

South Croxton Churches

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

Newsletter March 2015

King Richard's last journey

King Richard III died at the hands of his enemies on August 22, 1485. This month, almost 530 years later, the last of the Plantagenet sovereigns will be interred with respect and honour in Leicester Cathedral.

It was at the Battle of Bosworth Field, to the east of Leicester, that Richard's Yorkist army met the forces of Henry Tudor. Despite being outnumbered, Henry's forces won and Richard, cut down in battle, was killed. The War of the Roses was effectively over; the victor was crowned Henry VII; and the Tudor Period of English history began.

Richard's broken body was displayed in Leicester, as proof that the king was dead. The body was buried in haste, in an unmarked grave, in the church of the Grey Friars' Friary in Leicester. The church was demolished during the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

The exact location of Richard's grave remained uncertain until September 12, 2012, when a team of archaeologists led by the University of Leicester and city council uncovered a skeleton under a car park in the city. The curved spine and injuries on the remains led to DNA testing and, on February 4, 2013, the university confirmed the remains to be those of Richard III.

On Sunday March 22, Richard's remains leave the university for the last time and begin the journey to their final resting place in Leicester Cathedral, where his memorial has been since 1980. The journey includes Fenn Lane Farm, Dadlington and Sutton Cheney: all places associated with the battle. After a short ceremony at the Battlefield Heritage Centre, the route continues through Market Bosworth and other associated sites, before entering the city via Bow Bridge.



"The new vicar is really cool, Dad. Did you know that God emailed the Ten Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

The coffin will be on public view for three days after it is received into the cathedral at a service attended by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster. During the interment service on Thursday March 26, attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, King Richard's coffin will be sealed in its new tomb. Finally, the sealed tomb is revealed to the public at a special ceremony on Friday March 27, after which the cathedral opens to the public as normal.

Church notices

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■ **Messy Church:** The theme on Saturday March 7 will be 'Noah's Ark' – lots of animal-based crafts and fun. Bring along any animal toys you have. The session starts at 3.00 pm and finishes with tea at 4.30 pm, £1 per family. Any enquiries to messychurch.thorpe@gmail.com

■ **We all have a Mother.** On Sunday March 15, at 3.00 pm, there will be a special 'Songs of Praise for Mothering Sunday' at St Luke's, Gaddesby. This will be a time for us all, not just the children, to remember, to celebrate and to share all that our mothers mean to us.

- ☐ What is your mother's favourite hymn? We can sing it for her.
- ☐ Have you got a favourite photo of your mum that you would share with others?
- ☐ Would you like to share a special memory of your Mother or something you like to do with her? Please contact Daphne, as soon as possible (841184) or email dat746@btinternet.com It's not too late!

■ This month's services also include United Lambing Services at Hall Farm, Brooksby, on Sunday March 8 at 10.30 am and Woodgate Farm, Great Dalby, on Sunday March 22 at 3.00 pm. On Palm Sunday, March 29, there will be a United Group Service, Family Worship, at Little Dalby at 10.30 am.

■ **Community Lunch:** Thank you to everyone who joined us at The Harborough, Melton Mowbray. The next event will be at Hoby and District Village Hall on Tuesday March 24, 12 noon for a 12.30 pm start. Catering will be by the staff at the Blue Bell Inn. We do hope that you will be able to join us. If you would like more information please contact either: Annette Piper (840627); Davina Bates (454201); Beryl Newman (0116 2603247); Vic Allsop (434697). A big 'thank you' to our volunteer drivers who are able to pick up anyone from our villages who needs transport. If you would like to be a volunteer driver do please get in touch with one of the committee. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the 'Christmas Delights' team for their very generous donation to the Community Lunch project of £240 from their event last December. This money will be used to support our project for 2015 and part of 2016. We are most grateful for this donation.

The Community Lunch Team.

■ **Baptism:** Thomas Henry Brookstein at Gaddesby on February 1. *We welcome Thomas into the church family.*



Mothers' Union

The group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 2.30 pm. Further information from Annette Piper (840627). New members welcome.

Parish councils

Gaddesby, Barsby & Ashby Folville Parish Council:

The next meeting, at Ashby and Barsby Village Hall on March 9, will also be the annual parish meeting. The following meeting will be at Gaddesby Village Hall on Monday April 13. Both meetings start at 6.45 pm. At the beginning of each meeting there is a timeslot during which people living in the parish can raise matters of concern. Please contact the clerk, Trudy Toon (840490), if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

South Croxton Parish Council: The next meeting is on Thursday March 5. The following meeting, which will be the annual parish meeting, will be on Thursday April 2. All meetings, in the village hall, start at 6.30 pm.

