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#### **AUGUST'S LETTER FROM THE RURAL DEAN**

Dealing with disappointments and their consequences can be so difficult at times, can't it? We all discover that in life and I have certainly discovered it in my 17 years of ministry. Things I thought would always be, are no longer. That is very true in the Diocese of Lincoln at the moment as we have embarked on a programme of change under the heading of 'Time to Change Together'.

Before the pandemic, the Diocese (covering Lincolnshire, North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire) came to the view that it needed to reorganise. There are approximately 630 church buildings in the Diocese, many of which have very small congregations, and sadly the pandemic has accelerated the closure or temporary closure of a few of them. Worshipping congregations have decreased in size and inevitably the income that is required to pay a stipend (salary) to clergy has reduced. This has meant a major review of all sorts of aspects of life in the Diocese - its finance, assets and investments; how we bring about growing church numbers; how paid clergy are deployed; how lay ministers are deployed; what worship can be supported and where; what central services of the church can be financed in order to support the legal and safeguarding functions of the church.... And so it goes on.... It is major change.

The outcome of all of these discussions is beginning to bite in parishes. In 2022 parishes were asked to covenant finance in order to cover the costs of paid ministry through to 2025 and this now determines the number of paid clergy in the Deanery, which runs from Glentham, through Welton Dunholme and Scothern, south to Greetwell and Cherry Willingham, round to Burton and through Nettleham and up the A15 to Fillingham; 27 church communities, to be covered eventually by 3 paid Priests (carrying one vacancy currently) plus those who give of their time having 'retired' alongside Lay Ministers. It is unlikely that this will change in the near future, however it means that some groups of churches (such as Owmby) do not have a member of the clergy resident among them. However, we are currently organising local contacts and an oversight Priest who will be the person who helps us navigate through this situation in the local area. For the Owmby Group this is Revd Judy Shaw.

I recognise that this is not ideal, but it is where we are. I am indebted to those who live in communities in the Owmby Group and support their churches in one way or another. It is incumbent on all of us who wish to see healthy churches at the heart of our communities to support in whatever way we can. If you think you can help, contact your local churchwarden, or someone you know who goes to church - I am sure they will point you to the right people.

Blessings

Penny Green

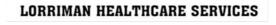
#### **SPRIDLINGTON VILLAGE HALL RECYCLING UNIT**

Are you clearing out the clutter and unworn clothes from your wardrobes and drawers ahead of the new season? Don't forget that there is a recycling unit conveniently located at the side of Spridlington Village Hall. Clean and reusable clothes, shoes, handbags, belts etc can all be recycled here (however, please do not place any rags, carpets, rugs, blankets, towels, sheets etc in the bank, thank you).

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## HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH

#### HACKTHORN C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

By the time you read this, we will have held our Leavers' service. It is always a poignant event as the Year 6s share their memories of their time at Hackthorn. Their speeches are always filled with stories of embarrassing moments, accounts about their favourite trips, subjects, and events and then the customary memories which tug at our hearts. It is then my opportunity to share my memories and those of the staff about each Year 6 pupil. This year however, it will also be my turn to share my own memories as I will be taking up my new position in September as Headteacher of Dunholme St Chad's Church of England Primary School. I am writing this a week before I share my speech and have been on quite an emotional roller coaster considering what I will say. Hackthorn has been such a special place for me over the last nine years. It has wonderful children, fantastic staff, supportive parents, dedicated governors, and an amazing community. I will always have fantastic memories of my time here.

Many people think that schools 'wind down' in the final weeks...not at Hackthorn! We have been incredibly busy. Y6 pupils have been attending their secondary school induction days and we have had the pleasure of meeting our new Reception pupils.

Despite threatening rain, we managed to hold our Sports Day, which was well attended by parents. The children competed in mixed age team sporting activities in the morning -they were amazing as they encouraged one another. We were also able to complete all the competitive races in the afternoon, even though we thought we might have to run and take cover at one point.

KS1 staff decided to leave their DT project until the last two weeks of term. Mrs Dodson has always been honest about her feelings related to DT...they come close to those on Computing! The children were quite ambitious with their designs, so we used a 'hair-mometer' to judge Mrs Dodson's stress levels and the success of the children's efforts. Surprisingly, her hair remained 'reasonably' coiffured.

KS2 pupils came back buzzing from their trip to Magna. They thoroughly enjoyed the interactive exhibits as they explored the wonders of science and technology.

At this time of year, we always look back and remind ourselves of the opportunities and events that we have had. We have compiled an academic review for this year, which is on our website. Please check out our highlights. If you have a child who is a preschooler and is due to start school in September 2024, then ring the school office on 01673 860295 to book a visit to see what we are all about or check us out on https://www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk/.

