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Normanby by Spital, adj Church	07:34	Welton Black Bull Inn (NE-bound)	18:00
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	Glentham, opp The Crown Inn	18:23

Waddingham - Lincoln Wednesdays Only		
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Waddingham, adj Marquis Of Granby PH	09:30	
Snitterby, opp Royal Oak Inn	09:33	
Bishop Norton, opp St Peter's Church	09:38	
Glentham, opp The Old Parsonage	09:43	
Normanby by Spital, opp Church	09:48	
Owmby by Spital, adj Surgery	09:52	
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Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	10:05	
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Normanby by Spital, adj Church	14:12	
Glentham, adj The Old Parsonage	14:17	
Bishop Norton, adj St Peter's Church	14:22	
Snitterby, adj Royal Oak Inn	14:27	
Waddingham, opp Marquis Of Granby PH	14:30	

AUGUST'S PASTORAL LETTER

One of my mother's favourite sayings was "Patience is a virtue, seldom found in women and never in a man". I think these last two caveats were from her own imagination.

This was usually said, when I was hurrying to get something done, in order to go out with my friends. Patience is definitely not one of my strong points.

I was reminded of this earlier in the week, when I inadvertently clicked on a link which proceeded to empty my email inbox and delete all my contacts. My contacts then received a spam email which could have cost them £200. The episode resulted in an enormous amount of telephone calls asking me why I wanted to know if they had an Amazon account.

Gary, a friend of mine came over on Saturday morning to help. He advised me to contact Microsoft and talked me through what I needed to say to them. I Logged on to their "Live Help" online and sat in a queue for 3 hours even though I was caller No. 1 in the queue. I went to get some lunch only to discover they had replied in my absence, and I was now No. 2 in the queue! So, another wait ensued.

I sat there fuming when I noticed John Beverley's Pastoral letter for July. The thing which really caught my eye was the picture of a small boy walking upstairs, asking if anybody wanted anything as he was going to pray. That was faith! I asked myself where my faith had gone to. So, I prayed and lo and behold I had a response on screen from Jessica who said a technician would call and sort the problem for me. This happened and I am now up and running with my email sorted.

If I had prayed in the first place, the journey would have been a shorter and happier one, I am sure. A lot of us only pray as a last-ditch resort instead of praying regularly and at the beginning of what looks like a sore testing of patience. I have learned my lesson and I will give my prayer life a new start and pray with faith in my heart, like the little lad in John's picture.

Thank you John. Also, thanks to you Gary for your help.

Liz Harris

The deadline for entries to the September 2021 Signpost is Sunday the 15th of August at 6:00 p.m.



Can You Help?

From: Shirley Lloyd (nee Edison)

I am trying to find information about the attached spoon.

I was born at Spridlington 1941 and left in 1944. I was given a Christening Spoon, and would like to know if all children who were Christened at Spridlington Church at that time received one.

We understand a Jeweller lived on Owmby Road at the time and may have arranged these.





My parents were Mr and Mrs J Edison - who were employed by Walter Allbones Farmers of Spridlington Cliff.

If you can help please phone 01526 398813 or e-mail shirleylloy966@gmail.com.

You can see a more detailed view of the spoon on our website at https://owmbygroup.co.uk/sprid-spoon

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Hackthorn & Cold Hanworth Village Hall

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 17 August 2021 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, Stable Yard, Hackthorn, LN2 3PQ

The committee would be most grateful if you could spare an hour to attend your AGM. We are lucky to have such a beautiful Village Hall

and need your support to continue hosting future events.

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SPRIDLINGTON

SPRIDLINGTON COFFEE MORNING Wednesday 18th August at 10:30 a.m.



St Hilary's Church Church Hill, Spridlington

Raffle, bring-and-buy stall Proceeds for St Hilary's Church Funds Do come along and join us for a coffee and a chat. You will be very welcome!

SPRIDLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Annual General Meeting 2021

The Village Hall AGM, which was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 29th June, unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the Government not lifting lockdown restrictions on 21st June as had been anticipated. However, if anyone is interested in looking at the audited accounts for the financial year April 2020 to March 2021, please ring Martin Marris on 07970 069111 to arrange to be sent a copy.

Committee Members Required

The Committee currently only has 5 members and we are therefore desperate for some new recruits. If you feel you can spare a small amount of time to help keep this important amenity running and would like to get involved in planning and helping at fund-raising events, please contact Ian Kealey on 01673 860283.

CREAM TEA AFTERNOON SPRIDLINGTON VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 14 AUGUST 2021 FROM 2.00 PM

Why not come along and meet up with old friends (or make some new ones!) and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with a delicious homemade cream tea.

