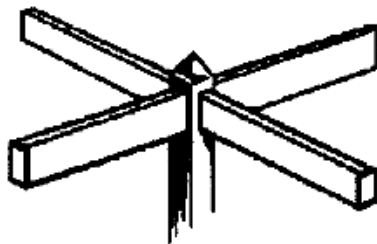


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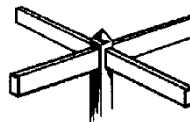
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RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

The parish where I served as a curate was next door to the Maidstone headquarters of Southern Television, & one of the producers developed a close association with our church. One Christmas he had the idea of "Dial a Carol", people phoning in for a carol to be sung by the church choir and congregation, and perhaps a greeting for someone they loved far away. So one Sunday afternoon in December we practiced almost every carol you could think of, served tea and cake in church, and as 6 o'clock drew near, sat back and waited for the phone in. The vicar was going to take the phone calls, the organist would conduct the choir & I would conduct the congregation, because for a live televised service everything has to be just right. We were taking a big risk in not knowing what people might ask for, or what might be the stories we heard.

I don't think we were quite ready for what we did hear.

Every single one of those phone calls – admittedly, they had been filtered through the producer in the van outside church – had a sad story to tell. For these people, Christmas wasn't just going to be a bundle of fun. Bereavement, loss, estrangement, ill-health. All of these featured.

What we had expected to be a Christmas celebration from our church turned out instead to be more of a healing service. Fortunately, everyone concerned rose to the occasion, and we had reason to believe that we had done our job well.

Perhaps you remember the service. It was broadcast nationally, & it must have been Christmas 1988 or 1989.

For a lot of people, Christmas is not going to be a happy time. In fact, I don't believe it was a happy time for Joseph, Mary and the baby Jesus.

Perhaps it's important, then, for somewhere in our Christmas celebrations in church, to take note of those who will feel on the edge of the Christmas cheer.

Among all the new services and liturgies being produced, one this year is catching the attention of clergy everywhere...

A Quiet Christmas: A service for those for whom Christmas will not be 'very merry', but overshadowed by mixed feelings, pain, loneliness and grief

Christmas is traditionally a time of gladness and celebration, a time when families gather together for parties and merriment. But for those grieving the loss of loved ones, or whose family circumstances are difficult, it can be a very lonely, depressing, time. Somehow isolation is more painful when it seems that all the rest of the world is celebrating.

While the birth of the Christ child is rightly an event for joyful celebration, a quieter service, which acknowledges that not everyone is looking forward to Christmas and the New Year, can offer some people a way of honouring their mixed feelings at this special time. This liturgy offers prayers, Scripture and music that acknowledge God's presence in the lives of those who mourn, and with those who struggle - and that God's Word comes to shine light into the darkest places of life. It is an attempt to engage these people, who are often on the fringes of the church community, in the churches' response to the coming of the Saviour.

We shall hold such a service this year. It will be at Owmbly, at 6.00 pm on Saturday 23rd December, just before the "Christmas Rush" gets seriously going. Perhaps it will be right for you. Perhaps it will be right for someone you know. Do come along. Do bring them.

And may I wish you a peaceful and a blessed Christmas this year, especially those of you for whom it will not be a happy one.

God bless you.

Peter Godden



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The five parishes' combined prayer groups will meet at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 11th December at the home of Mary Lane, Dorum, Chapel Lane, Normanby and 8th January at the home of Dorothy Elliott. The Paddock, Owmbly-by-Spital

THE FOCUS FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS MONTH

Please pray with us for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on all our churches, and a willingness to accept change in the need to go forward and grow in Christ Jesus.

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR PRAYERS WITH US DAILY THROUGHOUT THIS MONTH.
YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US AT OUR WEEKLY VILLAGE PRAYER
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Hackthorn	School	Mon	11th Dec, 8th & 22nd Jan	09.20-09.30
Normanby	Bottle & Glass Council Houses	Fri	15th Dec, 12th & 26th Jan	13.00-13.40 13.45-14.05

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Christmas Crackers, Christmas Presents,
Christmas Trees, Christmas Lights, Christmas
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Glenthams Methodist Church

Thursday 21st December 10:00am – 12:00noon

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Spridlington	£2.95	Hackthorn Gardening Club	£10.00
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10.30 am

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Proceeds to Church funds.



HUMBERSIDE WALK

Rita Cottingham would like to thank everyone who sponsored heron the Humberside Walk for the British Heart Foundation.

I raised £330.00. Many thanks everyone.

A Big Thank You!

