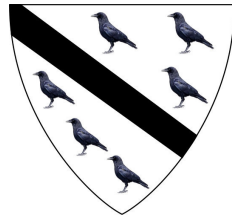


# HIGH FRAMLAND NEWS

PARISHES OF  
BRANSTON : CROXTON KERRIAL : HARSTON  
KNIPTON : SALTBY : SPROXTON

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*Joan Bradley left an unfinished book about her early life. In this excerpt she writes about the grain harvest, probably around 1926.*

The wheat was cut entirely by scythe and sickle, a special technique which ensured the long stalks lay in straight rows. We all helped to tie up the sheaves and prop them into stooks ready for carting home. Our hands and arms were scratched by the straw and the stubble hurt my feet. But it was eventually finished and stacked waiting for the threshing machine to come.

This caused great excitement, especially for Colin (*brother*) who was mad about any kind of machinery. We were warned to keep well away from the big steam roller, but I can still remember the slap of its wide belt drive and the thump of its engine, the clouds of chaff, clean wheat pouring into sacks and the thud and clatter of the thresher.

The straw was restacked and Rod (*eldest brother*) thatched it to keep out the rain. An old man had taught Rod the art of thatching; he became so good at it he was much in demand from the other farmers.

Whilst the wheat was new and sweet Mother used to make frumenty for us as a treat, boiling the wheat and finishing it off with pink and white icing.

As Autumn days drew in there was still fruit to be picked - conference pears and apples, which we carried upstairs to keep on a wooden floor of an unused bedroom. Soon the Swedes and mangolds had to be dug, topped, tailed and carted home. Also the potatoes dug, bagged and stored away from the frost. Colin and I helped to throw the Swedes and mangolds into one of the outhouses and for this we got an extra penny on Saturday afternoon.

Treasure indeed and well worth cold chapped hands, as one penny would buy 2 oz chocolate drops, liquorice bootlaces or a sherbet sucker and tiger nuts!

So with the shortening days harvest time came to an end. When the cows could no longer graze on frosty fields, they feasted on chopped hay mixed with pulped Swedes and mangolds topped up with black treacle. The geese, ducks and hens fattened themselves on new wheat. In the stables the feeding racks were stuffed with fragrant hay and hooves and trotters alike were comfortable on fresh straw.

Copies of this newsletter can be found at

[www.sproxtton.org.uk](http://www.sproxtton.org.uk) and [www.saltbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.saltbyvillage.co.uk).

Would you please pass any items for October by Sunday, 15th September, please, either to Nick Cooke, tel 01476 860745, email [na.cooke1@gmail.com](mailto:na.cooke1@gmail.com) or Sue Watford, tel 01949 861256, email [SueWatford@aol.com](mailto:SueWatford@aol.com).

## IN THE PARISHES

<b>BRANSTON</b>	<b>Churchwarden:</b>	<b>Edmund Robb, 870809</b> <b>Susan Wells, 870240</b>
Readers:	13th October 27th October	OT Susan Wells, NT Edmund Robb OT Susan Wells, NT Edmund Robb
Flowers/brasses:	13th/27th October	Susan Wells
Cleaning:	13th October 27th October	Mary Bircham and Sue Post Jeannie Scholefield and Mel King

### THE PASCAL CANDLE IS IN BRANSTON CHURCH

<b>CROXTON KERRIAL</b>	<b>Churchwardens:</b>	<b>Nalda Shipman, 870258</b> <b>Barbara Jefferson, 870073</b>
Readers:	6th October	Suzanne Pennells; Kim Ranns
Altar flowers:	13th October 27th October	Mrs L Wilson Mrs C Fitch
<b>HARSTON</b>	<b>Churchwardens:</b>	<b>William Hurrell, 870123</b> <b>Barrie Grice, 870452</b>
Readers:	27th October	OT Virginia Hurrell, NT Maureen Jones
<b>KNIPTON</b>	<b>Churchwarden:</b>	<b>Freda Hart, 01949 842732</b>
Readers:	20th October	Edmund Robb
<b>SALTBY</b>	<b>Churchwardens:</b>	<b>Mrs S Hill, 860398</b> <b>Mr D Tebb, 562019</b>
Cleaning:		Mrs S Hill
Flowers:	1st fortnight 2nd fortnight	Mrs S Dow Mrs S Duffin
Visiting bellringers:	22nd October	6.00 pm—Nottingham Ringers
<b>SPROXTON</b>	<b>Churchwardens:</b>	<b>William Ennis, 07584 255340</b> <b>Malise Graham, 01476 860266</b>
Readers:	6th October	<a href="mailto:sproxttonchurchwardens@gmail.com">sproxttonchurchwardens@gmail.com</a> OT Stanley Birch, NT Pam Graham
Cleaning & flowers	October November	Judy Haylock and Janet Coleman Clare Capstick Dale
Ringers:	10th October 23rd October	Ian Oram (visiting ringers), 10.00 am Robin Rogers, 6.00 pm (peel)