If you are new to the village this could be the perfect time to celebrate the end of lockdown, meet some of your new neighbours, and see for yourselves what a little gem of a village hall we have here in Spridlington.



Owmby Group Website owmbygroup.co.uk

Signpost Online - Including Back Issues

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NORMANBY & OWMBY

NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

This last month has been a busy time for our Council with comings and goings. First, we said farewell to Mr Roy Bellamy who has been a parish Councillor for more than 38 years and Chair since 2005. Roy's departure will leave a big hole in our ranks; we would like to thank Roy for his dedication and hard work over the years we all wish him well for the future. On a lighter note we would like to say welcome to Mr Simon Baxter who has taken over the reigns as Clerk to the Parish Council. Simon is a very experienced Parish Council Clerk whose expertise will prove to be inspirational to all the Normanby by Spital Parish Councillors. Simon's contact details are as follows:

Mr Simon Baxter - Clerk to Normanby by Spital Parish Council Telephone: 07814 443058 Email: nbyspc@gmail.com

Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 13 July 2021 where Mr Andrew Garbutt, Lincolnshire County Council, spoke to those attending about his desire to re-start the Normanby and Owmby Youth Group. Andrew is actively looking for members of the public to help him in his endeavours if you are interested In becoming involved please contact Andrew on 01522 555523. This was followed by a full Parish Council Meeting the first for our new clerk. Minutes of the meeting will be published to the Normanby by Spital Parish Council web page in due course.

Currently the village is festooned with Scarecrows as part of the Scarecrow event. There are some highly creative people around. We should soon be able to see lots of sunflowers decorating people's gardens.

Normanby-by-Spital Neighbourhood Watch Scheme



DO YOU WANT TO MAKE OUR VILLAGE A STRONGER SAFER PLACE TO LIVE IN?

Today's crimes come in many forms. Having a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in place can help reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime, can help make us be better prepared to respond to suspicious activity, and it can also build trust and help you to better know your neighbours.

A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is a group of members in an area with a coordinator to manage the scheme and ensure members are kept up to

date with local issues. Normanby-by-Spital Parish Council have formed a working group to explore this possibility of establishing a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for our village. Cllrs. Tracey Firth, Tony Watson & Andy Creek are looking for your input as to whether there is any appetite and enthusiasm to run a scheme.

The Normanby scheme would be run by the residents with the Council helping to facilitate it by registering a new scheme, helping set it up, promoting it.

If this is of interest, please contact Cllr Firth on 01673 878784 or nbyspc@gmail.com

Angela Hanson Interim Clerk to Normanby by Spital Parish Council

NORMANBY & OWMBY (YOUNG PEOPLE'S) CLUB

It has been 8 years since the last session was held in July 2013. The club still has equipment and available funds. Are local children and young people interested in having a club? Are there adults able to support?

For further information/enquiries please contact Andrew Garbutt on 07824 803464 or andrew.garbutt@lincolnshire.gov.uk.

You may also choose to share your thoughts with your respective parish council.



OWMBY BY SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Minutes of the Council Meeting held in the Parish Church on 29th June 2021.

PRESENT - Cllrs G. D. Crompton-Howe (Chairman); I Brooke, D Mellor.

COMMUNITY FIELD UPDATE - We are keen to get events going but the events committee cannot do this as they are a sub committee of the CPC which is still to be re-affirmed by both NPC and OPC in line with the existing Terms of Reference. OPC have now ratified the CPC in its current form at a full parish council meeting. This comes from a desire to enable to CPC to continue with it's events program for the summer.

Next event: Scarecrow and Pop up tea room. The ability for this event to proceed still hangs in the balance due to the uncertainty of whether the committee will be re-affirmed by both councils.

5 YEAR PLAN UPDATE - IB presented a new form which will ease the tracking of actions taken as part of the 5 year plan.

CEMETERY UPDATE - Following a meeting between the clerk and Cllr Hanson from NPC it was deemed that there is a requirement to bring the grounds of the cemetery to an acceptable standard. Currently the cemetery is overrun with rabbits which are damaging areas around graves. The current contractor has been challenged about the current standard of work with a few to seeing it improved as there is long grass being left and the area being generally untidy.

Cllr Hanson has received a quote from N Heather who currently cuts the park. OPC clerk to speak to MKS for a comparable quote once we know what N Heathers quote entails? OPC are keen to form a working party to resolve the initial issues with the rabbit holes, the clerk is to approach NPC to see if they would be on board with this.

