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World Health Day *April 7th*

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Owmby by Spital, adj The Paddock	07:36	Hackthorn, adj Village Lane End	18:03
Saxby, opp Village Lane End	07:38	Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	18:06
Spridlington, adj Telephone Box	07:41	Spridlington, opp Telephone Box	18:09
Hackthorn, opp Village Lane End	07:44	Saxby, adj Village Lane End	18:12
Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	07:47	Owmby by Spital, opp The Paddock	18:15
Welton Black Bull Inn (NE-bound)	07:54	Normanby by Spital, opp Church	18:17
Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay C)	08:38	Glenthams, opp The Crown Inn	18:23

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Bishop Norton, opp St Peter's Church	09:38	Hackthorn, adj War Memorial	13:55
Glenthams, opp The Old Parsonage	09:43	Spridlington, opp Telephone Box	14:03
Normanby by Spital, opp Church	09:48	Owmby by Spital, opp Surgery	14:10
Owmby by Spital, adj Surgery	09:52	Normanby by Spital, adj Church	14:12
Spridlington, adj Telephone Box	09:57	Glenthams, adj The Old Parsonage	14:17
Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	10:05	Bishop Norton, adj St Peter's Church	14:22
Ermine West, opp Ruckland Avenue	10:18	Snitterby, adj Royal Oak Inn	14:27
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LETTER FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear friends

What next?

Are you making plans for the time when the Covid 19 restrictions will be lifted or are you taking each day as it comes?

Fortunately, now with the vaccine being rolled out, the signs are more positive that restrictions will continue to ease over the next few months. We may not return to life as it was before the pandemic but to be able to meet others, to return to school and university, to hopefully hug our children and grandchildren, to visit elderly relatives in care homes - what a lot of good things there are to look forward to. That's without thinking of returning to the activities that have been put on hold - workouts in the gym, trips to the theatre and cinema, the football match, playing sport, having a haircut.

As Easter approaches new beginnings are on the horizon giving us hope for the future. The pandemic shows signs of being under control and life looks like returning to some kind of new normal. For over a year now, work, school, social life and family life have been partly lived through the lens of the computer and as Liz wrote last month we have become used to using zoom for our services which have been very well supported. But we look forward to gradually returning to worship in church. In a world where the internet and social platforms have become the norm it will be good to gather together once more. Services during Holy Week and on Easter Day are a combination of being in church and online:

Maundy Thursday: we gather together in Hackthorn church at 7pm for the Last Supper as we remember Jesus' last meal with his friends.

Good Friday: we walk the way of the cross with Jesus from his trial to his crucifixion accompanied by readings, meditation and music. This is online service has been pre-recorded and will be available from on You Tube.

Easter Day: we again gather together in Glenthorn church at 11.am for our Easter Day Eucharist as we celebrate the risen Christ.

And finally, this week, as Signpost goes to press I along with other representatives from our parishes will be attending a consultation evening on the way forward for the church at local, deanery and diocesan level. This 'Resourcing Sustainable Church' programme is looking ahead to how we can maintain a healthy, vibrant, sustainable church in Lincolnshire. A 'Full Working Plan' setting out the major steps, principles and decisions will be discussed at this meeting and further information will be available in due course.

We are pleased to be gathering in church and online during Holy Week and Services for Holy Week and Easter Day

A happy Easter to you all

Sally

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Our grateful thanks for the following contributions towards the running of Signpost:

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AROUND THE PARISHES

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It has been almost a year since we said goodbye to the majority of our pupils at the start of the very first lockdown. It was such a strange time and emotions were high. Since then, we have adapted our plans many times in response to the government's ever-changing guidance to coronavirus. Home learning has been refined several times and children (and staff) have had to quickly learn new technology.

Throughout this time, one thing has been clear... schools need children! During the most recent lockdown, we remained open for the children of critical workers. We created one 'bubble' and although it was lovely seeing some of our children every day, the heart of the school didn't beat the same. We maintained our community links through our virtual whole school assemblies and enjoyed speaking to the children on a daily basis but nothing came close to the overwhelming joy experienced on Monday 8th March when all of our children walked, ran or skipped into school with beaming smiley faces, sharing hearty 'Good mornings'. The children were so excited to reconnect with their friends and our first assembly together inspired some of the children to think of ingredients for a recipe for true friendship.

