

South Croxton Churches

The parishes of Ashby Folville & Barsby, Gaddesby, South Croxton with Beeby
and Twyford, Thorpe Satchville & John O'Gaunt

Newsletter April 2012

Rhona Tomlyn, of Somerby, Reader in South West Framland Group, reflects on the visit of the Queen, Duke of Edinburgh, and Duchess of Cambridge to Leicester at the start of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Memories of a wonderful day

What are my main memories of this wonderful day?

■ The Queen, so small yet having so much presence and emanating

warmth and dignity.

■ The Duke of Edinburgh – obviously enjoying himself. He was heard to

say, as he passed some of the clergy, “So you have left your parishioners to their own devices today”!

■ The Duchess of Cambridge, very poised

and mindful not to put a foot wrong.

■ The smooth organisation of the whole day,

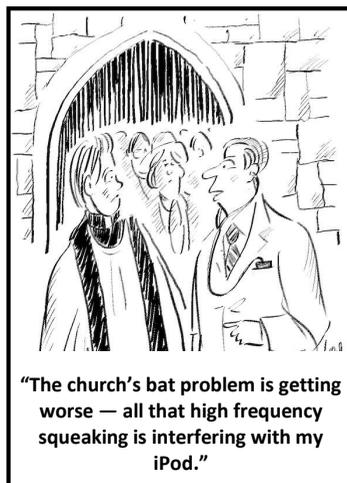
no panic, no frayed tempers, just calm enjoyment.

■ The sheer pleasure of the crowds of people

proud to welcome the monarch.

The city was amazingly calm when I arrived –

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early, of course. Crowds had already formed along the pavements, so we were asked to queue down the centre of the street, which made us feel rather “special”.

After security checks, we had a two-hour wait! However, there was plenty to watch – dignitaries being taken to their seats, a choir of school children arriving and some Indian dancers practising.

Later, “a flock of magpies” descended . . . about 160 clergy in their black cassocks and white surplices. It was an impressive sight.

Loud cheers could be heard as the crowds greeted the royal party.

We were pleased to recognise Jennifer Lady Gretton, a member of our community, in the procession.

All three members of the Royal family were facing me, so I was fortunate.

We sang *Now thank we all our God* and the Dean led prayers. After an Old Testament reading the choir sang an anthem, followed by texts of faith, read by young people from faith traditions in the city and county.

The Bishop’s address was succinct and appropriate, emphasising that Leicester has a firm tradition of embracing all faiths.

During the final prayers, dancers from the Indian and Pakistani Christian communities in Leicester offered votive lights as symbols. This was very moving.

Church notices

from the Priest in Charge, Revd Susan Leighton (840245)

It’s happening!

■ **Messy Church on Saturdays:** Families are invited to come along to a once-a-month ‘**Messy Church**’ happening on the first Saturday of each month, 3—4.30 pm at Thorpe Satchville Village Hall (£1 per family).

What is ‘**Messy Church**’? Come along and find out as we enjoy being together, making things together, eating together and celebrating God together through his word, through music and through prayer.

The next two ‘Messy Church’ sessions will be on:-

Saturday, April 7 *Messy Easter Fun!*

Saturday, May 5

More information from Revd Susan Leighton.

■ The **Sunday Club** (0—11 years, *children under 5 years, please bring a carer to stay with you*): South Croxton Church, 11.30—12.30 pm. More information from Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949).

■ The group for teenagers, **Living our lives 4 Jesus**, (LOL4J) is continuing on Sunday afternoons. All young people in school years 7 to 11 are welcome. Please contact Wendy Hardy (0116 260 7949).

Looking back ...

On **Mothering Sunday** 45 people gathered in Gaddesby Church for a service and refreshments. A collection for the Trust Fund for Kimberley and Adam Day raised £106.69.

Au revoir to our Methodist friends. For several years a Methodist congregation has been holding monthly services at Twyford. On April 1 there will be a final Methodist service at 6.00 pm, which all are welcome to attend. We wish them well as they join larger congregations in Great Dalby and Melton, However, we hope to continue sharing in special services, such as harvest and Christingle.

Baptisms: In March at Twyford church we baptised and welcomed into the church family Sebastian Church.