Mrs K Appleby - Headteacher

## **Hackthorn Lunch Club**

There will not be a Lunch Club in August. The next Lunch Club at Hackthorn Village Hall will be on Wednesday 13th September at 12.00pm for 12.30pm.

Soup and a roll will be provided, followed by a pudding and hot drink.

All welcome, no age restriction. Donation pot - any donations gratefully received for St Michael & All Angels' Church.

If you would like to come, please contact Anne (01673 861821) or Cathy (01673 861058) just so we have an idea of numbers to cater for. Thank you.

"Man is the only creature who refuses to be what he is." ~ Albert Camus

## OPEN GARDENS HACKTHORN HALL LN2 3PQ 1.00 – 5.00 PM SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023



Tickets on the gate £5, under 16s free

Afternoon teas with home made cakes served in the Village Hall

#### **DONATION**

Many thanks to **Hackthorn & Cold Hanworth Social Club** for their kind and generous donation towards the running costs of Signpost.

It is with the support from clubs and meetings such as yours that enables us to publish and deliver community notices and events to your households each month.

To send a donation for Signpost, please email the editor at signpost@owmbygroup.co.uk for the address or bank details. Thank you.

## **SPRIDLINGTON**

### First Friday Club

Spridlington's First Friday Club is a monthly village get-together over a few drinks.

The next First Friday Club is on August 4th.

Dates for the next couple of months are:

September 1st & October 6th.

Villagers, if you wish to join us, you would be most welcome.

Please bring a bottle, some nibbles and a small cash donation to cover hire costs. For more information email spridsocial@gmail.com

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Miniature	Richard Harrison Carol Haycocks	Raffle	Anne Turnbull Brian Taylor	

On **Wednesday 2nd August** we will be at the home of Richard Harrison. We start at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join us, please come along. New players welcome.

## **CALLING ALL CHILDREN**

### Make Sunday Special

Join us for Sunday School at Owmby Church

WHEN? TIME?

Sunday

School

Games

### Every second Sunday of the month From 10.30am until 11.30am

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## **OWMBY CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS**

THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10.30 AM TIL NOON Next event is on August 5th

Entry £2.00 per person - Children half price (toddlers free) Entry entitles you to a cup of tea, coffee or juice, plus a choice of biscuit.



### Come and enjoy some friendly company.

Parents, child minders and babies welcome to try our toddler's corner.

Browse our plant stall, cake stall, book shelves and have a go at our raffle.

### All proceeds to go to St. Peter and St. Paul Church.



### FACEBOOK

Like our page on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OwmbyGroup

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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See Welton page for more details

#### **PRAYER FOCUS FOR AUGUST**

Thank you, Father, for the rhythm of rest and Sabbath at the heart of creation. Bless those who are on holiday now; may they be refreshed and re-created, and come home with new vision, energy and contentment.

A.A.( taken from The Book of a Thousand Prayers)

We pray also for those who are not able to go on holiday, for whatever reason. Give them moments of space and peace where they can feel refreshed and may they know that you are with them always. Amen.

#### VISITING LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

The Owmby Group have two complimentary passes for Lincoln Cathedral. If you would like to borrow them please contact Cathy Andrews on 01673 861058

#### FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Each village has a drop off point which are:

Glentham - the village shop or Peter and Jenny Atkinson, 'Tilsit', Bishop Norton Road

Hackthorn - Cathy Andrews, Stone Cottage, Main Street

**Owmby/Normanby** - the village shop or Liz and Keith Harris, 'Berries', Church Lane, Owmby

Saxby/Firsby - Robert and Rosemary Cox, Manor Farm, East Firsby

**Spridlington** - Porch at St Hilary's Church.

Any further enquiries please contact Rosemary Cox. 01673 878258.

#### **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 - 07919 519308 - shirley.keyes@outlook.com

#### **Diocesan Safeguarding Officer:**

Jack Redeyoff - 07885 999907 - safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org

**Glentham Chapel Safeguarding Contacts:** Sheena Grebby - 01673 878578

**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 01332 479343

The deadline for entries to the September 2023 Signpost is Tuesday the 15th of August at 6:00 p.m.

SERVICES IN AUGUST				
	OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES			
Sunday 6th Trinity 9		Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Spridlington Owmby	
Sunday 13th Trinity 10		Holy Communion Evening Prayer	Hackthorn Glentham	
Sunday 20th Trinity 11	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Owmby	
Sunday 27th Trinity 12	11.00 am	Family Service Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Owmby Glentham Hackthorn	

On the **second Sunday** of each month, Liz Harris holds a 'Sunday Special' Sunday School at Owmby at 10.30 am. Please note, this is **not** a Service. Contact Liz for further details. (Info is on the back cover).