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- A PINCH OF RELIANCE
- A JUG OF HAPPINESS

The past year has been hard for everyone but we can't help feeling that if everyone had even an ounce of the above ingredients, the world would be a better place. We see these 'ingredients' every day in our school... it is 'the Hackthorn way'!

Unfortunately, in the current climate, we are unable to have visitors to the school, but please contact the school on 01673 860295 or visit our website at www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk if you would like to know more about us.

Mrs Appleby
Headteacher

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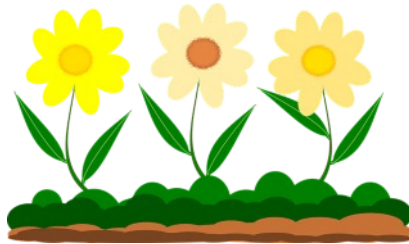
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Poster in Normanby Shop & Post Office

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SPRIDLINGTON APRIL LITTER PICK

The Parish Council is arranging a litter pick on Friday 30 April/1 May. This has been arranged over a two day period so that we can observe social distancing and people can go out in pairs to suit themselves.

Please get in touch with me if you would like to help as soon as you can so that I can order the equipment from West Lindsey District Council.

You can contact me by phone on 01673 861636 or 07443 039161 or by email bernjoy.smith@talktalk.net or call at the house - Hackthorn View, Cliff Road.

Thank you, Joy Smith

HACKTHORN AND COLD HANWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Notes from the meeting held on 11th March 2021

Members attending: Councillors Hobohm, Pickering, Graves, Finney, Marsden and Bright

Policing report - Good news, nothing to report since the last meeting.

Highways - Members discussed the conditions of the roads in the Parish. It was agreed to request from Highways if passing places could be implemented on the road up to the A15. Potholes at Cold Hanworth, Hackthorn Road (opposite Mill Farm) and Popples Hill to be reported.

Dog fouling - It was reported that dog fouling is on the increase in the village. Clerk to put up signs on posts supplied by WLDC. Please could the Parish Council politely request that dog owners clean up their dog mess and use the bins in the village.

War Memorial - The members discussed the condition of the memorial. Quotes are to be obtained for cleaning of the memorial and the possibility of re-leading some of the inscriptions.

Litter pick - a litter pick has been arranged for Saturday 27th March, meeting at 10am at the bus shelter.

Maria Wass, Clerk

SPRIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Notes from the meeting held on 9th March 2021

Members attending: Councillors Marris, Kealey, Smith and Cowling

Policing report - Good news, nothing to report since the last meeting.

Grass cutting - Members agreed to continue with Glendale as the contractor for the village grass cutting.

Planning matters - Members discussed planning applications for Coulsons Yard and Land and Owmbly Road. The Parish Council has submitted comments to WLDC planning portal.

Highways - Members discussed traffic on the Weatherwalk, it was agreed to request a no through road sign. A road-sweep through the village is to be requested from WLDC.

Vacancy on Parish Council - There is a vacancy on the Parish Council, if you are interested in this role and would like further information, please contact the clerk, Maria Wass via email mariawass@live.co.uk

Dog bin - Members discussed the need for another dog bin on Owmbly Road. It was agreed to request a bin from WLDC.

Maria Wass, Clerk

POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES

Glenthams	Monday	09:00 - 11:30
	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00
Normanby & Owmbly 01673 878353	Monday - Friday	07:30 - 19:30
	Saturday	08:30 - 19:30
	Sunday	09:00 - 16:00

**The deadline for entries to the May 2021 Signpost
is Thursday the 15th of April at 6:00 p.m.**

He who thinks too much about every step he takes will always stay on one leg.
Chinese Proverb

NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Since our last article in the Signpost we have had some changes within the Parish Council; our long-standing Clerk Mrs Nadine Fox has announced her retirement and will be leaving us at the end of March after 20 years loyal service. The Chair and all Councillor's on behalf of the residents would like to say thank you to Nadine for all her hard work on behalf of the Parish Council and the residents of Normanby by Spital. You will be sadly missed. We all wish you well in your retirement.