Twyford and Thorpe Satchville Parish Council: The next meeting is on Tuesday March 17 at 7.30 pm in Twyford Village Hall.



Toby persistently sang flat

Women's Institutes

Barsby and Ashby Folville: The WI would like to invite visitors to their meeting on Wednesday March 11. The speaker will be Laurie Tillen who will talk about 'The Lost Lancaster' and the group feels that this topic may be of interest to a number of people. The meeting, which starts at 7.30 pm, will therefore be an open evening when ladies **and gentleman** who are non- members may attend. The competition is something beginning with "F".

Gaddesby: Members will have been sharpening their varied and considerable skills this month in readiness for the Craft, Flower and Produce show on Wednesday March 11 at 7.30 pm. There is no other competition in March but there is a 'Bring and Buy' stall.

South Croxton: The next meeting is on Thursday March 19 at 6.30 pm at the village hall when members will be hearing from David Price about *The French Can-Can* — "an entertaining look at this notorious dance illustrated with film clips and music".

Ashby Folville and Barsby

Spring supper: Tickets from Sylvia (840259), £8, for this event at the village hall on Thursday April 23.

Garden fete: An important date for your diary – Ashby Folville Garden Fete will be held on Saturday June 13 Please note this is one week earlier than usual due to an event on the cricket field the following week.

Gaddesby



Defibrillator: An information event to tell villagers about the use of the defibrillator will be held at the village hall on Thursday March 12 at 8.00 pm. A leaflet will shortly be distributed around the village giving further information. This reveals that a 999 call to the ambulance service will result in callers being given a code for the defibrillator. Sarah is looking for further volunteers to join the team who will undertake the weekly checks that are required by the ambulance service for the defibrillator to remain in operation. She can be contacted by email at sarah_mcwilliam@hotmail.co.uk or on her landline (840406).

Gaddesby Preschool Spring Fayre: Come and join us for family fun. Lots to do, plenty of interesting fabulous things to buy: crafts/gifts/ cakes/jewellery/tombola and refreshments. Gaddesby Village Hall 10—2.00 pm on April 18.

Village hall

During the building of the new school extension the contractors are using part of our car park for access. The lorries are permitted access at only prearranged times to minimise problems and we are all trying to coordinate activities so that there will be minimal disturbance to hall users and villagers during the year. Phone numbers are displayed in case you have any queries.

Zumba, Mondays, 7.00—8.00 pm, contact Jess Warrington (840732); Yoga, Tuesdays, 7.30—9.00 pm, contact Barbara Jackson (424487); Aerobics, Thursdays, 7.00—8.00 pm, contact Justine Hunt (840435); Why Not Come Dancing (WNCD) Saturdays, 7.00—11.00 pm, contact Barry Preston (840381) and the Gaddesby Women's Institute, second Wednesday of the month, 7.00—11.00 pm, contact Daphne Tucker (841184). Contact Sue Evans (840305) for hall bookings.

South Croxton

Lottery: January's lottery winner was Frank Black. February winner was Rob Sheraton. Anyone wishing to join the monthly lottery can contact Tracy Campbell (840042), Ann Crawford (840231) or Angela Wood (840620) to find out more.

Dates for your diary: Church AGM, Wednesday April 15.

Church garden fete, Saturday June 6.

Fundraiser for the church tower repairs, Saturday June 13, ceilidh and hog roast at Brook Farm, Beeby Road.

Village hall

Coffee and Book Sale Morning with art exhibition and craft stall, Saturday March 14, 10.30—12 noon. Come along and have a chat with other villagers over a coffee and home-made cake. Stock up with your holiday reading by buying a bargain book. Ann Goodger will have some of her art work on display/sale and the Crafty Chatter Group will have some of their hand-knitted items for sale. Donations of books etc welcomed. Contact Caroline (840272). Books can be left with any committee members.

Dates for your diary:

Big Brunch Walk:

April 25

Bonfire Night:

November 5

Christmas Craft Fair:

November 21

Crafty Chatter Tea/coffee, chat and craft, alternate Wednesdays at the village hall, 2.0— 4.00 pm, £1 when you attend. Dates: March 11 and 25. We welcome visitors with any craft/project – from knitting, sewing and crochet to drawing, painting or jewellery-making.

