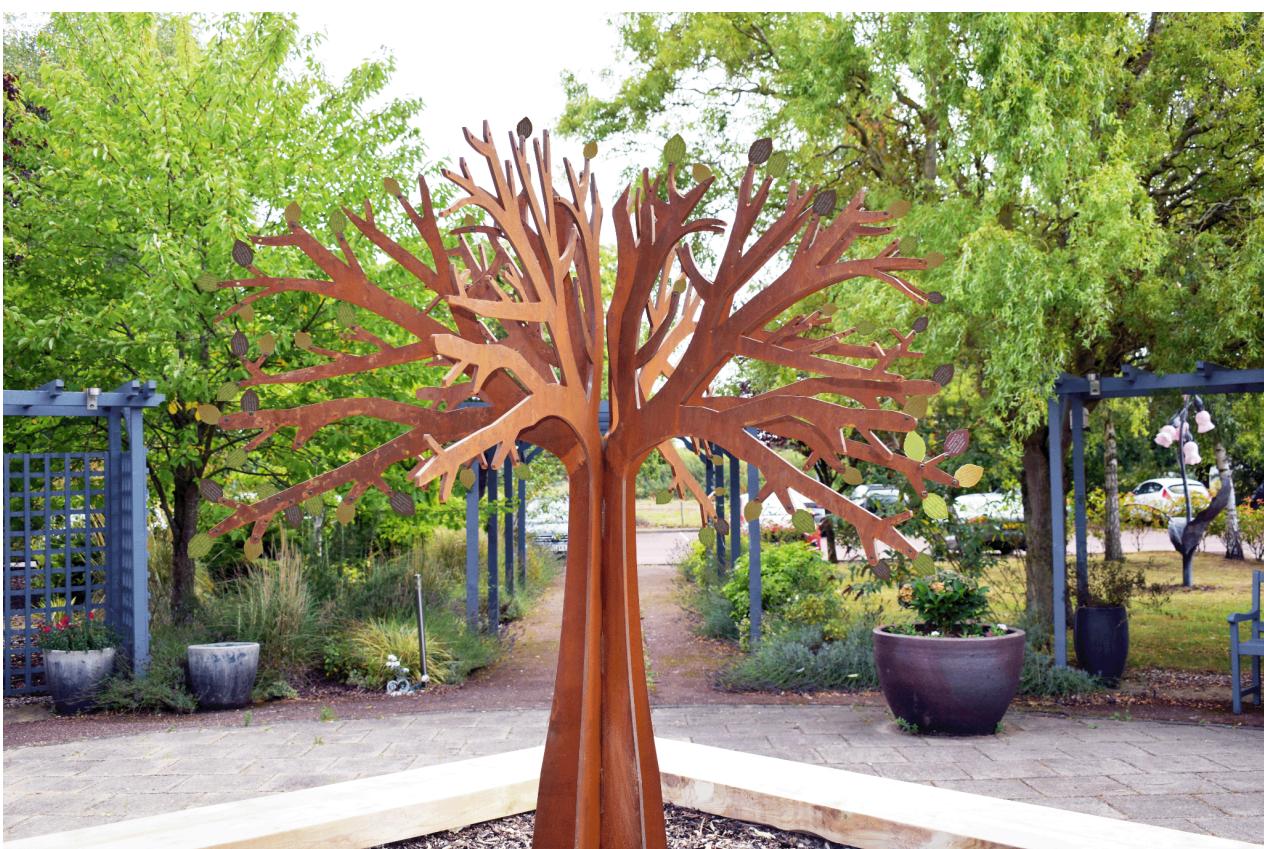
EMBARGOED FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 6PM

Lindsey Lodge Hospice Launches Memorial Tree to Celebrate and Remember Loved Ones

SCUNTHORPE, North Lincolnshire – Lindsey Lodge Hospice and Healthcare has announced the launch of a new memorial tree, offering a meaningful way for people to honour and remember loved ones. The tree is located in the Hospice's peaceful gardens, providing a serene setting for quiet contemplation and reflection.

Each leaf on the tree tells a personal story, representing a life that was much loved. The tree itself is a living tribute, a place for people to reflect on cherished memories. The leaves are available in three colours: mahogany (matte metal), gold (gloss metal), and green (translucent acrylic). Supporters can choose to place a leaf on the tree for one year (£120), three years (£300), or a lifetime (£1500). After the chosen period, the leaf can either be renewed or taken home as a keepsake.