#### GLENTHAM METHODIST CHURCH (PART OF THE WOLDS & TRENT CIRCUIT)

Sunday 6th 10.30 am

Sunday 20th 10.30 am Messy Church

Rev Heather Wilson

Ian Hardcastle

In addition to the above, a Circuit Zoom Service is being held each Sunday.

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.

#### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### We remember with love those who have died:

Funeral & burial at Hackthorn on June 13th - Charles Colin Moore

## We share in the joy of those being joined in marriage in the Church

Harry Douglas Wood and Chloe Nicole Banks at St. Michael & All Angels, Hackthorn on Saturday 10th June, 2023

George Oscar Tomlinson and Lauren Ashleigh Welbury at St. Michael & All Angels, Hackthorn on Saturday 1st July, 2023

### **Tools with a Mission**

The Owmby Group of Parishes are going to launch another collection for Tools with a Mission (TWAM) in September. TWAM is a UK-based charity which aims to empower individuals living in extreme poverty in Africa to create their own livelihoods. There will full details in September issue of Signpost.





If you have any sewing machines, haberdashery, agricultural, mechanic's, builder's & carpentry tools, computers, or electrician & plumbing equipment that is not wanted - TWAM will be very grateful and send it to countries where there is a great need.

For more information - visit the TWAM website (www.twam.co.uk) or phone Rosemary Cox on 07825 082604 or John Beverley on 01522 730752.

"He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 (NIV)

## **GLENTHAM & CAENBY**

## COT & COATTER

Tuesdays 1st & 15th August from 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.



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## 'Nags Head' at Middle Rasen Men's Breakfast

Saturday 12th August at 9:00am

An opportunity for men to meet and chat over a delicious full English breakfast! Please Phone Trevor Faulkner on 01673 818718 to reserve a place

## **GLENTHAM VILLAGE HALL**

#### Upcoming Events:

Family Fun Day - 26th Aug Halloween Children's Party - 31st Oct Country & Western Night - 9th Sept Xmas Tree Lighting Up - 2nd Dec

All of the above events will be advertised on Facebook, so follow us on *Glentham Village Hall Committee* 



Rose Bowl Quiz Dates:

17th August, 19th October & 21st December





#### **ST PETER'S CHURCH, GLENTHAM**

Continuing thanks for those supporting the church through the West Lindsey community lottery. There were 52 winners in the 4 weeks up to the 8th July and 1 of these was a supporter of the church. A giveaway prize of a £1,000 Airbnb voucher was won in the draw of the 29th July. A guaranteed prize is included in the draw each month. Please support Anne Turnbull, who is having a sponsored hair cut at Glentham Village Hall between 10:30 and 12:00 on Saturday 5th August. Coffee and cake will be available and all proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Robert Rowe, Churchwarden, St Peter's Church.



please contact Steve, the editor for more details.

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## **SURROUNDING AREAS**



#### Newsletter for August 2023

include a guided "Evening Stroll" around Folkingham on the **24th** organised by the Architecture group plus on 21st September there will be a coach trip to York (spaces still available). The Garden Group will be visiting a "Secret Garden" in Louth on **22nd** August. These are just two of our many interest groups which you can find on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk

We hold a general meeting at Welton Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month. Doors open at 9.45am for a cuppa followed by a speaker at **10.30am**. Our speaker on **3rd August** will be Horace Liberty, a distant relative of the large Liberty family who came to prominence in the late 1800s when his ancestors built a large department store on Regent St. in London. He will tell us about the history of the family, the store, the business and the importance of their fabric designs.

On 7th September "Fools Gold" will be playing and singing folk songs from N.E. England. Carol and Steve are acoustic musicians and will entertain us with images, stories and songs from industrial Britain encompassing tragedies, mysteries, romances and so much more. We might even be singing along!

We aim to give a warm welcome to everyone so, if you are attending one of our meetings for the first time, please inform someone on Reception and one of our friendly 'Greeters' will show you round and answer any questions.

If you can't make one of our general meetings you could join us at the 'Gardeners' Retreat' tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at **10.15am** on the fourth Thursday of the month. The next get together will take place on **24th August** so whether you're a newcomer wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or if you're already a member and just fancy a cuppa, maybe a scone and a chat do come along. Everyone is welcome.

You may be interested to know as a multi-faceted organisation along with 'Age U.K.', 'Aging Better' and 'Independent Age' u3a would like to see a Commissioner for Older People and Ageing established in England to deal with concerns expressed by many members such as "the closing of local banks", "health care and social care" and much more.

Everything you need to know about Lindsey u3a can be found on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk. You will find a comprehensive list of our interest groups, where and when they meet plus news about visits of local interest or theatre visits and holidays arranged by members for members.