HIGHWAY MATTERS - awaiting response reference Ash Tree and road signs as requested to Cllr Bunney.

Full minutes of the meeting, including financials, can be viewed on the Owmby Group website at https://owmbygroup.co.uk/obspc

Julie Haycraft, Clerk to the Parish Council

PRAYER FOCUS FOR JULY

Guide us that we may be more sensitive to our neighbour's needs. We pray for an awareness of those needs:

the need of the old to know they are wanted the need of the young to know they are listened to

the need of all people to know they are of value.

Lord, keep us aware.



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: Jack Redeyoff - 07885 999907

Glentham 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

VISITING THE CATHEDRAL THIS SUMMER?

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SERVICES IN AUGUST				
	OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES			
Sunday 1st 9th after Trinity		Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Spridlington Owmby	JD LH
Sunday 8th 10th after Trinity		Holy Communion	Hackthorn	Revd Thomas Shepherd
Sunday 15th The Blessed Virgir		Holy Communion	Glentham	ST
Sunday 22nd 12th after Trinity		Family Service Evening Prayer	Owmby Glentham	LH ST
Sunday 29th 13th after Trinity	11.00 am	Group Holy Communion	Owmby	ST/JD

On the 2nd Sunday in each month a Sunday Special service is held at Owmby at 11.00am. Contact Liz Harris for further details.

Although Covid restrictions are to be relaxed there may still need to take some precautions when attending services. If you have any concerns please contact the relevant churchwarden or see other announcements in Signpost or on church Notice Boards.

GLENTHAM CHAPEL (PART OF THE WOLDS & TRENT CIRCUIT)

Sunday 1st	10.30 am
Sunday 15th	10.30 am
Sunday 29th	10.30 am

Mr Milk Childs Rev Heather Wilson Rev Louise Carr

In addition to the above, a Circuit Zoom Service is being held each Sunday at 4:00pm.

Please contact Jenny Atkinson by email (jennymarian8@gmail.com) or by telephone (01673 878806) for the meeting ID and passcode for our weekly Zoom services. I look forward to hearing from you. God bless.

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

FROM THE REGISTERS

We remember with love those who have died:

Funeral and burial at St. Michael and All Angels, Hackthorn on 23rd June: Keith Michael Cook, aged 87

We share in the joy of those being joined in marriage in the Church July 9th:

Oscar Thacker and Chloe Skinner at St. Michael and All Angels Hackthorn William Crowe and Lauren Wallis at St Hilary's Spridlington

July 10th:

Jacob Allen and Charlotte Wells at St Hilary's Spridlington

He answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' ; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' "

Luke Chapter 10. Verse 27

GLENTHAM & CAENBY

GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Notes of the Council Meeting held virtually on 1st July 2021.

Since becoming the Lincolnshire County Council representative in May, Cllr Bunney has spent time on the road safety/speeding situation and has met with the police. It has been agreed and supported by the parish council that average speed cameras be considered in the village and that the camera from Bishopbridge be moved nearer to Glentham on the bend.

A letter has been received from Chris Davison, Assistant Chief Constable, outlining investment in Neighbourhood Policing and the desire to work collaboratively with communities with quarterly meetings and reports to parish councils and regular newsletters. The clerk will share these with council and post on the notice board/website when they are received.

The clerk confirmed the Central Lincolnshire draft Local Plan consultation runs from 30th June to 24th August. Having looked at the plan she reported that there is no remaining growth in Glentham, the village having 34 outstanding dwellings with permission. Information can be found via https://central-lincs.inconsult.uk/CLLP.Draft.Local.Plan

LCC major road safety improvements on A631 between Glentham and Middle Rasen are to commence on 12th July.

Glentham Parish Council is looking at a tree planting scheme in the village and has accessed funds via Lincolnshire County Council

Council still has three vacancies for co-option. Please contact the clerk on 017955797393 or email helenspitman@gmail.com if you want to find out more.

Helen Pitman, Clerk to the Parish Council



ROSE BOWL QUIZ Thursday 19th August

Glentham Village Hall Doors open at 7:00 p.m.

A just-for-fun quiz to raise funds for the village hall. £5.00 per person. Bring your own drinks. Buffet available.

GLENTHAM VILLAGE HALL - CURRENT AVAILABILITY

Monday - Evening Tuesday - Morning & Afternoon Wednesday - Morning & Afternoon Friday - Afternoon Most Weekends Still Available for Family Events £10.00 per hour.

To book contact Gill Doyle mart.gill1@btinternet.com



SURROUNDING VILLAGES

WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

Hello all!

