

VILLAGE

## BARMSTON AND FRAISTHORPE



VOICE

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YOUR views, YOUR Opinions,  
And Your local events

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### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO :-**

**JANUARY 2021**

19<sup>th</sup> Heidi Parker

### **BARMSTON METHODIST CHAPEL**

Minister – Revd. Ian Greenfield  
Bridlington Tel. 673159

There are no Services at the Chapel  
in January.

31<sup>st</sup> January we will be part of the  
joint Service at All Saints' Church  
at 9.30am.

The Barmston and Fraisthorpe  
village hall committee are sorry to  
say that there will not be a children's  
Christmas party this year due to the  
present Covid restrictions.

This will be the first time in 75 years  
that the children of the parish will  
not receive a Christmas present from  
Father Christmas and the committee  
are sad to have to cancel this well  
loved event. The first 5 years the  
party was held at the old Rectory  
where Melvyn Frost now lives.

The Barmston and Fraisthorpe village  
hall committee are looking for more  
trustees to join them after some recent  
resignations. For more information  
about becoming a trustee please contact  
Ann 07926500147, or Les Wiles at 18  
Hollycroft

Barmston at busy periods, much easier as traffic should be going much slower.

## **Barmston and Fraisthorpe Parish Council**



We take this opportunity to welcome all the new residents to the village as we sadly say goodbye to some old friends as they move on to pastures new. Obviously, 2020 has been an incredibly challenging year for everyone and we sincerely hope, in 2021, everybody will be able to get back to a normal life, the village will be able to run its usual social events and we will all be able to see family and friends once again.

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

### **Christmas Lights**

Firstly, we would like to thank Graham and Martin for taking time out of their busy schedule again to collect and erect the wonderful tree. Without them and their team, this would not be possible.

It was good to see so many people out on their daily walks when Father Christmas arrived to turn on the lights. He also managed to give covid19 safe bags of sweets to the children. Thank you, Father Christmas, for making the evening very special for us all.

### **Planned speed changes**

We are aware of changes planned for new speed limits in our area so do keep an eye out for them appearing especially towards Beeford as we would hate for people to be unintentionally fined due to these changes. Hopefully, it will make getting out of

### **Lions Biscuits**

As it was reported in the village voice last month, the Lions were unable to deliver biscuits for the over 80-year olds this year so it was decided by the council that they would step in, thus ensuring those older residents did not miss out at Christmas. This is especially important as many will be on their own due to covid 19. We hope we did not miss anyone out as the list was a little vague. If anybody knows of somebody we missed or will be 80 next Christmas, please can you let the council know so we can keep the list up to date and no one misses out.

### **Suggestions**

If anyone has any suggestions for what they would like to see happen in 2021 in the village, please feel free to let a member of the council know or pop along to a meeting.

The next meeting is planned for January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Social distancing will still have to apply.

## From the vicar, Richard Hare

It's hard to know who to believe, isn't it? I'm writing this before Christmas with Brexit negotiations still in full spate; you'll be reading it knowing whether or not we've got a deal. Whatever the outcome, throughout the whole Brexit process there have been accusations and counter-accusations of lying, spin and rumour-mongering from people on both sides. It's been the same with COVID-19, with some living in fear and others convinced the whole thing is a hoax. Across the pond, last year's US election was characterised by hostility and dispute; and it seems likely that some other countries deliberately seek to spread misinformation on social media to destabilise and weaken western democracies.

Misinformation is nothing new. When three wise men from the east asked King Herod where the newborn king of the Jews could be found, he sent them to Jerusalem and told them to report back so he could "go and worship the child". Paranoid Herod, of course, had murder in mind rather than worship, but he wasn't about to tell his foreign visitors the truth. Thankfully they had the sense to pay more attention to God's leading – in their case a star and a dream – than to the words of a deranged monarch.

If we're looking for direction ourselves in these strange times, the worship of almighty God has long proved to be a safe course of action, a star in a dark sky and a rock in a stormy sea. Why not come to church on Epiphany Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan, at 9.30 am, and experience something real and dependable in a world of uncertainty and doubt?

We'll be together again at 9.30 am each fortnight, on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan and then 31<sup>st</sup> Jan, when we welcome our Methodist friends to our joint service, with their minister the Revd Ian Greenfield as preacher.

The regulations are, of course, liable to change at short notice, and we will be following all the proper advice. Come what may, you can join in online worship from our sister church at Emmanuel Bridlington every Sunday, live on Facebook at 11.00 am, or later in the day on our YouTube channel, and on the phone (01262 412525) at any time.