Mrs Angela Hanson has taken over as the Interim Clerk and can be contacted at nbyspc@gmail.com

Elections - 6 May 2021: On the Thursday 6 May 2021 voters in Normanby by Spital will go to the polls to elect two new Parish Councillors. This election will take place at a time when COVID 19 continues to present risks to public health. Measures will be in place to ensure your safety.

It should be noted that there has been a change to where the Polling Station for Normanby by Spital can cast their vote. For this election, the Polling Station will be in Glentham Village Hall and **NOT** in Normanby Village School as in previous elections.

If you are unable to vote in person, for any reason you can register to have a Postal Vote or Proxy Vote. If you already have these arrangements in place no further action is required on your behalf. If you wish to register to become a Postal or Proxy voter, you need to act now. The requisite forms can be downloaded from www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter.

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News - Views - Support

Hello to all Normanby & Owmby residents! Now that spring is here, the lockdown is beginning to wind down, the Community Park Committee (CPC) has some exciting news to share.

We have been hard at work creating an exciting Action Plan, Events Plan and Business Plan to shape the future of the park and to support bids for funding and we'd like to let you know of the draft proposals we are putting to our two Parish Councils for agreement.

Our future Events Plan will appeal to all ages and includes the return of popular events such as the Summer Fete, the Christmas Jumper Walk and Living Advent Calendar: and new family events such as wildlife and craft days and hopefully a Scarecrow Festival. As restrictions lift and we feel confident we can run events safely within guidelines these will be advertised in The Signpost and on the Facebook Normanby & Owmby by Spital community group and Community Park Facebook pages.

We are planning a variety of projects to enhance and improve the park for which we will be looking for volunteers. These projects include re-siting and fixing the benches, wildflower planting and the creation of a wildlife habitat areas. These projects will be fun to work on and will be a great way to make new friends. We also hope to make the park more accessible by prioritising path improvements so there is accessibility to all and improvements to the play area such as swings, and new fencing for the safeguarding of children.

Some of these activities and our longer term plans will need to be grant funded. We also have aspirations to create a 'hub' on the park with power and water connected, and with storage for items to be used regularly for events, such as outdoor chairs and tables, and marquees. Once we have facilities and equipment of our own it will become much easier and cheaper to open a 'pop-up' café for residents to come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

All these plans are currently being viewed by the Parish Councils who we hope will endorse them: we can then move forward with this ambitious plan that will make a huge difference to our community park and our two villages, and we hope that all of you will benefit in some way - by attending events or volunteering to work on the park, or simply by spending some quality time in our very own green space. We welcome your views and ideas and will continue to consult with our residents to ensure we are bringing your ideas to fruition.

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Friday 2nd <i>Good Friday</i>	11.00 am	Stations of the Cross Pre-recorded Service	Presented Online	
Sunday 4th <i>Easter Day</i>	11.00 am	Easter Eucharist	Glenthams	ST
Sunday 11th <i>2nd after Easter</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	ST/JD
Sunday 18th <i>3rd after Easter</i>	11.00 am	Family Service <i>If you do not currently receive an invitation to the Zoom services please send your email details to clarewallis@btinternet.com to be included on the list.</i>	Online via Zoom	SK
Sunday 25th <i>4th after Easter</i>	11.00 am	Hackthorn	Owmby	LH

COVID restrictions and the necessary precautions are still in place and being observed which means that if you wish to attend a church service - please reserve your place through the relevant churchwarden. Contact details are on the back page.

GLENTHAM CHAPEL (PART OF THE WOLDS & TRENT CIRCUIT)

Whilst our Churches are closed a Circuit Zoom Service is being held each Sunday at 4:00pm.

Sunday 4th

Sunday 11th At the time of going to press it was unknown who was to lead the services.