Our Open Garden and tea event on 26th June was a great success and we were so lucky to have beautiful weather, something we had hoped for as we realised a rainy day wouldn't be anywhere near as successful.

We lost count of the number of people who attended but there was a steady stream all day and having the use of 2 gardens meant that we could all abide by social distancing rules. Ticket sales raised £843 of the final total of £1587.58. More money has been added since the day for plant sales and donations. We have had many calls and emails saying how much the event was enjoyed and we feel sure we will plan another similar event next year.

It's not possible to thank everyone involved but a special mention must go to Chris and Jerry Scott for the use of their beautiful garden, to 1 of my volunteer drivers who produced 98 individual portions of cake and 3 fruit loaves, to everyone who helped on the day and of course to everyone who supported us on the day!

We are planning to go ahead with the Autumn Fayre on Saturday 30th October but with fewer tables to allow people to keep at a safe distance. As in previous years we are hiring out tables for £10 each for people to sell their own items of craft etc but please no food stalls. There will be the usual bric a brac, books, puzzles, tombola, cake stall and café. The main raffle which has previously been drawn at the Autumn Fayre will be a Christmas raffle this year. More details later but if anyone owning a business or with good contacts who would be willing to offer a raffle prize, please let me know. Once I have the top 3 prizes I can get the tickets printed giving us more time to sell!

Could I remind everyone needing to transport to request it via the Health Centre please.? There is a driver each day allocated to Health Centre appointments. Ask when you make your appointment and you will be added to the transport list. All other requests are sent through to me via a secure database for me to allocate a driver.

Finally, is there anyone reading this who would like to be a volunteer driver for the PDA? Before the 1st lockdown a couple of people had enquired but then events overtook us all! There is no fixed commitment just a desire to help out in the community. If you want to know all about how the car scheme works, please give me a call with no commitment and we can have a chat.

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

Are you aware of one of the big advantages of being a library member? That is that you can order books from Lincolnshire Libraries on line at home to be delivered to Welton Library and you will be informed when they arrive by email or text so you can pop along to pick up. Just as an example if you look up a very popular book, The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman, you will see there are over 50 hardback copies listed in the county including one at Welton that is out on loan and not due back for around 3 weeks, however there are over 20 copies not on loan at other Lincolnshire libraries so you would be able to reserve one of these copies chosen at random by the computer from another library. If there are no copies available you will see how many reservations are waiting, when copies are due back and that will give you a good idea of how long the wait will be. Library membership and this service is all free of charge.

This service is not just for adults either, you can order books for your children in the same way if there is something not in our children's range at Welton. And of course we will look to help you at the library if you are not sure how to use the service, just call in and talk to our team of helpful volunteers.

We are open at Manor Park Pavilion on Hackthorn Road, Welton LN2 3PA

Mondays 12noon to 5pm, Tuesdays 9:30am to 2:30pm - for book borrowing

Wednesdays 10am to 12noon - for Public IT facilities only.

Mike Hubbert - Library Volunteer Coordinator

Welton and Hemswell Neighbourhood Policing Team

PC 541 Steve TOYN - stephen.toyn@lincs.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 2206 Julie MCFAUL - julie.mcfaul@lincs.pnn.police.uk

PCSO 2297 Angie LAW - angie.law@lincs.pnn.police.uk

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

GOOD NEWS - most people have been taking our advice on board as we have not been having any issues this month either with COVID breaches or crimes in your area. We would like to thank everyone for their co-operation through this pandemic. Everyone appears to be accepting this new "normal" way of lifestyle.

ASB - although ASB has much reduced, the summer holiday period is almost upon us so patrols will continue to minimise the ASB that tends to occur during the summer months.

SPEEDING - We will be conducting speed checks in hot spot areas to reduce the amount of speeding vehicles on our roads.

FORTHCOMING ENGAGEMENTS - Due to the COVID19 pandemic these engagements are temporarily postponed.

We are getting more information about provisional dates for up and coming events, which means we can potentially hold surgeries soon. Watch this space.

LOCAL PRIORITY - Every three months, we listen to your concerns and look at recent crime statistics to shape the things we will concentrate on for the next three months. Our priority(s) for the next quarter is:

- 1. COVID 19 pandemic breaches
- 2. SPEEDING proactive speed checks
- 3. DOGS control and welfare

To report a crime, please **call 101**. If it is **urgent**, please **call 999**. If you would like to pass information anonymously, please call **Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111**.

The deadline for entries to the September 2021 Signpost is Sunday the 15th of August at 6:00 p.m.



An update from u3a Lindsey - AT LAST we will be having our first meeting for 18 months on Thursday 5th August 2021 10.00am - 11.30am at Welton Village Hall.