Funds raised from the memorial tree will go directly towards supporting the vital work of Lindsey Lodge Hospice. The Hospice provides specialist palliative and end of life care and life-enhancing wellbeing services to people living with progressive life-limiting illnesses in North Lincolnshire,



Anne Currie, Chief Executive of Lindsey Lodge Hospice and Healthcare added:

"We believe it's important to give people a dedicated place to remember those they have lost," said Anne. "This memorial tree is open to anyone who has lost a loved one, regardless of whether they were a patient at the Hospice. It's a beautiful and lasting way to honour a life whilst helping us to continue providing our much needed services."

The stunning tree was made with support from local companies. The tree itself was built at cost by local company SC4 using CORTEN weathering steel. The leaves were donated by Locate, with engraving support from Cobweb Crystal, and the project was also supported by NFU Mutual Epworth Branch. We would like to thank our local business community for their support with this initiative.

The new memorial tree is more than just a piece of art; it is a symbol of hope and remembrance. By purchasing a leaf, individuals are helping to ensure their loved one's name lives on while also enabling the Hospice to continue creating new memories for other families from across the county.

For more information, or to purchase a leaf, please visit the Lindsey Lodge Hospice website at lindseylodgehospice.org.uk

About Lindsey Lodge Hospice and Healthcare Situated in North Lincolnshire, Lindsey Lodge Hospice and Healthcare has been providing high-quality, compassionate care to local people and their families for over 30 years. The dedicated team of staff and volunteers supports hundreds of people each year, including patients and their family members or carers. Demand for the Hospice's services are continually growing, and the team is committed and passionate about providing the best possible care for those who need it most.

Contact: Elizabeth Welch, Marketing Manager, Lindsey Lodge Hospice and Healthcare 01724 270835, 07935 709 825 | marketing@lindseylodgehospice.org.uk



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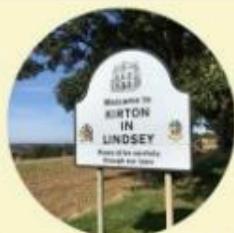
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Kirton in Lindsey in 2025 update

'Kirton in Lindsey in 2025' – a record of the town as it is in 2025 - is progressing and I would like to extend thanks to everyone that I have met with so far and for all the help and enthusiasm they have keenly and freely given.

The record will cover sections including a description of the town, landmarks, transport, charities, events, infrastructure & development, weather, education, religion, health & emergency services, businesses, groups and organisations, communications, local government, agriculture, lifestyle and the context of the outside world.



Kirton in Lindsey the town in 2025

The work builds on records produced by Kirton in Lindsey Women's Institute in 1965 and 1997, and won't be finished until the early part of 2026, in order that the information from 2025 is complete. I am still keen to involve as many different aspects of the town as possible, and would welcome contributions and information. You can get in touch via email at KL20Five@gmail.com and please look out for more updates.

Thank you, Neil Taylor-Matson



Torksey's Charity

Financial support for residents of Kirton in Lindsey

Do you know someone who could benefit from financial support or equipment, services or facilities which will greatly benefit them but is out of their reach?

Torksey's Charity (Registered Charity Number: 251454) is embedded in the history of Kirton in Lindsey and is still here to provide financial support to residents.

The charitable aims are to 'provide the relief of residents in Kirton in Lindsey in need, by reason of youth, age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage by providing finance, services or facilities to relieve their specified need.'

The Trustees of the charity are all members of the community and all applications for support should be addressed to the Clerk to the Charity who will anonymise the request so that the identity of the applicant is not known and is kept completely confidential. A meeting of the Trustees will be called and a decision made on the application.

If you know anyone in need of finance, services or facilities within Kirton in Lindsey, or are in need yourself, contact the Clerk to the Charity who will then action the process for consideration of any request.

Contact details:

Torksey's Charity, c/o Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, High Street,
Kirton in Lindsey, North Lincolnshire, DN21 4LZ
e-mail: torkseys@gmail.com

Torksey's Charity: Registered Charity Number: 251454



Kirton in Lindsey Town Council - November 2025 update

Civic Service 2025

The Mayor held her Civic Service on Sunday 5th October, with the Brownie, Scouting sections (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts) and the Royal British Legion flag bearing. The service included a performance by the Rock Choir. £229.88 was generously donated and this will be split between St Andrew's United Church and the Royal British Legion Kirton in Lindsey which is the Mayor's chosen charity for her term of office.

