

## WELCOME

Welcome to our October Newsletter. We have a focus on remembrance Sunday in the village, with a short history of each person named on our war memorial. If you have any other information regarding these people, or other stories linked to the village please do let us know. We invite you to a Remembrance and Wreath laying at the memorial on Sunday 12th November, where we will have representatives from village groups and communities gathered to lay wreaths. If you would like to lay a wreath please do get in touch.

## Daffodils ?

The parish council have purchased daffodils to be planted through the village.

Please let us know where you would like to see these planted by emailing the Clerk.

## SLOW DOWN please



Thanks to the generosity of a local resident a new reactive speed sign has been installed on East Marsh Road notorious for speeding motorists.

The new device records data that will be used for future speed reduction measures and enforcement.

## Sitting Comfortably ?

Two new picnic benches have been placed at the Carr Lane recreation ground. Many thanks to Cllr Pam Bryan, Cllr Jan Waite, Cllr Dave Waite and Gary Bryan for installing the benches.



Thanks also to Cllr Reg Hunt, Caistor & District Lions, Todd Ellis and Emmanuelle Clement who installed two new benches on South Street and Occupation Lane.



## Remembrance Sunday

### Order of Service

**The Exhortation is recited:**  
They shall grow not old, as we that  
are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the  
years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and  
in the morning  
We will remember them.

**The Last Post is sounded.**

**The Two Minute Silence is observed.**

**Reveille is sounded.**

**Reading of the names of the fallen & Wreath laying.**

**The Kohima Epitaph is recited:**  
When you go home, tell them of  
us and say,

For your tomorrow, we gave our  
today.

Mortuary Chapel  
Cemetery Lane,  
North Kelsey 10.50 am.

# Remembering North Kelsey's Fallen

At least fifty men from North Kelsey served their country in the First World War (WW1) 1914-1918. Eight casualties are listed on North Kelsey's War Memorial but there are others with links to the village who died and are not commemorated. Many men at this time were agricultural workers who lived and worked on farms on a one year contract before seeking employment in a different village.

There were no rules about who could be listed on a memorial, and in most cases the village organising committee just asked locally for names.

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### In Flanders Fields The poem by John McCrae

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place: and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high,  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders' Fields.



*“They shall grow not old, as that are left grow old,*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*As the going down of the sun and in the morning*

*We will remember them.” (Laurence Binyon)*

**Private 12654 William Henry BELL, D Company, 7th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 15th February 1916, aged 28 years.**

William was born in North Kelsey in 1888, the son of George and Betsy Bell. George was a grocer and draper in the village and they had ten children, seven of whom survived into adulthood. William left the village when older and moved to Barnetby to work as a stoker on the Great Central railway.

William was a Kitchener volunteer, enlisting in the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regt at Grimsby. The battalion arrived in France in July 1915. In the winter of 1916 the 7<sup>th</sup> Lincs were based near Ypres, where on the afternoon of 14<sup>th</sup> February their position was attacked, with the Germans reaching the British trenches. All available men were thrown into the defence and the following day a counter-attack was launched, during which William was killed. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial.

**Sergeant 240179 Sidney Musson BOWNESS Military Medal. 1/5th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 19th June 1917, aged 23 years.**

Sidney was the son of Julia and James Bowness, a farm foreman, growing up on Carr Rd. He was one of six children, two of whom died at a young age. After leaving school he became a farm waggoner before joining the Great Central Railway the same as William Bell. On the outbreak of war Sidney volunteered for the local territorial unit, the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, signing up in Brigg.

After training in Luton the battalion was sent to France in March 1915. In October 1915 Bowness survived the disastrous attack on the Hohenzollern Redoubt during the battle of Loos which saw the death of 188 of his colleagues. The battalion was taken out of the line to recover, and its next major battle was the Somme.

In June 1916 as the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Lincs prepared positions at Gommecourt they were shelled, with Sidney being wounded by shrapnel in No Man’s Land. He managed to reach the British front line trench but returned to help dig out a comrade buried by a mortar explosion, for which action he was recommended (unsuccessfully) for the Croix de Guerre. At the start of the Battle of the Somme the 1/5<sup>th</sup> Lincs were in reserve, advancing late at night to rescue men of the Sherwood Foresters trapped in the German front line. Bowness and two colleagues went 60 yards into No Man’s Land to bring back a badly wounded soldier. For risking his life to save others he was awarded the Military Medal.

