

| VILLAGES DIARY - DECEMBER 2023 | | | |
|--------------------------------|------|--|--------------------------------|
| Date | Time | Event | Place |
| Fri | 1st | | |
| Sat | 2nd | | |
| Sun | 3rd | 9.30am Holy Communion | All Saints' Church |
| Mon | 4th | | |
| Tue | 5th | | |
| Wed | 6th | 2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office | Village Hall |
| Thu | 7th | | |
| Fri | 8th | 6.30pm Christmas Lights Switch On | Barmston Pond |
| Sat | 9th | | |
| Sun | 10th | | |
| Mon | 11th | | |
| Tue | 12th | 1.30 - 2.20pm The Library Van | Near Telephone Box, Sands Lane |
| Wed | 13th | 2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office | Village Hall |
| | | 7.00pm Barmston & Fraisthorpe Parish Council Meeting | Village Hall |
| Thu | 14th | | |
| Fri | 15th | | |
| Sat | 16th | | |
| Sun | 17th | 3.00pm Carols by Candlelight followed by mince pies | All Saints' Church |
| Mon | 18th | 9.15am H.A.R.T.Bus to Beverley | Pick up from your door |
| Tue | 19th | | |
| Wed | 20th | 2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office | Village Hall |
| Thu | 21st | | |
| Fri | 22nd | | |
| Sat | 23rd | | |
| Sun | 24th | | |
| Mon | 25th | CHRISTMAS DAY | |
| Tue | 26th | BOXING DAY | |
| Wed | 27th | 2.00 - 4.00pm Post Office | Village Hall |
| Thu | 28th | | |
| Fri | 29th | | |
| Sat | 30th | | |
| Sun | 31st | | |

If you have a regular or one off event taking place, please let the Editor know by the 20th of the prior month so that it can be included in the diary for the next month

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VILLAGE VOICE

DECEMBER 2023



A very Happy Christmas to Everyone

*Barmston & Fraisthorpe's newsletter
Delivered to your door monthly*

Established April 1979

Contributions & adverts for next month's issue to the editor
by the 20th December, please – rosemary.swift@btinternet.com



Birthday greetings to:

7th Mr Edgar Styan – 104 today

8th Mr Tony Cawthorn

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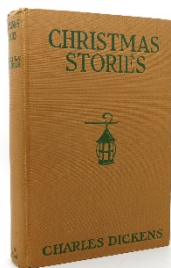


THE LIBRARY VAN

Calls every four weeks on a Tuesday afternoon
It will be here near the Telephone Box in Barmston on
Tuesday, 12th December
from 1.30 to 2.20pm

Stock up on your Christmas Reading

**You will help us to keep the mobile library van
coming by using it.**



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BARMSTON

Vicar – Revd Richard Hare

Tel: 229503

Services in December

Sun 3rd at 9.30 am – Holy Communion

Sun 17th at 3.00 pm – Carols by Candlelight followed by mince pies

There is online worship from our sister church at Emmanuel, Cardigan Road, Bridlington every Sunday, live on Facebook or in person at 11.00 am, or later in the day on our YouTube channel.

From the vicar, Richard Hare

Christmas in the Hare household will be extra-special this year. Normally we jump in the car after our Christmas morning services, eat a sandwich at a motorway service station and join family in the Midlands for a Christmas meal at about 5.00 pm. This year they're all coming to us, including a nine-month-old granddaughter. There will be military-style preparations but it will all be worth it. We can't wait!



Advent, the four weeks leading up to Christmas, is the church's time of expectant preparation. For welcoming the baby in the manger of course, but also for getting ready for when the triumphant risen Jesus appears in glory to raise the dead, judge the nations and make everything brand new. So it's a time to make sure we're ready for when that day comes, no matter how long or short a time we have to wait.

We would love you to come to our services at Barmston Church in December, dates and times as above.





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Return from Beverley

Return from: Beverley Morrisons 12:30 or Beverley bus station 12:45

*18.12.23 (to be confirmed), 08.01.24, 22.01.24

BARMSTON CRICKET CLUB

The Club held its Annual Dinner when trophies were presented to the outstanding players of the 2023 season. The final batting, bowling and fielding statistics for the season are as follows:-