Sunday 18th

Sunday 25th

If you would like to join us in the service please email jennymarian8@gmail.com or phone 01673 878806 for the meeting ID and pass code. I look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks and God bless, Jenny Atkinson.

Please note: The above rotas are subject to change should Government guidance alter.

Promoting A Safer Church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is important to us all in the Owmby Group of Parishes.

If you have any concerns please contact one of the following:

Owmby Group Safeguarding Officer: Shirley Keyes - 07944 403974

Rector: Revd Sally Turnbull - 07549 522494

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Debbie Johnson - 01522 504081 / 07712 321361

Glenthams Chapel Safeguarding Contacts:

Sheena Grebby - 01673 878578 & Connie Hurd - 01427 668959

Wolds and Trent Circuit Safeguarding Representative:

Karen Elvidge - 07754 533542 - wtsafeguarding@gmail.com

Ministers for Wolds and Trent Circuit:

Rev Heather Wilson - 01673 843362 & Rev Louise Carr - 01427 615184

District Safeguarding Officer (Safeguarding in Lincolnshire):

Howard Smedley - 07758 239286 or 01636 815319

ST PETER'S CHURCH, GLENTHAM

The churches in the Owmbly Group are re-opening for public worship. There will be a service of holy communion at St Peter's Church at 11.00 am on Easter Sunday, that is the 4th April. All are welcome but due to continuing restrictions the size of the congregation has to be limited. If you wish to attend please contact the Churchwardens, Pat Beat or Robert Rowe. The contact details are on the back page of the Signpost. On that day the church will remain open for private prayer between noon and 4.00 pm.

With regard to the West Lindsey Community Lottery; there have been 75 winners in the past month. Two of these have been supporters of St Peter's Church. Once again a big thank you to all who are supporting the church through the lottery.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR APRIL

Hope Through the Cross

Father, We praise You for sending Your Son to abide with us and be with us. Life can feel lonely, but the fact is...we are never alone. That is a truth we can cling to during the ugliest breakdowns. Thank You for giving us the grace to release our failed efforts and bottled up emotions to You, free of judgment and full of healing love.

Forgive us for walking through life without the joy that Jesus died to fill our hearts with. Help us to find You in the hard moments of life, and remember the comfort and truth of Your promises during seasons of suffering.

Jesus, You never leave us, and always guide us. Who we are becoming is no secret to You, You who formed us in our mother's womb. You came down to earth to save us, love us, and show us how to live. May we chase after You all of our days, and experience the rich and irreplaceable Peace that allows us to overcome... to walk victorious... and to hold onto hope.

In Jesus' Name, Amen. - Meg Bucher.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The response to the food bank donations from our villages has been amazing throughout these troubled times and very gratefully received.

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

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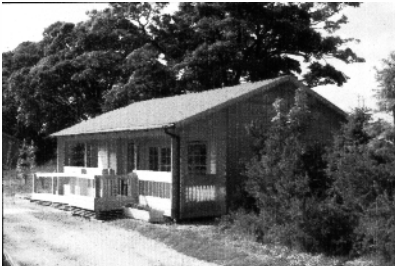
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SPRIDLINGTON C OF E SCHOOL: A BRIEF HISTORY - PART 2.

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

In the Owmbly Group of Parishes we have two excellent Primary Schools, Hackthorn C of E Primary and Normanby by Spital Primary School. Both schools have, over recent years, been rigorously examined by OFSTED Inspectors and have received glowing reports. I know from past experience that school inspections can be a time of stress and uncertainty. Teachers do their very best to give children every opportunity to have a happy time in school while making sure that teaching and learning is of a high standard; it is right that this is recognised by School Inspectors.

It was quite a different story 160 years ago when, in July 1861, Spridlington School was inspected by Rev Henry F.W. Hutton the Diocesan Inspector. At this time the School Master was Mr Joseph Snowden. He was regarded as "the old-fashioned sort." He had a reputation as "a severe but excellent schoolmaster." (Spare the rod and spoil the child?). A record dated 17 July 1861 describes the school as a mixed day school. Spridlington had approximately 300 residents and was then in the Aslackoe Deanery.