Councillor Co-Option

A vacancy for one Town Councillor with Kirton in Lindsey Town Council arose following the resignation of Cllr Kathy Cooper in June. At the September Full Council meeting seven applications were received. The interest in becoming a Town Councillor with Kirton in Lindsey Town Council is hugely encouraging - showing the interest residents have in the town and in what can be achieved by the Town Council for the town. At the meeting Chris Howard was the successful candidate and the Town Council welcomes Chris Howard as Town Councillor for Kirton in Lindsey. Thanks also go to Kathryn Allsopp, Susanne Law, Ellen Lumgair, Antony Pollitt, Victoria Rumary and Gianni Vercetti for their interest and applications for role. Members of the public are always very welcome to attend Town Council meetings.

Christmas Festival

The annual Christmas Festival and Lights Switch on will be held on Sunday 30th November, look out for more information in this issue of Kirton First and displayed around the town. 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.

Christmas sponsorship

We are seeking businesses, groups or organisations who would like to be involved with sponsorship of town events, including the Christmas Festival. 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 on Monday 17th 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 Monday 8th December.

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.



Kirton in Lindsey Town Councillors 2025-2026

Cllr Hazel Fox – Mayor 2025-2026

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Mayoral Charity 2025-2206: The Royal British Legion of Kirton in Lindsey

Cllr Joy Kofoed – Deputy Mayor 2025-2026

Lowfield Close, Kirton in Lindsey

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Cllr Barry Starkie

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Cllr Suzanne Stephenson

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Other contact via the Town Clerk only

There is currently **a vacancy** for a Town Councillor – this will either be filled via election or a process called Co-Option, with your current Town Councillors making a choice from applications received at a meeting of the Council. The vacancy came available as Kirton First was going to press, so look out for more information soon.

All Councillors are contactable via the Town Clerk

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

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Regular activities at Kirton in Lindsey Town Hall.

Weekly:

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

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

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

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

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

Pilates with Louise – Thursdays 10 –11am (Louise 07790 759003)

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

Slimming World - Fridays at 9.30- 11.30am

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Monthly:

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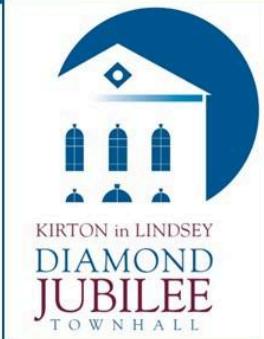
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Town Hall Craft Club – 4th Saturday 1-4pm

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

Information correct at the time of going to press but situations change. Any later developments will be on our website and short-notice changes will be posted on our Facebook page so do keep checking. Some activities will take a break over the Christmas period. If in doubt, contact **Jo** on info@kirtoninlindseytownhall.co.uk or ring **07752 246255**



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- Then on the 12th December our "Darwin Story" Murder Mystery dinner returns!!
- Festive menus will commence on the 30th November

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KIRTON AREA GAMING GROUP



Join us every Sunday from 6pm to 9pm at KLASSIC Park, Kirton in Lindsey, for our regular evening of gaming fun and friendly competition!

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Roll the Dice with Kirton's Own Gaming Group, KAGG

Did you know that right here in Kirton in Lindsey there's a welcoming group of people who come together to play games, make new friends, and have fun? That's exactly what the **Kirton Area Gaming Group (KAGG)** is all about!

KAGG meets every Sunday evening from **6pm to 9pm at KLASSIC Park**. The group is keen to welcome anyone who enjoys board games, card games, tabletop miniatures, or role-playing adventures. It doesn't matter if you're completely new to the hobby or a seasoned gamer; there will always be a friendly face to welcome you in and, if required, help you find your way.

The club's current games collection includes modern classics like **Catan, Ticket to Ride, and Talisman**, alongside strategy favourites such as **Scythe and Dune**. There are also family games like **Happy Little Dinosaurs**, and the atmospheric fantasy roleplaying aspect of **Dungeons & Dragons**. Perhaps you prefer collectible card games like **Magic: The Gathering**, or the rich hobby world of **Warhammer**? You'll find fellow enthusiasts here at KAGG. Got a favourite not mentioned here? Members are always welcome to bring along their own games to share with the group.