To have your baby, child or yourselves baptised please contact Revd Susan Leighton Tel: 840245

Confirmation for adults. If you would like to consider being confirmed please contact Revd Susan Leighton.

Funerals: We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Colin Williams, of Thorpe Satchville. His funeral was held on Wednesday, March 28.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Hockey of Ashby Folville. Her funeral was held on Friday, March.30 A Thanksgiving Service for her life will be held on Sunday, April 1, at 3.30 pm in Ashby Folville Church.

Looking forward . . .

Farmyard service: There is a United Methodist/Anglican Lambing Service at Woodgate Farm, Great Dalby, on Palm Sunday (April 1), at 4 pm.

Maundy Thursday: Please give your name to Vic as soon as possible if you wish to have supper at Frisby Chapel on April 5. Call the office

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(01664 561909). Following the meal and service you are invited to Frisby Anglican church for the stripping of the Altar and the Watch.

■ On Sunday, April 8, **Easter Day**, there are three services to celebrate this wonderful festival. You are warmly invited to Ashby Folville church at 8.30 am; Thorpe Satchville church at 10.30 am; and Twyford church at 6.00 pm. In addition, there is a sunrise service at 6 am at Rotherby Lane Burial Ground, Frisby.

‘Christ is Risen. Alleluia!’

■ **Bikers meet:** On Sunday, April 29, there will be a special service in Ashby Folville Church at 10.30 am with visitors (and their bikes) from the Christian Motorcyclists’ Association (CMA). We will also welcome a guest preacher (and his bike), Mr Neil Bullen, who is a Reader in the Church of England. This will be a service for all the SWF Group, and local Methodist churches. The service will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

■ Each church will be holding an annual parochial church meeting in the next few weeks. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, April 17, 7.30 pm in Gaddesby Church
Wednesday, April 18, 7.30 pm in Ashby Folville Church
Monday, April 23, 7.30 pm in South Croxton Church
Tuesday, April 24, 7.30 pm in Thorpe Satchville Church

As we are all aware voluntary organisations such as the church and village hall committees rely on individuals giving their time and energy to enable them to run smoothly. Many of you take on such roles and responsibilities in our local communities. There are vacancies on our church councils, and if you feel you would be interested in serving on a church council, please contact me, Revd Susan Leighton (840245).

Monthly Community Lunches – This is an opportunity for people to get together once a month, made possible by county council funding. We would like to hear from those who often eat alone. It is expected that lunches will be at a modest cost. (Part of the funding will go towards the expenses of volunteer drivers). The next lunch is on Monday, April 23, Pickwell Village Hall or Little Dalby. Contact Davina Bates (454201), Beryl Newman (0116 260 3247) or Vic Allsop (561909) to book.

Mothers' Union

The speaker on April 5, at Leslie Case's home in Hoby, will be Sue Jordan on *Life as an Army Wife*. The speaker on May 3, at Esme Folwell's home in Gaddesby, will be the Rev Peter Collins.

New members always welcome. Please contact Annette (840627).

Broadband campaign

Improving internet speeds: The editor has received several pleas for people to get behind a campaign to improve internet access in the county. Leicestershire County Council, working with local residents, businesses and other local authorities is trying to assess current speeds, uses and demand for super-fast broadband. You can help by answering some questions which will enable the county to gauge where the worst speed problems are and where improvements might make the most difference. Please complete the household or business questionnaire, as appropriate, at www.leics.gov.uk/broadband.

Council notices

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council: The council's next meeting is on Monday, April 2 at Ashby and Barsby Parish Hall. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall, on Monday, May 14.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The council will meet on April 19 at 7.30 pm, in Twyford Village Hall.

South Croxton Parish Council: The council will meet at the village hall on Thursday, April 5, at 6.30 pm. The annual parish meeting is on Thursday, May 3.

WI meetings

Barsby & Ashby Folville: J. T. Taylor will speak about *Post Office patter* at the meeting on April 11. The competition is "an unusual postage stamp".

Gaddesby WI: *Birds Myth and Folklore* is the title of a talk from Dr Chris Andrews of the RSPB on April 11. The competition is a bird, any medium.

South Croxton: Members will hear about *The Things That People Say* from Janet Scarratt at their meeting on April 19.

Ashby Folville & Barsby

Easter flowers: Contributions towards the Easter flowers for the church would be greatly appreciated. Sylvia Favell (840259).