The School Manager's Report and accounts examined by Rev Henry F. W. Hutton on this date show:

Annual Income:	School Purse £15.00;	Other Sources £10.00
Annual Expenditure:	Salary of Master £25.00	
Sunday School:	10 Boys; 11 Girls	

The School Purse, the amount paid by parents, determined the annual salary of the Master. It was "payment by results".

Given that 27 pupils were on the school register Joseph received just a little under £1.00 (in old money) per year per pupil. The school report, given by Rev Henry F. W. Hutton, shows: Number on books 27: Number present 20

Categories	Overall Grades	Comments
Character of the Religious Knowledge	C	Knowledge of Old Testament: Slight Knowledge of New Testament: Fair Catechism: Pretty Accurate Prayer Book: Nil
Character of the Secular Knowledge	D	Reading: Good Learning by Heart: not much taught Writing: Fair, 2nd class only on slates Writing from dictation: Indifferent Composition: not taught Arithmetic: Good Grammar: not taught Geography: little taught History: not taught Singing from notes: not taught Needlework: fair Drawing: not taught
Lower Class	B	Reading: Fair Discipline: Good Manners: Fair Cleanliness of Children: Decent Building: Fairly Kept Books: Old and torn Private prayers: Not hitherto taught

So, not a good report! The curriculum is limited with only reading and arithmetic being taught to any standard, but at least the discipline of the younger pupils was deemed to be good. Joseph Snowden and his wife Christina were appointed as Master and Mistress in 1851 and it's not certain whether or not the school had previous inspections between 1851 and 1861. However, all was not lost because, on 20 December 1861, five months after his earlier inspection, Rev. Henry F. W. Hutton returned to re-inspect the school and recorded: *"This school when inspected was in a much diminished state as regards the numbers of scholars, from an unfortunate misunderstanding between the school master and some of the parents of scholars. The school is in a much more satisfactory state at the present time."* I can imagine Joseph's fear and stress during the inspection. I like to think that despite being an unqualified master working in a shabby environment with limited resources Joseph Snowden did the best he could, so it is good to know that his standards improved.

Joseph Snowden remained as School Master until the new school, on Owmbly Road, was opened in 1870.

Coming Up - Part 3: "Joseph Snowden, born and bred in Spridlington. What happened next?"

Anne Hunter

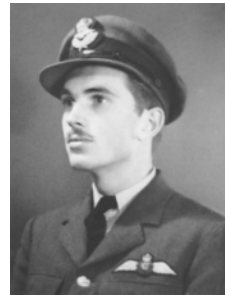
POETRY

I first fell in love with poetry when I was in my second year of Secondary Education. We had a head teacher called Mr. A. H. White who used to fill in for teachers who were either on holiday or off sick. He was always very well dressed in a suit, white shirt, and tie. His favourite subject was poetry. He read all sorts of poems to us and I was captivated, unlike some of my classmates.

My favourite was *High Flight* (*An Airman's Ecstasy*).

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds, - and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of - wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air ...

Up, up the long, delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or ever eagle flew -
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.



John Gillespie Magee Jnr

Composed by the late Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee Jnr. 412 Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Force - killed 11 December 1941 aged 19.

Sent in by
Liz Harris

If you have news, an article or story, or are holding an event you feel would be of interest to other local residents, please contact Steve, the editor.

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TALES OF A 1970'S MILKMAN

By Tony Trevor

Part Two

When I began to put these reminiscences together I thought it would be worth examining just how much had changed in these villages apart from the building programmes that happen all over.

For example, how many local businesses had disappeared through the decades?

I recall two butchers in the area. Mr Staniland's shop situated opposite the Church in Normanby and the Miller's on the High Street in Glenthams. My café, well not mine, the Clark's, mentioned in part one and the Crown Inn are no more. And of course there was the Chestnuts that started out as a rather 'posh nosh' place. It then moved on to become a cabaret venue under the watchful eye of Ron Craven. It attracted some well known performers. But one evening it needed Ron's watchful eye when one of the acts came close to burning the place down! The off-the-wall entertainer and leader of the Monster Raving Looney party Screaming Lord Sutch as part of his act, set fire to his hat. But the low ceiling and the elevated stage meant this was inappropriate. Ron had to quickly put a stop to it.