June 1917 saw the battalion in action near the Souchez River. Bowness, now a sergeant, was leading his men in an attack on a German position when he was struck by a bullet and died. He is buried at Loos British Cemetery.

**Private 202222 John Robert CARNABY 4th Battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, formerly 149797 Royal Field Artillery. Killed in action 26th October 1917, aged 26 years.**

John was the son of Alfred and Sarah Carnaby of North Kelsey, who were both born and raised in the village. Alfred was a farm labourer but John trained as a joiner and found work in Brocklesby, lodging with the Eyre family. He enlisted at Scunthorpe, serving first in the Royal Field Artillery. John was later transferred to the Northumberland Fusiliers and took part in one of the final actions of the Battle of Passchedaele. During heavy rain the battalion was sent to attack a row of concrete pill boxes. The battlefield was a mass of mud and flooded shell holes, and John was one of over a hundred men from the battalion to be killed without reaching their objective. His body was never recovered and he is now commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial.

**L/Corporal Harold CLARK, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of wounds 9th August 1915, aged 19 years**

Harold was the son of Mr A and Mrs L Thompson of North Kelsey Moor. He was born in North Kelsey Moor, and enlisted in the regiment at Lincoln. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion were a regular army unit and it’s likely that Harold volunteered at the start of the war, a year before his death.

In August 1915, the 1<sup>st</sup> Lincs were holding trenches just east of Ypres, Belgium. Harold was probably wounded by shellfire and evacuated to a Field Hospital near the coast at Etaples, where he later died of his injuries. He was buried at Etaples Military Cemetery.

**Private 30467 John William DANNETT, 7th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Killed in action 14th October 1917. (Some sources list his surname as Dannatt)**

John was born in Owersby at the end of 1891 but by the age of 9 he was living on Church Rd, North Kelsey at the junction with Church Lane. He boarded with butcher Joseph Tenney, his wife Elizabeth and their nephew John Day. When John Day married Sarah Knapton in 1909 and set up his own business, John Dannett joined them as a butcher’s assistant.

John enlisted in Lincoln and was posted to the Norfolk Regiment. (After men from the same town had been decimated in earlier battles it was no longer the practice for those from the same area to serve together.) On the night of 14<sup>th</sup> October the 7<sup>th</sup> Norfolks launched a large raid on the German trench opposite. It was considered a success, with up to 200 enemy soldiers killed, but John was one of 32 men of the British party who failed to return. His body wasn’t recovered and he is commemorated on the Arras Memorial.

**Private 15440 Herbert E FAWCETT, 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 8th June 1917.**

Herbert was born near North Thoresby, his father being a gardener. He was the oldest of eight children and in 1911, at the age of 15, he left home to work as a farm labourer in Moortown. At some point he may have gained employment in North Kelsey.



Herbert volunteered for the 6th Lincs, and after training the battalion was sent to Gallipoli. He arrived in September as a reinforcement after many of his colleagues had been killed in battle. After the failure at Gallipoli, Herbert’s unit retreated to Egypt, guarding the Suez Canal before being sent to the Somme at the end of July 1916. Eleven months later the 6<sup>th</sup> Lincs took part in the Battle of Messines. Herbert was shot by a sniper a day into the battle and his body lost. He is commemorated on the Menin Gate, Ypres. His mother was listed as living in Moortown after the war.