& Well Done to all involved in the Armistice Day Ceremony & Book Launch

After a very moving ceremony, conducted by Rev. Peter Godden, and attended by over 80 people, a wreath was laid by Roy Bellamy, Chairman of Normanby Parish Council. The congregation then went to the School Hall where the Book 'They Went To War' was officially launched by the Author James Connor.

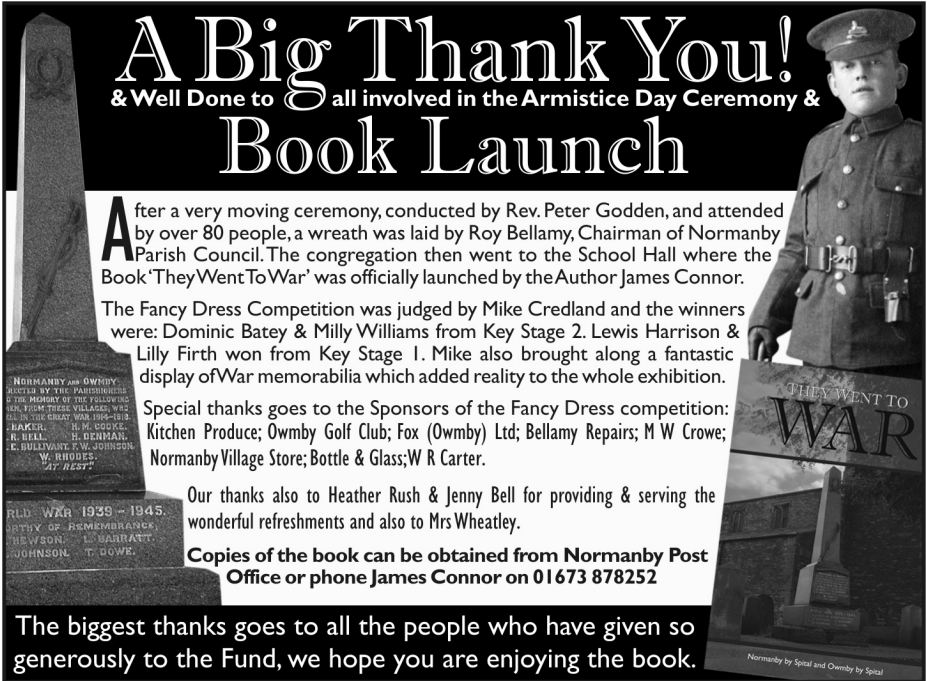
The Fancy Dress Competition was judged by Mike Credland and the winners were: Dominic Batey & Milly Williams from Key Stage 2. Lewis Harrison & Lilly Firth won from Key Stage 1. Mike also brought along a fantastic display of War memorabilia which added reality to the whole exhibition.

Special thanks goes to the Sponsors of the Fancy Dress competition: Kitchen Produce; Owmbly Golf Club; Fox (Owmbly) Ltd; Bellamy Repairs; M W Crowe; Normanby Village Store; Bottle & Glass; W R Carter.

Our thanks also to Heather Rush & Jenny Bell for providing & serving the wonderful refreshments and also to Mrs Wheatley.

Copies of the book can be obtained from Normanby Post Office or phone James Connor on 01673 878252

The biggest thanks goes to all the people who have given so generously to the Fund, we hope you are enjoying the book.



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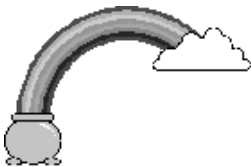
Dorum, Chapel Lane, Normanby
Monday 4th December at 2.00p.m.

David Fortnum's subject will be
"Australia for £10"

Monday 8th January at 2.00p.m.

Time for reminiscence over each members' piece of memorabilia

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME



NORMANBY BY SPITAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following on from last year's successful SAT results, once again, all our pupils attained at least a level 4 in all subjects in the statutory KS2 tests which took place in May 2006. This year, however, our results will not be published in the league tables, as we had less than 10 pupils taking the test. Well done to everyone on another successful year.

We have had a lot of fun being involved in a 2-day art project which has involved all the school children, Busy Bees pre-school children and the village Art Club. Using African Art techniques, we have produced a whole-school tapestry and some very large African masks. It was a fantastic experience and an opportunity for all ages to work

together, and we thank members of the Art Club for supporting the school in this project. The work will be displayed in our newly-decorated school hall on a permanent basis, but will also be displayed publicly in Market Rasen during the Summer terms alongside artwork from Legsby School and Osgodby School.

A belated thank you to Phyllis Fields - a member of the village Art Club - who organised a Wallace and Grommitt art competition for our children. The finalists got to paint their designs on one of our toy sheds.

Congratulations to Years 5 and 6 pupils on winning a tag rugby tournament at Market Rasen School in November.