The village school in Glenthams closed its doors for the last time not long after Margaret Thatchers 'raid' on school milk. Normanby and Hackthorn primaries however survived.

In Owmbly, Flear's shop and Foxes garage are no longer there.

Both Spridlington and Hackthorn have lost their shop/post offices. I believe there was even a small Co-Op store in Hackthorn before my time. And interestingly, Owmbly lost its milk dairy. That's where I came in. My employer, Lincoln and Carlton Dairies, had only owned this round for a short while. Originally these villages had been served by Connie and Paul Coles from their property in Fen Road for many years, ably assisted at weekends, by members of the Storr family from Saxby. In fact David Storr had carried on the local connection for a year, before joining the police force. It was then that I stepped into the breach. I wasn't the only 'outsider' to ply my trade in the area. Ian, the Sunblest bread man was another regular a couple of times a week. In fact one Saturday I found myself vying for my money with Ian at a house in Hackthorn. A note on the doorstep said, "Sorry, I only had enough change for either you or Ian. He got here first. See you next week." To be fair, she did see me next week.

The most bizarre moment I had was when a high ranking police officer appeared at the door clad only in a pair of Y-fronts! I was relieved to see that he had the money ready and did not have to fumble for any small change!

I have a claim to fame; my photo is in an album (I presume), somewhere in the USA, due to a customer asking if their American guests could take a snapshot of me standing by the truck. Milk delivery was virtually a thing of the past in the states, hence the request. I willingly complied, even though at the end of your round you may not look or feel as smart and perky as you may have done a few hours earlier. I wish I had asked for a copy, but for some reason the thought never occurred to me.

Some days are better, some days are worse.
Looking for the blessing instead of the curse.
Be positive, stay strong, and get enough rest.
You can't do it all, but you can do your best.

BOOKS QUIZ

"I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading!" ~ Jane Austin

During Lockdown many of us have been reading more. Not only have I devoured books recommended and loaned to me and savoured new books bought as Christmas presents but I have also returned to some of my favourite reads. I have a long list of favourites and there is one book in particular that I read on a regular basis and always find something new in it (6) below. So, what have you been reading?

Here are the beginning and ending sentences of some of my favourite books. Favourites because they are books I read as a child, have read to children, studied at college or are so good they need to be read again. Can you identify them? Answers are on the next page.

Beginnings:

- 1) It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.
- 2) Mr. and Mrs. Dursley, of number four, Privet Drive, were proud to say that they were perfectly normal, thank you very much. They were the last people you'd expect to be involved in anything strange or mysterious, because they just didn't hold with such nonsense.
- 3) Alice was beginning to get very tired of sitting by her sister on the bank, and of having nothing to do: once or twice she had peeped into the book her sister was reading, but it had no pictures or conversations in it, 'and what is the use of a book,' thought Alice 'without pictures or conversation?'
- 4) All children, except one, grow up.
- 5) "If music be the food of love, play on; Give me excess of it;"

Endings:

- 6) I lingered round them, under that benign sky; watched the moths fluttering among the heath, and hare-bells; listened to the soft wind breathing through the grass; and wondered how anyone could ever imagine unquiet slumbers, for the sleepers in that quiet earth.
- 7) "It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known."
- 8) "After all, tomorrow is another day."
- 9) He loved Big Brother.
- 10) Max stepped into his private boat and waved goodbye and sailed back over a year and in and out of weeks and through a day and into the night of his very own room where he found his supper waiting for him-and it was still hot.
- 11) "And here is Toto, too. And oh, Aunt Em! I'm so glad to be at home again."