**Private 13626 Walter ROBINSON, B Coy, 6th Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment. Died of wounds at Gallipoli 24th August 1915, aged 18 years.**

Walter was the youngest of six children born to John and Mary Robinson. He was born in Cadney in 1897, where his father worked for several years as a shepherd but by 1911 the family had moved to Ings Farm, Kirton Lindsey with the 15 yr old Walter also employed as a worker. At the outbreak of war Walter enlisted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment, signing on in Scunthorpe.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Lincs completed their training in July 1915 and were sent to Gallipoli. On 9<sup>th</sup> August at Suvla Bay they attacked the heavily defended Chocolate Hill, so called because of its colour. Outnumbered and pinned down by the enemy the 6<sup>th</sup> Lincs were trapped when the scrub on the hillside caught fire. Of the 570 who started the attack, 70% were killed, wounded or missing. It is likely that Walter was one of the wounded, too badly injured to be evacuated to a hospital ship. At the time the village war memorial

was unveiled his parents lived on South Street. Walter is buried at Hill 10 Cemetery.

**Private 36942 Ernest WATMOUGH 2nd Battalion, Royal Berkshire Regiment, formerly 17943 Lincolnshire Regiment. Killed in action 11th June 1918, aged 41 years.**

Ernest is listed on the 1911 census as a butcher from North Kelsey, living with his wife Mary and five young children. He was born in Scawby, his father also being a butcher, and later moved to Hibldstow. He married Mary at Cadney in 1902 and started a family before setting up in business in North Kelsey.

Ernest enlisted in Brigg near the start of the war, joining the 6<sup>th</sup> Lincs. Like others on the memorial he was sent to Gallipoli but survived and returned to Europe. He was later transferred to the Royal Berkshire Regiment.

In May 1918, with American troops growing in number, the Germans continued a series of desperate attacks to bring the war to an end. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Berks war diary for 27<sup>th</sup> May records “Enemy attacked along whole brigade front”. Every available man who could hold a weapon was sent to mount a

last ditch defence and prevent a German breakthrough. Four days later the diary records “Estimated casualties: 23 Officers 600 Other Ranks.” The 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Berks had been wiped out as a fighting unit. Survivors joined others to form a composite battalion which held the line until the arrival of reserves. Ernest was killed at some point during this battle but the date must be an estimate; with the loss of every officer there was no-one left to record the details. His body wasn’t recovered and he is commemorated on the Soissons Memorial. He left a widow and six children. In 1939 Mary and her son Roy lived at Eastgate House in the village.

**To the memory of the men of North Kelsey who died for their country in the Second World War (WW11) 1939 - 1945**

**Aircraftman 1st Class 936124 Cyril BARRICK Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve. Died 28th May 1940, aged 18 years.**

Cyril, known to his friends as Squib, was the son of George William and Frances Barrick of North Kelsey. His father was a road labourer, and in 1939 the family lived at ‘7 Council House’, with the oldest child Vera an assistant nurse. On the 28<sup>th</sup> May 1940 Cyril was killed in a motorbike accident, when he swerved to avoid a woman on a bicycle at Bracebridge Heath. The location suggests that he was based at RAF Waddington. He is buried in North Kelsey Cemetery. Grave AA.29.

**Chief Engineer Officer Stanley FRESHWATER Merchant Navy. Died 26th September 1941, aged 36 years**

Stanley was born and grew up in London, the son of a police officer. After his father retired the family moved to Lincolnshire - the parents to Cleethorpes and Stanley to North Kelsey. In 1931 he married Florence Whitely from Goole and 1936 saw the birth of their daughter Christine. At the outbreak of war the family lived at The Laurels.

Stanley was the Chief Engineer Officer on board the armed merchant ship SS Petrel (London). The ship was part of convoy HG – 73 which left Gibraltar on 19<sup>th</sup> September 1941 and was soon spotted by enemy aircraft. Four separate attacks were made on the convoy, the final one on the night of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September involving four U boats. The SS Petrel was hit by a torpedo at 2.34 am and sank by the bow. Seventeen survivors were picked up by a lifeboat from the Lapwing but they all perished when this ship was also hit by a torpedo four hours later.

Stanley is commemorated on the Tower Hill Memorial.

**Gunner 14304876 Norman HARDY 1st Airlanding Light Regiment, Royal Artillery. Died 18th October 1943, aged 21 years.**

Norman was the son of Edith Mary Hardy of Nettleham. Edith had four children, with Norman the second oldest. In 1939 he was working as a farm labourer, living at 7 East Hall Rd, North Kelsey with his mother, grandmother and two sisters.