On Remembrance Day, Normanby and Owmbly villages joined together to remember the soldiers who died during the First and Second World Wars. It was a very well supported day, with the children attending in World War I costumes; £20 cash prizes were awarded for the best dressed children and all children who attended in wartime dress received a £10 cash prize. Thank you, in particular, to Ken Green for liaising with the school.

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Busy Bees nativity and KS1 play Wed. 13.12.06 - 1.30 p.m.

Christingle and Carol Service in Normanby Church Tues. 12.11.06 - 2 p.m.

Everyone at Normanby by Spital school wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you all for your continued support.

Hazel Wheatley
Headteacher

OWMBY PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE.

Last meeting held 23/10/06

Points raised in the Public Participation period. Complaints were received about:-

- Footpath 13 the Church Lane end about the disgraceful length of time this facility has been rendered unusable to the village by the parties involved.
- Potholes in Church Lane & on the Cliff Road.
- Unfinished fencing & gates in the cemetery.
- Considerable concern from the PC and public at the poor standard of recent road repairs on Spridlington Road.

Councillor Lewis Strange to pursue these points 7 report back.

- Request for a 30mph sign to be painted on the cliff road into the village.
- Request for Green Bins in the village.

Councillor Jeff Summers to pursue these points.

Business raised at the meeting.

- Parish Notice Board re sited on the Normanby side of the Surgery wall. Thank you Richard Harrison.
- Programme for the Remembrance day service and book launch gone over by the Chairman.
- Chairman had met the Highways officer re the works in the village and expressed his dissatisfaction and is awaiting another meeting to review the situation.

- The chairman wanted to list and record all dormant monies held by groups in the village i.e. Wives Club, Normanby Village Hall Trust so everyone knows what £ is where.

Post Meeting events.

- Remembrance day went very well done all those who helped the hall was full to bursting, a fitting tribute to what we were all remembering and the quality of the book. Copies still available in the Post Office.
- We have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor Dagmar Levin has decided to step down (thank you for you time Dagmar) so anyone interested please contact me or see the notice board for details.
- We again have vehicles parking on the footpath particularly on Fen Road. Please remember that we have several villagers with disabilities as well as mothers with prams and it is an offence to block the path so that a wheelchair user cannot pass. Please ensure you and your visitor's park responsibly.

NB. Full Council minutes are on the Parish Notice Board by the Surgery. Councillors are always glad to receive constructive comments on village life / facilities so please come to the meetings or phone.

The next meeting will be on

Monday 11th December in Owmbly Church at 7.30pm.

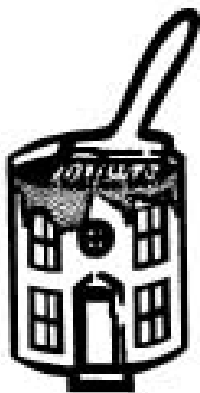
Chairman OPC Graham Crompton-Howe Tel 878 386.

NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd November, 6 Councillors were present and apologies for absence was received from Cllr. M Crowe.

The Clerk and 9 members of the public attended.

The public speaking time dealt with the lack of finding any land for a play area, the possible illegal siting of a container and suggestions were put forward as to how the public could make more use of the "Redundant church" in Normanby.



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Jessica Thomas, the Rural Housing Enabler, gave an informative talk and it was agreed Normanby, together with Owmby do a joint "housing need" survey in the New Year.

Noted some road signs have gone missing and we are still waiting for the police to bring the mobile speed indicator. The War Memorial book is ready for the launch on 11th November. – Cllrs Lewis Strange and Jeff Summers arrived and mentioned a request for a bus shelter. It was agreed we needed buses first. Dial a Ride is still available and Connect is a feeder system. One can have bulky waste collected, from their property, once a year, at no cost. Hopefully green bins will arrive (at a cost) if enough people put their name down for one. Sorry for the incorrect telephone number last month – it should be 01427 676676

Nadine Fox Clerk

WARNING TO RESIDENTS:

A trailer and top box have been stolen from a driveway in Normanby during daylight hours. The concerned resident wants to alert us all, and asks everyone to be extra vigilant.


RURAL CRAFTS SALE

The Rural Crafts Sale on Sat 14th October at The Dell, Normanby-by-Spital raised a staggering total of £915.00 for St. Bamabus Hospice Trust.

It is inspiring to find such a diverse multitude of creative talent in one small area and sincere thanks to all friends and neighbours who supported the- cause~by donating -net only crafts but their time. Thanks also go to local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes and cash gifts to the cause.

We were grateful for a gorgeous sunny day and many friends were made during the event. A happy day.