| BATTING STATISTICS | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|----------|------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Name | Runs | Innings | Not Outs | High Score | Average | |
| Dan Conner | 390 | 11 | 3 | 90 | 48.75 | |
| Steven Kitchen | 382 | 12 | 2 | 101 | 38.20 | |
| Ian Jones | 32 | 1 | | 32 | 32.00 | |
| Isaac Coates | 19 | 1 | | 19 | 19.00 | |
| Darren Whatling | 16 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 16.00 | |
| Dan Artley | 142 | 11 | 1 | 39 | 14.20 | |
| Arnie Tindall | 152 | 13 | 2 | 36 | 13.82 | |
| James Barker | 81 | 11 | 2 | 24 | 9.00 | |
| Craig Ward | 86 | 10 | | 30 | 8.60 | |
| Ash Porter | 42 | 9 | 4 | 17 | 8.40 | |
| Ted Traves | 23 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 7.67 | |
| Jamie Artley | 21 | 3 | | 16 | 7.00 | |
| GeorgiaWhatling | 7 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7.00 | |
| Simon Porter | 19 | 4 | 1 | 17 | 6.33 | |
| Alex Shipley | 44 | 8 | 1 | 20 | 6.29 | |
| James Barker | 7 | 2 | | 5 | 3.50 | |
| Jay Singh | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1.00 | |
| Les Towse | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1.00 | |
| BOWLING STATISTICS | | | | | | |
| Name | Overs | Maidens | Wickets | Runs | Runs per Over | Runs per Wicket |
| Alex Shipley | 50 | 4 | 23 | 232 | 4.64 | 10.09 |
| Ted Traves | 40 | 2 | 18 | 189 | 4.73 | 10.50 |
| Ash Porter | 60 | | 13 | 288 | 4.80 | 22.15 |
| Dan Artley | 14 | | 8 | 100 | 7.14 | 12.50 |
| Jamie Artley | 14 | | 5 | 74 | 5.29 | 14.80 |
| Jay Singh | 12 | | 5 | 55 | 4.58 | 11.00 |
| Craig Ward | 15 | | 4 | 105 | 7.00 | 26.25 |
| Arnie Tindall | 9 | | 4 | 75 | 8.33 | 18.75 |
| Ian Jones | 7 | 1 | 3 | 47 | 6.71 | 15.67 |
| Isaac Coates | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 2.50 | 5.00 |
| Simon Porter | 2 | | 1 | 26 | 13.00 | 26.00 |
| James Barker | 2 | | | 12 | 6.00 | |
| Darren Whatling | 3 | | | 11 | 3.67 | |
| Catches | Steven Kitchen | | | | 6 | |
| | Alex Shipley | | | | 5 | |
| | Ash Porter, Dan Artley & Dan Conner | | | | 4 each | |
| | James Barker & Darren Whatling | | | | 3 each | |
| | Arnie Tindall & Simon Porter | | | | 2 each | |
| | Craig Ward, Ian Jones & Jamie Artley | | | | 1 each | |

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BARMSTON & FRAISTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The Next Parish Council Meeting
will be on
Wednesday 13th December 2023
at 7 pm in The Village Hall

LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

| <u>Across</u> | | <u>Down</u> | |
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| 6 | ABBA | 3 | Eggcup |
| 10 | Em | 4 | Tail |
| 11 | Grace | 5 | Tee |
| 13 | Estop | 6 | Astute |
| 14 | Nit | 7 | BTA (Bridlington Tourist Association) |
| 16 | Idea | 8 | Bopeep |
| 18 | Tape | 9 | Ape |
| 19 | Ethical | 12 | CD |
| 21 | VDU | 15 | Throaty |
| 23 | Up | 17 | Avenues |
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| 27 | Patience | 22 | Dicta |
| 29 | Pi | 24 | Disqualify |
| 30 | Tsar | 26 | Rich |
| 33 | Smut | 28 | Emu |
| 34 | Iota | 31 | Sox |
| 35 | Squeamish | 32 | Raglan |
| 38 | Oxygen | 36 | Malice |
| 39 | Car | 37 | Somebody |
| 41 | Slime | 40 | Rife |
| 43 | Boa | 41 | SAS |
| 45 | Solitaire | 42 | Irate |
| 46 | Torn | 43 | Box |
| 47 | If | 44 | Oros |
| 48 | Scab | 45 | Score |
| 49 | Oxo | 46 | Tool |
| 50 | Coffee | 50 | Coy |
| 53 | Eton | 51 | Fez |
| 54 | Storey | 52 | Ent |
| 56 | Ed | <u>Across</u> | <u>(continued)</u> |
| 57 | Lo | 59 | Stop |
| 58 | Oyez | 60 | Yo |

EDITOR'S END OF YEAR REPORT



As we approach the end of another calendar year, I thought it a good time to update our readers with a "behind the scenes" report. The first year has been a challenging one. Initially there was concern that this valuable source of communicating with all residents would not continue, but with Les's help and

blessing, I was determined to continue to keep alive that which Dorothy had worked so hard to maintain for over 40 years.

I would like to give a big thank you to our team of residents who month after month, whatever the weather, manage to deliver the Village Voice to your doors. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this so if you have a free hour or so, once a month, then please let me know.

Huge thanks go to some non-residents for their generous donations, advertisers both regular and "one offs" and the Rev'd Hare who has helped with a few reams of paper. Together, their contributions have enabled the first year to the 31st May to finish with only a small deficit of £13.81.

We did have to invest in a new printer that was funded out of accumulated monies from prior years and this fund will once again need to be "re-stocked" over the course of the coming months to ensure, when the time comes, a new printer can be once again purchased.