## PARISH NOTICES

### KNIPTON

The next "Tea at Three" will be held on Wednesday, 23rd October, from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. There will be home made cakes, tea and coffee, and a Bring and Buy stall.

Knipton church are having a bottle stall at the Table Top Sale on Saturday, 7th December, in the Village Hall. Donation of bottles of any description (wine, squash, sauce, water, etc.) can be left with Linda Caney, Lilac Cottage, 4 Nursery Lane, Knipton.

**Parish notices, cont.**

**SALTBY**

The PCC thank Hattie and Skye very much for using up the last day of their school holiday to wash cars and donate the proceeds to our church. Very many thanks to them both.

**SPROXTON**

Please note that Sproxton church is now open daily between 9.00 am and 6.30 pm or dusk. For any information about the church, please contact either of the churchwardens (contact numbers opposite).

**Village Hall 50/50 Club Winners, August draw**

1st (50) H Pitcher : 2nd (40) J Haylock : 3rd (26) G Graham

**Village Hall Lunch.** Wednesday 9th October at 12.45 pm. Main course, dessert, plus tea/coffee for just £3.00. *All welcome.*

**Village Hall breakfast.** Sunday, 27th October, 9.00 to 10.00 am. £3 per head, or £10 per family. *All welcome.*

**HARVEST FESTIVALS**

**Croxton Kerrial**

The harvest supper will be held on Saturday, 5th October, in Croxton Kerrial Village Hall, at 6.30 for 7.00 pm. Price £10.00. Please bring your own drink. For more information, please contact Barbara on 870073 or Nalda on 870258. The Harvest Festival service will be held in the church on Sunday, 6th October, at 10.30 am.

**Sproxton**

The Harvest Festival is on Sunday, 6th October at 6.00 pm. All are invited to add to the decorations in church and to come and admire them during the service.

Harvest Supper. Come and enjoy a cheerful supper. This is a bring and share occasion, so bring along a plate of food and as much wine as you like. The produce from the church will be auctioned after the harvest supper, which will take place in the Village Hall at 7.00 pm on Monday, 7th October.

**BENEFICE NOTICES**

**ALL SOULS**

There will be a service at Knipton church on Sunday, 3rd November, at 3.00 pm

**MIDWEEK COMMUNION**

On most Wednesdays of the month Rowena celebrates Holy Communion in Croxton Kerrial church at 9.30 am. On the 4th Wednesday Matins or Morning Prayer is led by a parishioner.

**DIVINE OFFICE**

Rowena says the Divine Office (said, not sung) in Harston Church each Tuesday at 8.00 am. Do join her if you would like to.

<b>October 2013 Year C</b>	<b>6th October TRINITY 19 Green</b>	<b>13th October Trinity 20 Green</b>	<b>20th October Trinity 21 Green</b>	<b>27th October Last after Trinity Green</b>
	Harvest readings	Jeremiah 29 (1,4-7) 2 Timothy 2 (8-15) Luke 17 (11-19)	Jeremiah 31 (27-34) 2 Timothy 3 (14)-4(5) Luke 18 (1-8)	Joel 2 (23-end) 2 Timothy 4 (6-8) and (16-18) Luke 18 (9-14)
<b>Branston</b>				10.30 am Holy Communion
<b>Croxton Kerrial</b>	10.30 am Harvest Festival		<b>JOINT</b>	
<b>Harston</b>			<b>SERVICE</b>	9.00 am Holy Communion
<b>Knipton</b>			at	10.30 am Holy Communion
<b>Saltby</b>			<b>BRANSTON</b>	9.00 am Holy Communion
<b>Sproxton</b>	6.00 pm Harvest Festival		<b>10.00 am</b>	10.00 am Village Hall Service

**Sproxton Village Hall service on 27th October:  
Coffee and biscuits at 10.00 am, service starts 10.15 am**

**SERVICES ON 27th OCTOBER**

*Please remember British Summer Time ends on 26th October and the clocks will have been put back for the services on 27th October*

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