Please do come along to this "informal" event & meet old & new friends, have a "free" coffee/tea & biscuits & discover what the various groups are planning to do in the future months.

If you aren't a member & would like to know more about us please do come along. You will be made very welcome.

If you are planning on attending could you please advise Luke Pickering by email lukep@lahestates.co.uk or telephone 07774 251197.

Don't forget, if you would like to see more information about us please go to our website www.lindseyu3a.org.uk

The Committee & I look forward to meeting you all again on Thursday 5th August 2021.

Mandy Murphy - Chairman u3a Lindsey - mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com - 01673 565295



POETRY

Remember by Christina Georgina Rossetti.

Remember me, when I am gone away, Gone far away into the silent land; When you can no more hold me by the hand, Nor I half turn to go, yet turning stay. Remember me when no more day by day; You tell me of our future that you planned; Only remember me; you understand It will be late then to counsel or to pray. Yet if you forget me for a while And afterwards remember, do not grieve; For if the darkness and corruption leave A vestige of the thoughts that once I had, Better by far you should forget and smile Than that you should remember and be sad.



Sent in by Liz Harris

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

The Dirty Laundry

A young couple moved into a new neighbourhood.

The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbour hanging the washing outside.

"That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, remaining silent.

Every time her neighbour hung her washing out to dry, the young woman made the same comments.

A month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life...

What we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look.

So don't be too quick to judge others, especially if your perspective of life is clouded by anger, jealousy, negativity or unfulfilled desires.

"Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are."

Paulo Coelho

TALES OF A 1970'S MILKMAN

By Tony Trevor

Part Six: And Finally...

I had known for years of my family connection with Caenby, although not a very pleasant one unfortunately. In the autumn of 1914 my Granddad James Toyne died in what can only be described as a freak accident. He left the farm where he worked at Caenby, setting off at 2am with a cart pulled by four horses. His destination was the railway sidings in Lincoln where he was to load up with coal. He is reported to have told Annie, my Gran, that he was not feeling well.

At around mid-day at the junction of Yarborough Crescent and Riseholme Road, according to the Lincolnshire Echo, a witness saw James tumble from his seat and fall under the wheels of the cart! He died later in the county hospital. He was 36 years old. My brother and an uncle attempted to locate the grave in Caenby Churchyard, but it could not have had a headstone.

Moving on some 60 years, and I am delivering milk to a house on Highfield Terrace Glentham. The Clarks were lovely people, and I would have a few minutes chat with them on pay-day Fridays, Mrs Clark busying herself with baking on the cooking range in the front room. Mr Clark was not well, suffering badly from 'farmer's lung.' In these brief conversations it was revealed that he had known James, and he remembered the incident only too well. As a raw 14 year old boy he had the unenviable task of stabling the horses that were pulling the cart earlier on that fateful day! My one regret is that I did not take the opportunity to find out more about the Granddad I would never know.

A visit to Hackthorn Hall is highly recommended when the gardens are (literally) thrown open to the public, two or three times a year. The Church is also worth a look. Whilst viewing the interior I came across something interesting. There was a book that had been compiled by the inhabitants old and new, depicting the history of the village. That really did send my mind racing back in time. All those names from my past, Bettison (Jack was my wife's former teacher) Mann, Daubney, Teather, Graves, Moore, Picksley and Smith. Ah Frank Smith, local farm worker who despite only having one eye could hit a cricket ball for far enough. At least the ones I bowled to him made for a long walk. A nice man for all that. I think it was the Smiths that had the Border Collie that made such a fuss as I started down the long path to the front door. Straining at his leash he would go through his repertoire of yelps, barks and general macho type dog stuff. Then one day I was halfway down the path when the leash snapped! I stopped in my tracks. We held each other's gaze for a few seconds although it seemed longer than that. Then the dog turned and -slunk behind the kennel. Not vicious at all, just showing off. Phew.

When I began these recollections, I spoke of kindly acts. There is one more that went above and beyond the call of duty. I am writing this piece on an Easter weekend, and it was in the early morning of Good Friday in 1975, that I cut my finger quite badly on a broken bottle! Struggling to quell the bleeding, I knocked on the door of the local district nurse in Hackthorn, (whose name escapes me I'm afraid). She took charge of the situation. She actually drove me to A&E. (Casualty then) where I received stitches. As someone had taken over the round, this wonderful lady dropped me off near my home in Market Rasen. What a star. I hope dear lady that you are reading this. If so, another big thank you. And the same goes for everyone who has accompanied me on this meander through the past.

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