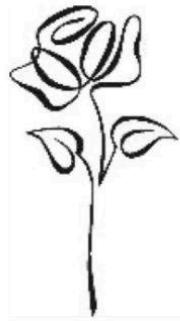
KAGG is a very special gaming group as it's incredibly diverse; there really is something for everyone, no matter your age or gaming interest. Some people love the epic battles of miniature wargaming, others prefer the light-hearted fun of a fast-paced board game. Maybe an immersive, story-driven roleplaying session is more your thing. No matter what your preference, you are assured of a warm welcome, plenty of laughs and a relaxing brew.

The first evening is **completely free** - all you need to do is pop along, try it out, and see if it's for you. After that, there's an *optional* donation of just **£3 per session**, which helps keep the group running by paying for the hall hire.

So, if you're looking for a new hobby, an easy way to make new friends, or want a fun way to fill your Sunday evening, why not give KAGG a try? Bring a friend, bring the family*, or just bring yourself - you'll be rolling dice and making memories in no time.

- 🕒 **Every Sunday, 6–9pm**
- 📍 **KLASSIC Park, Kirton in Lindsey**
- 🌐 **More info: kagg.co.uk | facebook.com/kirtonareagaminggroup**

*Under 16's must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please also note that some of our games can be quite complex, so make sure they're comfortable with the types of games we typically play - alternatively you're welcome to bring games they already know and enjoy!



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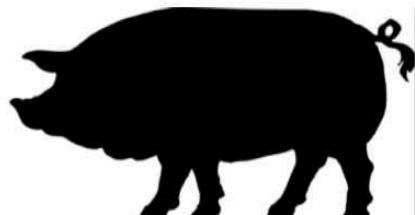
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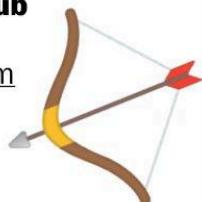
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In 1565, in Lincoln, the words of the cries were written down to preserve them. The men delivering the cries were members of the **City of Lincoln Waites** and there is a record of 1571 of three of the mayor's officers being provided with new livery 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 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. They dress in period costume and play instruments of the time.

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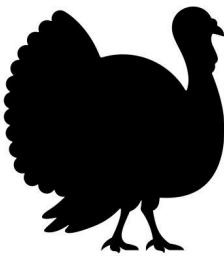


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Talking Turkeys

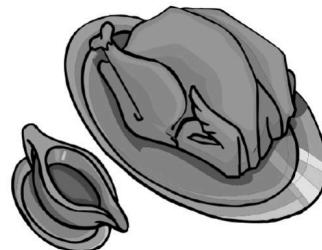
Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas
Cos turkeys just wanna hav fun
Turkeys are cool, turkeys are wicked
An every turkey has a mum.
Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas,
Don't eat it, keep it alive,



It could be yu mate, and not on yu plate
Say, Yo! Turkey I'm on your side.

I got lots of friends who are turkeys
An all of dem fear christmas time,
Dey wanna enjoy it, dey say humans destroyed it
An humans are out of dere mind,
Yeah, I got lots of friends who are turkeys
Dey all have a right to a life,
Not to be caged up and genetically made up
By any farmer and an his wife.

Turkeys just wanna play reggae
Turkeys just wanna hip-hop
Can you imagine a nice young turkey saying,
'I cannot wait for de chop!',
Turkeys like getting presents, dey wanna watch
christmas TV,
Turkeys hav brains an turkeys feel pain
In many ways like you an me.



I once knew a turkey called
Turkey
He said 'Benji explain to me please,
Who put de turkey in christmas
An what happens to christmas
trees?'
I said 'I am not too sure turkey
But its nothing to do with Christ Mass
Humans get greedy an waste more than need be
An business men mek loadsa cash'.

Be nice to yu turkey dis christmas
Invite dem indoors fe sum greens
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"Kirton Academy – A remarkable transformation"

The multi-million-pound transformation at Kirton Academy has been officially unveiled.

State-of-the-art classrooms and vastly improved facilities have been created at Kirton Academy in time for the new academic year. Since joining Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust last year, the school has undergone major works.

A new reception, library, music room and general makeover were completed before the programme's second phase began earlier this year.

The latest improvements include:

- Four science classrooms 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

Emma Ricketts (Principal) says that the school is almost unrecognisable from the one she took charge of in April last year. The learning environment that has been created is outstanding, it has been fantastic to see the children's reaction as they've walked into the new facilities. There is a renewed sense of pride around the school.