With this in mind, I decided the time had come to look to obtaining a grant. The first thing that would be needed would be to set up a bank account and this was duly done and an application to the parish council was submitted.

I received confirmation in October that a grant of £280 had been awarded to us and so the Village Voice will "live on", looking towards its 50th anniversary in 2029!

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy 2024.

Rosemary Swift Editor

Barmston & Fraisthorpe
Parish Council

Christmas Lights Switch On



Join The Parish Council for
The Christmas Tree and
Nativity Scene Switch On

Friday 8th December 2023

At the Village Pond

6.30 pm

Refreshments will be provided

Father Christmas may also be dropping by for a
mince pie

The Christmas Craft Fair and Art Exhibition

held at Emmanuel Church on Saturday 11th November was well attended and freshly made cream scones were available too. The children of Cliff House too had created a collage and they wished it to be raffled in aid of Barmston church. The winner was Linda Hunter. At 11 am we all stood for the silence to remember the fallen. Many thanks to the stallholders and those who came to support this event. A total of £300 was raised for All Saints church, Barmston.

HISTORY PAGE

BARMSTON AREA HOME GUARD 1940-1945



This month, we continue to hear more of Jack Swift's memories of his time as Commander of the Barmston Area Home Guard. The 50 odd men of the platoon continued to protect our shores from the possibility of an invasion throughout the



Christmas periods.

Part 2

The Home Guard fully expected an invasion at any time during 1940 and 1941. A map was captured in Rotterdam by the British Secret Service which showed a landing on the low ground between Barmston and Fraisthorpe. The German idea was to make their way overland to Hessle, thereby cutting off the port of Hull so that they could then bring in their heavy equipment and troops through Hull docks.

There were several false invasion alarms – each day the Barmston Area Home Guard's Commander was given a code word which, if he received it again at any time during that day meant invasion. One very stormy night when the code word for that day was 'Cromwell' a dispatch rider arrived at a road block that Jack was manning at about 2am and gave an envelope to him which contained the word 'Cromwell'. The members of the Home Guard Platoon, apart from doing their normal daily jobs were on duty all night for one night in three. When Jack received the code word he ordered a full stand-to in the defense positions. At about 4am the Commanding Officer for the Bridlington area came along and reported that they had received information that the Germans had landed at West Hartlepool and if they were found to be moving South the Barmston Area Home Guard would receive reinforcements of approximately twenty regular soldiers. However, some time before this, Jack had been called into Bridlington along with other local Home Guard commanders to be told by a General that there was only one mobile armoured division in the north of England based at Catterick. This division would not be able to support the Home Guard however far the Germans penetrated inland until the Home Guard halted their advance. The General would then be prepared to attack with this division – he explained that as this was the only division available it had to do its job – if it failed to do so then that would have been that as Jack said!

Returning to the night of the invasion warning, nothing further happened and the men were stood down next morning. It was, in fact, never found out what had happened that night. There were reports of bodies floating in the sea but this was not confirmed.

This part of Yorkshire suffered from a number of air raids. At one point it was bombed every night for three weeks. Although throughout the war Flamborough lighthouse was flashing on reduced power, the German bombers still found it a very good navigational guide as they came over the North Sea especially to bomb Hull and other Yorkshire towns and cities. One night the Barmston Area Home Guard were able to watch a German Squadron Leader with a Junker 88 leading German bombers from Flamborough to their targets in Hull then coming back and leading another group. This went on all night. This area was sometimes defended against air attack by anti-aircraft guns and sometimes by fighters but never both at the same time. The British were very short of fighters at this time and there were periods when it was virtually impossible to mount any effective defense from the air – in fact sometimes the German aircraft would come over in daylight.

There is one more incident which should be remarked on. This was very early in the war on a beautiful moonlight night when the sea was like silver. A Junkers 88 came in from the sea, dropped a row of fire bombs across the main road near Fraisthorpe. These were supposedly the first bombs to be dropped on the main land of Britain during the 2nd World War

The Home Guard were stood down in 1944 when there was no longer any threat of invasion and they were completely disbanded in 1945.

How many of the members of the Bridlington Area Home Guard were you able to identify from last month's picture?

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| Back Row | | Eric Milner | ? Ethrington | Erni Skelton | Roy Watson | Jack Stephenson | Henry Watson | Bob Redshaw | | |
| Row 3 | Ron Brabbin | Stuart Voase | Harry Smith | ? Kneeshaw | ? Dodson | Ernie Brian | Clive Howdle | ? Sheperd | Henry Waites | Bob Baker |
| Row 2 | | Billy Kneeshaw | Henry Hyde | Len Jarvis | Jack Swift | | Matt Morris | Stan Danby | Fred Johnson | |
| Bottom Row | | | Freddie ? | Bob Ward | Ray Bowman | Tommy Dolton | Albert Bemrose | | | |