■ The hall is available for events, parties and classes. Contact Caroline (840272) to make your booking.

Thorpe Satchville

Celebration: Following completion of the roof project, there will be a Service of Celebration and Blessing on Sunday June 14 at 10.30 am at St Michael and All Angels Church, Thorpe Satchville. We are delighted that Bishop Tim will be with us and we invite everyone to join us on this special occasion.

Services will resume in the church on Sunday April 12. We would like to thank you for your patience and support during the building works and apologise for any inconvenience you may have been caused. We look forward to welcoming you all.

The annual parochial church meeting will be on April 21 at 7.30 pm in the church.

Karina Taylor.

Defibrillator appeal: Thank you to everyone for your generous support. We are currently at an amazing £1,800 of our £2000 target. If anyone still wishes to send a donation it can be done online or by cheque made payable to Thorpe Satchville Village Hall. As soon as we have all the money I can add the gift aid to our donations and arrange for it to be installed in our phone box and book the awareness course in our village hall. For more information please contact Sarah Thurley (840582). *Sarah*

Village hall

‘Pub Night’: The next pub night is March 27. All ‘pub nights’ will be on the last Friday of the month unless otherwise notified. ‘Pub Nights’ are an opportunity for villagers and anyone else to gather and socialise now that the village currently does not have a pub.

Annual meeting: The committee is desperately in need of new members. Please come along on March 11 at 7.00 pm and find out all that we have been doing in the past year and help us to keep this super village facility open.

Barn Dance and Hog Roast: March 21.
Tickets £12, children welcome

Rachael Turner

Scout groups: The beavers meet every Thursday evening 5.30—6.30 at the village hall and the cubs every other Thursday evening 7.40—8.15. The groups are looking for new young people to join. Contact 1thorpescouts@gmail.com or come along at 5.30 pm onwards for beavers and 6.45 onwards for cubs. *Petra Johnston*, beaver leader (07971602609) or *Tim Ashton*, cub leader (07976 378795).



After his induction, Harry met the leaders of the other denominations.

Twyford

Village hall:

Karate: Sundays, 10.00 am, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

Tuesday, 6.00 pm, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

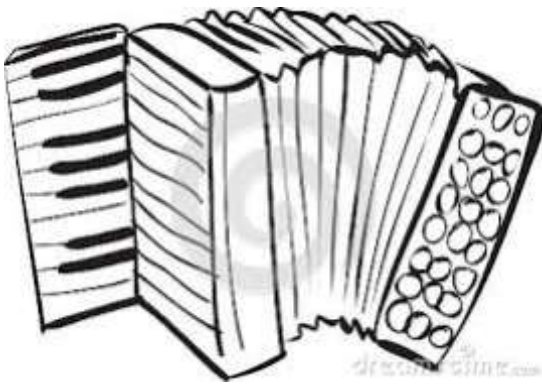
Wednesdays, 6.00 pm, February 4, 11, 18, 25.

Carpet bowls: Mondays, 8.00 pm, March 2, 16, 30.

Drop In: Fridays, 10.30 am, March 6, 20.

Whist drive: Friday, 7.00 pm, March 20.

Inns and Outs: Skittles evening at the Blue Bell, Hoby, Tuesday March 10, 7.30 pm. More information from Paula (840787). Tuesday April 14: Meet a bat! The Leicestershire and Rutland Bat Group will be talking about bats and will be bringing a bat for you to meet. More details nearer the date or call Sheelagh (840605). Children welcome.



Music Evening – Trio Gitan:

Twyford Village Hall, Friday March 6, 7.30 pm,

“Orient Express Musical Tour”
visiting some of the most romantic European capitals, with a final destination of Paris. ‘A spellbinding acoustic show with fresh interpretations of classic music and song.’ This may be our very last Centre Stage show – please come and enjoy the event! Bar available, tickets £8 adult, £5 child (840774).

Woolly Days: Knitting, spinning,

crochet, weaving, etc, Saturday March 14, 10.30—3.30 pm. Bring your work with you and enjoy a day with like-minded people, everyone welcome. £5.00 and something for shared lunch

Village hall AGM: On March 23 at 7.45 pm the hall committee is sealing the TVH Time Capsule – prepared over many months and discussions. Please join us for a drink, hear more about our plans and join in discussion about our concerns – we need your support!