Chief Executive Officer Martin Brown thanked the main contractor Cube3 and others involved in the transformation. "It has been a wonderful project that has been well run," he said. "The site is a visible signal of improvement but the academy is improving in every way.

"It has seen, for example, a 13% rise in those achieving a GCSE grade 4 and above in English and Maths combined this summer.

"The difference from the school I first walked around is dramatic. It was not fit for purpose. It now feels loved and cared for and students and staff have responded accordingly.

"In the changing rooms the showers did not work and had been removed. The smell was terrible.

"Now, they are like a modern leisure centre, encouraging children to take part in sport."

Special guests at the unveiling included Assistant Director of Education at North Lincolnshire Council Paul Tinsley and the Mayor of Kirton in Lindsey Town Council Cllr Hazel Fox.

He said: "Since I last visited there has been a remarkable transformation.

"It is great to know students have been involved in some of the designs.

"Students who come here will now find first class learning facilities.

"When you create a culture where students are nurtured, they feel a sense of belonging and community.

"The Trust has transformed the physical environment. That alone does not make the impact but when you have the two together it makes a dramatic difference to children and staff."

As well as the overall rise in GCSE results, individual subjects performed particularly well. Maths saw a 14% rise in those achieving grade 4 or above, triple and dual science 30% and History, Geography and Food and Technology were all up between 20% and 30%.



New PE Changing Room



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Students taking part in the official unveiling



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A Pottery Journey 1975 to 2025

As you may know Kirton Pottery. Is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. We are including a history of Peter and Christine's inspiring journey to 36 High Street in two editions of the magazine.

Peter's first introduction to pottery was at Swaneng Hill School, Serowe, Botswana where he and Christine had gone to teach in 1969. To begin with Peter taught history, geography and development studies, while Christine taught art.

The school was unusual in that as well as teaching academic subjects there was agricultural, motor repair, building, tanning and electrical training. There was also a separate section, called Boiteko, which taught skills to adults. This section included gardening, weaving, cloth printing, and a smaller tannery. The idea behind Boiteko, which means "helping one another" was that these craft skills, together with gardening, would complement the existing skills of the local adults, who were poor and who had very

little or no official currency: they could then barter what they made with each other. A shop was built and a token system was devised. What they didn't have was pottery and after a year or two Christine, who had done some potting at Sheffield Art College as part of her Fine Art training was asked if she could start a pottery workshop. Peter was very excited by the idea and told her to say that she would if they could do it together.



Norway donated money for the pottery and a lovely stone and thatched building was erected by the building trainees. Peter ordered Leach's "Potter's Book" and Michael Cardew's "Pioneer pottery" and had an exciting time building a large wood fired kiln, searching for local clay, and learning to throw pots on one of two kick wheels.

Only a few of the old ladies were still making pots and these they decorated and burnished. The older ladies were very generous in showing us the sources of their clay and demonstrating their methods coiling and pit firing with dry cow dung and wood. Their

pots were very beautiful but Botswana is too close to South Africa with it's cheap long lasting metal and plastic mugs and bowls etc. The young Batswana preferred things to be made by machine so learning to work on the pottery wheel appealed most to them.

Five very keen young ladies joined us as trainees and we did our best to keep ahead of them in learning the necessary pottery skills.



The atmosphere around the school and the various workshops with young volunteers from various countries was very exciting. We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and so did our children, William and Oliver, who came with us aged 2 and 3. They went to the Junior School where they helped to pay for their education by taking a stick for the fire and a bone for the local bonemeal factory that then paid for the lunchtime porridge!

We came to England in 1974 with the idea of setting up our own pottery but found that house prices had gone up tenfold since we had sold our house in Somerset in 1969. Peter was

directed towards North Lincolnshire because of the clay at Barton on Humber. By chance he found that Kirton had various dilapidated buildings for sale very cheaply including No.36 and No.38 High Street for £1,600, which was just the money we had. The property was condemned but everyone was very kind and Huntcliff school gave Peter a job for a year, whilst Christine taught at a play school. We refurbished the two cottages into a flat for accommodation upstairs and a workshop downstairs. We made our first pot in the autumn of 1975.

As well as starting to sell from the pottery in Kirton we also had a space to sell at Jews House on Steep Hill in Lincoln. We spent most weekends working in a large wooden shed at Elsham Hall where there was a kiln and also the opportunity to sell to visitors. We went there by train from Kirton to Barnetby and then by bicycle to Elsham with Oliver and William. At first we made slip decorated earthenware. Christine became very good at trailed decoration for named mugs, wedding and birthday plates inspired by the book "Mary Wondrausch on Slipware".