Village hall: The spring supper is on Thursday, April 19. Tickets, £7.50, from Sylvia Favell (840259).

Ashby Folville Fete: Granny's attic – Pam East of Barsby is collecting bric a brac for the fete on June 16. If you have any items you wish to donate please contact Pam (840236.)

Runner: Sarah Short, from Barsby, is running in the London Marathon on April 22 for LOROS. Please either visit her sponsorship page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/SarahShort> or give her a call (840192).

Gaddesby

Diamond Jubilee: Everybody in the village is invited to join Tim and Sue Milward at Pine House on Monday, June 4, at 3.00 pm to celebrate the jubilee. Everybody will receive an invitation to "Tea and Tiaras" – adults and children please dress up as kings and queens. Free tea and cake but do bring your own picnic. Bouncy castle and prizes for the best-dressed king and queen.

Easter flowers: Contributions towards the Easter flowers for the church would be appreciated – Jane Winterton (840748).

Village hall: The annual meeting is on Monday, May 28, 7.00 pm. All welcome.

Village website: www.gaddesby.org.uk

South Croxton

South Croxton Village Hall: Big Brunch Walk, Saturday, April 21. Bring your family and friends on a guided walk (50p per walker and bus fare for bus hop walk finishing with a 'home cooked' brunch, for purchase, at the village hall).

BUS HOP WALK (no dogs): Be at the bus stop opposite the pub at 9.45 am prompt. Bookings for brunch will be taken before leaving for a walk of about 6 miles. **LOCAL WALK :** About 4 miles, starting at 10.00 am from the village hall. Food served from 12.30 pm (just in case you don't want to walk).

Date for your diary: Queen's Jubilee celebration, June 2, from 12.00pm

Appeals: The committee is looking for memorabilia of the coronation for our charity auction at the Queen's Jubilee celebration. Contact Caroline (840272) for collection.

Party in the Barn: Flaxlands Farm, May 19. Live band "Shine", auction, disco, hog roast, bar, in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust. Further information and tickets (£20) from Kirstie Black (840572) or Nigel Roberts (812765).

Thorpe Satchville

Spring Fair: Clothes, jewellery, homewares, plants, cakes and a giant 3ft Me to You Tatty Teddy draw prize, Saturday, April 21, 2.00—5.00 pm, for village hall funds. More information from Karen Wilbourn (0116 2601004).

Twyford

St. Andrew's Church: A cake, jam and plant stall is being held at St. Andrew's Churchyard on Bank Holiday Monday, May 7. 10.00—12.00 noon. Refreshments on sale. If anyone has spare plants or can bake a cake it would be appreciated.

Litter: "Thank you" to the litter-pickers who recently cleaned up the streets, and particularly to Barry Henshaw who has continued picking and has filled more than 12 bags.

Diamond Jubilee: Celebrations will take place in two large traditional marquees, June 2—4. Street party, Saturday Night Live, service of thanksgiving and parade, real ales, dog show, car boot sale, lighting of beacon. See www.twyfordjubilee.com for more information or email leigh.higgins@twyfordjubilee.com

Village hall: Drop In planning and coffee, Friday, April 20, 11.0 am, new ideas welcome. Next Drop In, Friday, April 20, 10.30—12.15 pm. All ages and visitors welcome, toys and games available for toddlers. Whist drive: Friday, April 20, 7.30 pm. Karate: Wednesdays, April 4 (6—7.00 pm), 11, 18, 25 (6—8.30 pm), Sunday 1, 8 and 22 (10—11.00 am); Carpet bowls, Mondays 2, 16 and 30 (8.00 pm).

■ For village hall inquiries, bookings and charges call Chris (840774).

Inns and Outs: The Pudding Club meets on Tuesday, April, 10, 7.30 pm, in the village hall. Bring a dessert and a drink (cheese and biscuits will be provided), £2.50 each. Contact Paula (840787).

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Contributions, news, events and notices may be telephoned to 01664 841184, emailed to churchmaged@gmail.com or left at/posted to 18 Ashby Road, Gaddesby LE7 4WF (next to the village hall car park). Please provide a name and contact telephone number on any submissions in case checks need to be made.

Deadline for May is April 22 please.