Advance notice: – April 1 at 11.00 am in the village hall, coffee and hot cross buns with children’s Easter egg bingo! Open invitation – please join us.

Village hall bookings: Twyford Village Hall is available for booking for your party, wedding, meeting or other event. Please call Chris (07811 859813) or (840774) for more information.



Who's who in the South Croxton Benefice

Priest in Charge (Area Dean): Revd Kevin Ashby (01664) 503535 Office (01664) 562267 e-mail rector@meltonparish.org.uk

Reader: Mr Malcolm Britton: 34 Hall Orchard Lane, Frisby-on-the-Wreake. (434490), mr.britton@virgin.net

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During Parish Vacancy: For funerals, visits to those who are ill and home communions contact Malcolm Britton (see above) and/or your churchwarden. General enquiries about the local churches – any of the churchwardens or contacts. If the services of a priest are required contact Revd Kevin Ashby.

Churchwardens (all numbers preceded by area code 01664)

Ashby Folville & Barsby: Rosemary Holt (840783)

South Croxton with Beeby: Ann Crawford (840231); Brian Piper (840627)

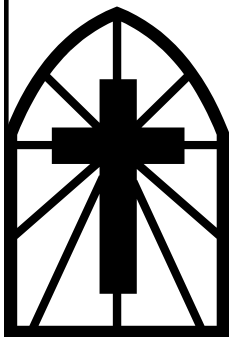
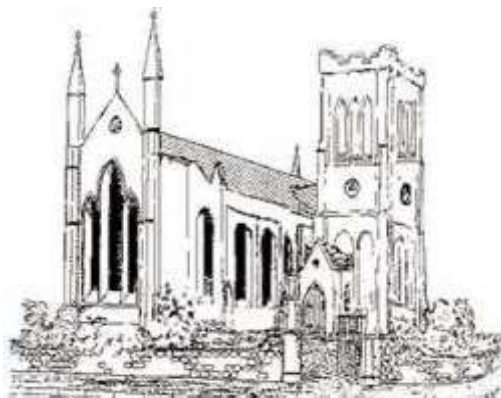
Twyford & John O'Gaunt: Dorothy Edwards (840591); Stephen Hardcastle (840733)

Gaddesby contacts: Diana Pritchard (840267), assistant churchwarden; David Wyrko (840385), building.

Thorpe Satchville contacts: Janet Collins (840649) & Jane Smith (840876)

Newsletter Editor: Glyn Tucker (841184) Contributions, news, events and notices may be emailed to churchmaged@gmail.com or left at/posted to 18 Ashby Road, Gaddesby, LE7 4WF (next to the village hall car park).

The deadline for the next edition is March 22.



March 2015

Where to Worship in South West Framland

March 1 Lent 2	8.30am	Holy Communion	Hoby
	10.30am	Morning Worship	Ragdale
	10.30am	Family Worship	Little Dalby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Gaddesby
	4.00pm	Holy Communion	Burrough
March 7 Saturday	3.00pm	Messy Church	Frisby MC
	3.00pm	Messy Church	Thorpe Satchville VH
March 8 Lent 3	8.30am	Holy Communion	Ashby Folville
	10.30am	Holy Communion and Baptism	Somerby
	10.30am	United Lambing Service	Hall Farm, Brooksby
March 15 Mothering Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion	Kirby Bellars
	10.30am	United Holy Communion	Great Dalby
	10.30am	Café Church United	Frisby MC
	10.30am	All Age Worship	South Croxton
	3.00pm	Songs of Praise for Mothering Sunday	Gaddesby
March 22 Passion Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion	Twyford
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Rotherby
	10.30am	Holy Communion	Pickwell
	3.00pm	United Lambing Service	Woodgate Farm, Great Dalby
	6.00pm	Evensong	Kirby Bellars
	6.00pm	United Evening Worship	Hoby MC
March 29 Palm Sunday	10.30am	United Group Service, Family Worship	Little Dalby
Wednesdays	9.15am	Holy Communion	Frisby

MC = Methodist Centre/Church VH = Village Hall

Please note that during the interregnum in 2015 some services may be subject to alteration at short notice. Please see your weekly pew sheet for details or contact the office on 01664 561909 if you are unsure or require any clarification at any point.