We could not have started the pottery in Kirton without the help of friends who had also come back from working in Botswana and gave us money for our first small electric kiln. We were also assisted by a loan from Peter's father and a government grant of £1,000 to repair the house. Our

costs were also reduced by doing much of the building work ourselves. Peter, assisted by the nine year old Oliver, laid new electrical wiring and plumbing, which was tested and passed by inspectors, as was normal in those days.

In 1976 Peter searched out fire bricks that came from demolished furnaces as Britain changed over from coal gas to natural gas and started to build the gas fired kiln we still use today. As well as making pots we also taught in schools and held classes at the pottery. We were lucky that, in the years when we were starting, craft potteries were still locally rare and Kirton pottery gradually

became fairly well known. We could even employ Marian Mumby and later Lee Cox until the minimum wage came in and we had to let them go. We didn't feel guilty because we didn't earn minimum wage ourselves. Christine's accident in 1980 was a terrible blow for us both personally and for the pottery since Christine did nearly all the decorating. However Christine gradually recovered over the years and managed amazingly well with her one good hand.

Peter and Christine Hawes

To Be Continued in January



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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. (£17)

SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER – AMY SPEACE

Amy, from East Nashville, last headlined THL on Valentine's Day 2020 just prior to the Covid lockdown. It was a memorable concert. Since then, she has released three albums, the last of which is the excellent 'American Dream'. Each new release has brought an expansion of her voice and art. She is an exceptional singer songwriter. This Town Hall Live concert is one of only two in England, the other is in London. (£16)



SATURDAY 20th DECEMBER - WILSON & WAKEMAN



With no live performances together since the beginning of 2024, Damian and Adam have decided to play only a handful of UK Christmas shows to spread goodwill, good music and a few laughs prior to the big day. We are delighted that they have asked us if we can host one of them. (£17.50)

Ticket Alert: Only a few left

TICKETS FOR ALL CONCERTS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM:

Brian on 01652 649230 or brianchudley@btinternet.com, Morrison's Daily in Kirton in Lindsey Market Place or www.wegottickets.com

For information on the full programme visit our website at

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Kirton in Lindsey Amateur Gardeners Meetings & News



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

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

It is also the club's AGM prior to evening's entertainment. There have been several committee members stepping down from the duty this time. If you are interest in helping to run 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.

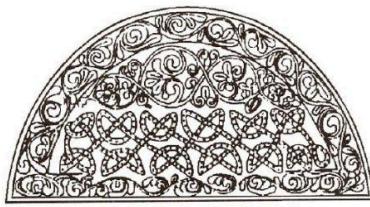
The Annual Show (held on Sat 6th Sept) was a great success. There were more exhibits than last year with the fruit, vegetables and

culinary classes full to bursting!



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

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Kirton in Lindsey Society Meetings and News

The Kirton in Lindsey Society season of talks continues on the evening of Tuesday 25th November.

The talk this time is titled **Love Lincolnshire Plants**, this is a recent project by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust. An illustrated talk given by **Aidan Neary**, who was the person that ran this successful initiative celebrating Lincolnshire's wonderful plants!

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.

For details of the special December '**Crying Christmas**' by the City of Lincoln Waites see additional article.

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.

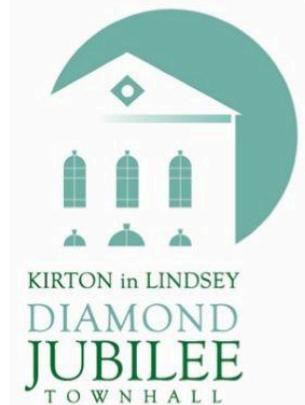
For further information and up to date news please contact Martin Hollingsworth on 01652 648435 or enquiries@kirtoninlindseysociety.org.uk or visit our website: www.kirtoninlindseysociety.org.uk

Yarrow *Achillea millefolium*



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Every Friday
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community food network

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2025/26 UPCOMING EVENTS

30TH NOVEMBER 25

Christmas Festival

1ST - 7TH DECEMBER 25

Christmas Characters

7TH MARCH 26

Mayor's Civic Dinner

8TH APRIL 26

Annual Town Meeting

11TH JULY 26

Summer Gala

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