Norman joined the 1st Airlanding Light Regiment, Royal Artillery, an elite unit created to support airborne assaults. Their first posting was Tunisia, after which they landed at Taranto and joined the fight to liberate Italy as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. They supported Canadian troops after the capture of Naples, with their lightweight guns suited to the hilly terrain. Norman was killed on 18<sup>th</sup> October and after the war he was reburied in Bari War Cemetery.



# LITTER PICKING

Take pride in your village and join fellow councillors in our regular litter picks. Have fun, keep fit and keep the village looking tidy.

Picks, bags and gloves are provided - just bring yourself and your gloves should you have a favourite pair.

## NORTH KELSEY PARISH COUNCIL LITTER PICKING SCHEDULE: September 2023 – April 2024

DATE:	DAY:	TIME:	AREA:	STARTING POINT:
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2023	Saturday	10am–12mid	East Hall Rd, Ellmore Lane, Grange Lane	Corner of East Hall Rd & Maidenwell Lane
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Saturday	1pm – 3pm	Cross Lane	Cross Lane Lay-by
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	Saturday	1pm – 3pm	North Kelsey Moor	Queens Head Station Rd, North Kelsey Moor
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2024	Saturday	1pm – 3pm	Station Rd, Brigg Rd, Cross Lane	Cross Lane Lay-by
2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024	Saturday	2pm – 4pm	Carr Rd, Playing Field & Southfield Rd	North Kelsey Playing Field
6 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Saturday	2pm – 4pm	North Kelsey Village eg. High Street, Cemetery Lane, Occupation Lane, West St, etc	North Kelsey Village Green

# Councillor Vacancy

*If you are passionate about your local community, we need you. Councillors make a huge difference to the quality of life of local people and how local issues are dealt with. We need people from all backgrounds and experiences who reflect the communities they serve to put themselves forward” – Local Government Association*

We currently have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor.

For further details please contact the parish clerk - [clerk@nettlehamparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@nettlehamparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## W.I.

8<sup>th</sup> Nov A talk on Buddhism  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas Party with Medieval Music

In the new Year the January meeting will be a quiz followed by “spud and pud” supper.

In February Lisa Brimpton will be talking about Animal Communication. All meetings start at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall and are on the second Wednesday of each month.

## Village Hall

Every Wednesday Tai Chi 2 - 3pm  
Wed 1st Nov 7pm Local History Club (see below)  
Sat 4th Nov Bingo Night  
Thur 9th Nov Lunch Club 12-1pm  
Thur 16th Nov 9-30 to 11-30 Breakfast Club and 7pm Community Shop Consultation Evening (see below)  
Sat 25th Nov Craft Fair 10am - 3pm  
Sat 2nd Dec Christmas Bingo  
Sat 9th Dec Barnetby Silver band Christmas concert (see below)  
Thur 14th Dec Lunch Club  
Christmas Eve “Carols on the Green” 6-30 start

### Local History Club

You are invited to come along and share talking about, or hearing about, some memories and old photos of the village in days gone by. If you have photos or other items to share, please bring them along. Tea / Coffee and biscuits: £2 subscription.

### Community Shop Consultation Evening:

We are exploring the establishment of a Community Shop to serve the village and surrounding area. Such a venture will need the goodwill of the village and volunteers to help with its management and everyday running. Please come along to hear more, express your views and have questions answered.

### Barnetby Silver Band Christmas Concert

Start the Christmas Season the traditional way with this yuletide concert. Refreshments provided. Tickets are £5 and available from most of our Village Hall public events above, or contact Joyce Park on 07787 557015 or Christina Knowlson on 07764 617167.

## Butchers Arms

Tue 7th Nov Quiz Night  
Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Nov Spuds n’ Bros Food Truck  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Remembrance Sunday  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Nov Live Music: Sean Jackson  
Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Banzai Food Truck  
Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Nov Darts Knockout  
Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Wood Fired Pizza Food Truck

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm

## CONTACT US



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Email is our preferred method of communication where you'll expect a prompt response.

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Please note the Clerk is employed for 6 hours so there may be a delay in returning calls.

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