My current "go to book" is very short. *The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse* is written and illustrated by Charley Mackesy. It begins "You started at the beginning, which is impressive. I usually start in the middle, and never read the introductions." It ends: "Always remember you matter, you're important and you are loved, and you bring to this world things no one else can". He writes that it is a book for everyone whether you are eighty or eight. It is a book about courage, kindness, strengths and weaknesses. An ideal antidote to grey lockdown days. Oh, and the drawings are wonderful too. I recommend it to lift your spirits.

Anne Hunter



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BOOKS QUIZ ANSWERS

Beginnings:

- (1) *Pride and Prejudice*: Jane Austen
- (2) *Harry Potter, The Philosopher's Stone*: J.K. Rowling
- (3) *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*: Lewis Carroll
- (4) *Peter Pan*: J. M. Barrie
- (5) *Twelfth Night*: William Shakespeare

Endings:

- (6) *Wuthering Heights*: Emily Bronte
- (7) *A Tale of Two Cities*: Charles Dickens
- (8) *Gone with the Wind*: Margaret Mitchell
- (9) *1984*: George Orwell
- (10) *Where the Wild Things Are*: Maurice Sendak
- (11) *The Wizard of Oz*: L. Frank Baum.

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Hello all!

A huge thank you to all those who have donated jigsaw puzzles for sale and also those who have bought them. To date this year £465 has been raised for PDA funds through selling on Facebook Marketplace.

We have now booked Welton Village Hall for an Autumn Fayre on Saturday 30th October and also Friday 3rd December for our Christmas Lunch. Fingers crossed that these can both safely go ahead. Unfortunately there will be no Spring lunch this year.

Over the Easter weekend, weather permitting, there will be plants, books and possibly jigsaw puzzles for sale outside 57 Ryland Rd, Welton kindly organised by Chris Jackson. This will be operated in a COVID-safe way. If anyone has any plants they would like to donate please give me a call if you need collection or leave them behind the wall at 57 Ryland Rd, Welton. If you could label them please as we are no Monty Don's so need an idea of what we are selling!

This will also be the arrangement, again weather permitting, on the May Bank Holiday weekend. There will hopefully be bedding plants and tomato plants available at this time so all donations gratefully accepted.

Hopefully, when the weather improves, our sales tables will appear again outside 57 Ryland Rd, Welton, 25 Sudbrooke Rd, Scothern and 37 Holme Drive, Sudbrooke.

Please all take care of yourselves and each other!

If you require any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call (862570).

Janet Goddard

WELTON VILLAGE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

We are pleased to be able to write that plans are now underway for us to re-open on Monday 12th April for a full browsing and selection service.

To keep borrowers and volunteers safe we will ask that masks continue to be worn by everyone unless exempted through government guidelines. We will restrict access to a maximum of 4 people or one family at any one time and there will be hand gel readily available. Books that have been returned will continue to be quarantined for at least 72 hours.

Our hours of opening will be decided in the weeks leading up to 12th April based upon volunteer's individual circumstances so these cannot be stated at the current time. We will advertise the days and hours around the village, on our Welton Village Library Facebook page, and on the Parish Council and Welton News websites.

If you have books that you wish to return but find you cannot make our revised hours please note that there is a letterbox at Manor Park to the right of the main doors where you can drop them back.

We also hope that access to our public computers will also resume, this may initially be restricted to a particular day and hours and will be advised as detailed above.

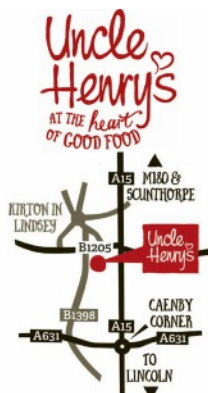
As we are sure you will realise all of the above is subject to any changes to government and Lincolnshire Library Service guidance.

We are looking for new volunteers! In order to be able to provide as many hours as possible and to expand our offering to children through story times and the craft activities we would love to hear from anyone interested in helping up to provide this important community service. We can be contacted via our Facebook page or via the Parish Council office or their email: weltonpc@tiscali.co.uk

Our Facebook page can be found at [fb.com/WeltonVillageLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/WeltonVillageLibrary)

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