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## Kirton to mark VC Sgt's WW1 bravery

The centenary of the award of the Victoria Cross to a brave Kirton man is to be marked with the laying of a memorial paving stone.

Sgt Harold Jackson received his VC from King George V at Buckingham Palace after single-handed action in which he flushed out the enemy and took a machine-gun out of action.

The London Gazette of May 8, 1918, recorded:

**"No. 18474 Sgt. Harold Jackson, E. Yorks. R. (Kirton, nr. Boston, Lincs.).**

**"For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty.**

**"Sjt. Jackson volunteered and went out through the hostile barrage and brought back valuable information regarding the enemy's movements.**

**"Later, when the enemy had established themselves in our line, this N.C.O. rushed at them and, single-handed, bombed them out into the open.**

**"Shortly afterwards, again singlehanded, he stained an enemy machine-gun, threw Mills bombs at the detachment, and put the gun out of action.**

**"On a subsequent occasion, when all his officers had become casualties, this very gallant N.C.O. led his company in the attack, and, when ordered to retire, he withdrew**



**the company successfully under heavy fire.**

**"He then went out repeatedly under heavy fire and carried in wounded."**

The action took place at Hermies, France. But Sgt Jackson's war was not over until he was killed in action at Mouquet Farm, near Thiepval, Somme, France, on August 24, 1918, aged 26. His body was located in 1927, close to the same place where he had won his VC, and his ashes were interred at Flers.

He was the only person in the borough to be awarded the VC, the highest and most prestigious award for gallantry in the face of the enemy that can be awarded to British and Commonwealth forces.

Jackson Drive in Kirton is named after him and the centenary memorial service will take place at Kirton War Memorial at 11 am on March 22, 2018.

### Vote now for your top pictures

You only have until midnight on Sunday to vote for your 12 favourite pictures submitted by residents for the Boston Borough Calendar 2018.

Three images for each month have been shortlisted for you to vote on. There were 114 entries in total. Each month has been put up separately on the Boston Borough Council Facebook site for you to click on the image you like the best and "like" it. This will register your vote. When all "likes" have been counted the image "liked" the most will be selected to illustrate that particular month. Go to Boston Borough Council on Facebook and December's choices will be pinned at the top. Carry on scrolling down to find the others and vote, vote, vote.



### Think Don't Drink

Lincolnshire Police are to launch a #ThinkDontDrink campaign. They will be naming anyone charged with driving under the influence (including drugs) up until the New Year. Please don't put yourself and others at risk.

Find out more here <http://bit.ly/2C5pdkR>



### On target and beyond

Boston Borough Council measures its performance each quarter and the good news for the second quarter – July, August and September – is that improvements were made in all areas but one.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2AYxedB>

### Recycle right this Christmas

Lincolnshire's Waste Partnership is asking Boston borough residents to take extra care with recycling over the Christmas period. Increased levels of contamination in recycling bins have resulted in a reduction in the overall recycling performance in Lincolnshire and the partnership is again calling on residents to help keep recycling rates up and costs down. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2AdW0D4>



### Working to become a dementia-friendly borough

Boston Dementia Action Alliance (DAA) is extremely proud to announce that that The Alzheimer's Society has granted Boston Borough "Working toward Dementia Friendly Community" status. Led by the DAA members and working in partnership with key partners, the plan is to celebrate all the actions and improvements undertaken so far while encouraging more organisations to join this social movement.

Read more at <http://bit.ly/2BZuxFv>



Week 36 winner – Read more at <http://bit.ly/2ngHd3i>

### Festive shop window winners

...and the results are in. Winners of the Boston best-dressed Christmas shop windows 2017 competition are... Blackfriars Theatre for the charity category, Sleep Shop in the local/independent category and Specsavers in the multiple/chain section. Each will have £75 to donate to a charity of their choice and a trophy to keep for a year. Read more at <http://bit.ly/2zRbCMp>

### Boston Festive Market

Sunday, December 17 at 9.30am to 2.30pm in Boston Market Place.

- ✳ Market with Christmas entertainment ✳ Visit from Ice Queen and Jack Frost
- ✳ Free family crafts ✳ Festive food stalls
- ✳ Free afternoon screening of Elf in the Stump starting at 2.30pm