Should you require any further information about Lindsey u3a please do not hesitate to contact me - Mandy Murphy. Email: mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com Tel: 01673 565295

#### **BISHOP NORTON WEDNESDAY LUNCHES**

Two course home-cooked meal with tea or coffee served in the village hall at 12 Noon £5.00 PER PERSON

The next dates for lunches are 9th of August & 13th of September EVERYONE WELCOME!

Please ring at least four days in advance if you are **NOT** attending Karen 01673 818798

You may have had a bad start in life.

You may have made mistakes.

You may have regrets.

But you can finish well and that is what matters most.

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#### WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

The tickets for the BIG Christmas Raffle are now available for sale! I know it's some months away but the more selling time we have, the more money we'll make. At least that is the theory! They will be on sale in local shops, with all drivers, on our table at the Farmers Market and at the Autumn Fayre which is being held on Saturday 28th October in Welton Village Hall. Tickets are priced £1 each or £5 for a book of 5. If anyone has a business or has contacts with a business who would be willing to offer a prize for this raffle, please let me know. This could be the garage who services your car, your local pub or favourite restaurant/ coffee shop or a couple of hours gardening from your local friendly gardener. Anyone who may be able to offer something! The raffle last year raised £2529 which was a fantastic amount but I would like to exceed that amount this year!

At this years Autumn Fayre we are hoping to have an area for the sale of crafts and will advertise this on the posters and on local radio. If we have sufficient interest we will use the Monce Room which has capacity for 8 to 10 tables. I already have some interest so if you would like to sell your own crafts etc please get in touch (Welton 862570) tables are ( $\pounds$ 10) and we provide and erect them!

Facebook Market Place and eBay continue to provide a steady flow of cash to the PDA bank account. Thanks to everyone who has donated items to sell. The flower bulbs I mentioned last month all sold, the final 5kgs being posted to a gentleman in Cambridge!

Finally, could I reiterate my request that those needing transport to medical appointments should book through the Health Centre as soon as you are given a date.? Please also give as much information as possible e.g. full address with postcode if your appointment is out of the local area and an estimate of how long the appointment is likely to take. We are NOT a taxi service and, as all of the drivers are volunteers they have their own lives to lead meaning that on occasions available drivers may be limited.

Health Centre staff are aware that there is some confusion around the new section of the building which was the old library. They have recently completed a patient survey which was very positive, and are using this feedback to make improvements to the waiting areas. The main entrance to the building is still the one with the ramp on the opposite side of the co-op car park. The old library doors are not yet in use but once some changes have been made to these they will be used. Thank you for bearing with the staff whilst they make these improvements to the surgery.

Any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call on 01673 862570.

Janet Goddard

#### WELTON VILLAGE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

Based at Manor Park, Hackthorn Road Welton LN2 3PA

Our opening hours are Monday: 12noon to 5pm, Tuesday: 9:30am to 2:30pm, Wednesday & Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

The Summer Reading Challenge 'Ready, Set, Read' got off to a fine start at our launch event in July with a record number of children aged between 4 and 11 signing up. There is still time to join, just call into the library with a youngster who will be encouraged to read 6 books during the school holidays through collecting stickers with a small prize at the end if they achieve the reading target. It is all free, library membership is required but that is straightforward and is also free. We do have another event linked to the challenge, stories and crafts on **Saturday 12th August at 10am** which will be based on the sporting theme of Ready, Set, Read, every child is welcome whether library member, reading challenge participant or not.

We helped set up another free service provided by Lincolnshire Libraries recently, called Access Mobile Library. Designed specifically for anyone who cannot reach a static or mobile library due to location, health, mobility issues or caring responsibilities. Books will be delivered to their home address and the whole Lincolnshire library catalogue is available so there is plenty of choice. Another plus is that access to the internet is not a requirement you can telephone and speak to the helpful staff who will guide you through and help you join the library if you are not already a member. The lady we recommended to the service was a housebound centenarian and she is delighted to now be able to read books again that she has selected. So, if this is you or you know of someone who would benefit, please ring 07483 017085 or if you prefer to email: graham.owen@gll.org

Mike Hubbert - Library Volunteer Coordinator

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Snitterby, opp Royal Oak Inn	09:33	Ermine West, adj Ruckland Avenue	13:37
Bishop Norton, opp St Peter's Church	09:38	Hackthorn, adj War Memorial	13:55
Glentham, opp The Old Parsonage	09:43	Spridlington, opp Bus Shelter	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, at Bus Shelter	09:57	Glentham, 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
Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay N)	10:30	Waddingham, opp Marquis Of Granby PH	14:30

#### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

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

#### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

Normanby by Spital	<b>Council Houses</b>	12:15 - 12:45	Wednesday August 16th	
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