OWMBY CHURCH MONTHLY DRAW October 2006		
1st	2nd	3rd
Paul Ardon	Ken Green	Mark Illingworth

 Whist Drive Results 18th October 2006			
1st Lady	Shirley James	1st Gent	Richard Harrison
2nd Lady	Jean Cowperthwaite	2nd Gent	Ken Green
Low Score	Lois Green Neville James	Near Score	Lois Green Eric Lee
Miniature	Richard Harrison Shirley James	Raffle	Jean Cowperthwaite Ken Green
Anyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive it will be held at the home of Ken & Lois Green, Normanby-by-Spital on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30 p.m. We are always pleased to see new faces, and it is always a very light hearted evening.			

OWMBY & NORMANBY SENIOR CITIZENS

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This is a thank all who have contributed to our fund raising efforts from Joan and Terry Cross.

The total raised, 30 Kg of school materials, a football strip and footballs, the school well repaired and a new water pump installed. The cash raised was £2527.00.

Due to circumstances beyond our control we are no longer able to continue with this project.

Should anyone wish to carry on with it, please contact us for the relevant information

CHURCH ROOF REPAIRS

Contrary to popular belief the Church of England does not have large amounts of money cascading down from above. Most of the money for the running costs and upkeep of a Church has to be raised locally and is the responsibility of the members of the Parochial Church Council, who are local people from within the Parish.

St Peter's Church at Glenthams is a prominent landmark in the village. Many people, even if they do not regular attend the Church services, visit the church for the special occasions of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. St Peter's is, unfortunately, suffering from a problem all too common with old Churches, namely a leaky roof.

Looking on the bright side the roof has been surveyed and it does not need to be completely replaced as it can be repaired. It is hoped to finance the repairs by a combination of fund raising and grant applications. If anyone wishes to make a donation towards the cost of the repairs please contact me or any member of the PCC. In any event please support the fund raising events, which will be held over the coming months.

Robert Rowe, Treasurer Glenthams PCC
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GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The following was discussed at Glenthams Parish Council's
Meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2006 in The Village Hall

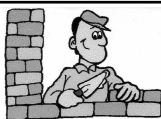
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cllr G Wiseman, Chair, put forward a proposal that the Parish Council should contribute to a bus to take parishioners to the evening Christmas Market in Gainsborough. Other Parishes were also being asked to contribute. District Cllr J Summers reported that the Gainsborough Chamber of Trade had offered £100 towards the cost. This bus will be free to residents and will drop off and pick up enabling parishioners to enjoy the market without the hassle of finding car parking – and also to sample the mulled wine always on offer on this occasion.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR - Cllr G Fox accepted nomination and was duly elected as Vice Chairman

planning - m06/p/0899 lpg storage tanks – granted

CO-OPTION No-one had expressed an interest as yet.



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CHRISTMAS TREE Thanks go to the Landlord for arranging an evening to mark the switching on of the lights. This will include a Santa and Sleigh with carol singing and music from a local band. This will take place on Friday 1st December. Chairman will organise the providing of the Christmas Tree.

CLOCK- Cllr R Summers reported that the clock had been repaired and was working perfectly.

BARFF MEADOW - The speed humps are to be removed and the landscaping is in hand. The seat has been agreed by the developer and will be in situ as soon as the shrubs have been planted.

WASHDYKE LANE - Mr Jim Radley has visited the site and the erection of the new signs are in hand.. Clerk to establish when they will be positioned.

TREE – BISHOP NORTON ROAD - Landowner has been contacted by Highways and asked to make safe.

A631 - In light of the recent accident in the village, the Chairman contacted Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. He, along with other Councillors, will attend a training session with Terry Gunn for equipment which the Road Safety Partnership are loaning to the Council for a fortnight. When the data from this equipment is available proposals for making the road safer will be investigated.

PARISH PLAN - Over 30 Parishioners had attended the meeting which was led by Community Council Rural Officers Janet Brown and Gemma Rainsforth. There was very positive feedback and the Parish agreed to form a Steering Group and pursue the formulation of a plan. Seven parishioners put their names forward to serve on The Steering Group. Cllr G Fox, Vice Chairman, will be the Parish Council representative.

LITTER BINS - Cllr G Fox, Vice Chair, has been monitoring the litter bins and reported that they were now being emptied regularly.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL - Cllr D Wiseman reported that Planning Permission had been granted. Further information will be available after the Village Hall meeting.

PLAQUE - The plaque on the commemorative seat had been vandalised. The Council agreed unanimously that if any **acts of vandalism were reported the perpetrators would be prosecuted.** A new plaque will be fitted to the seat.

BUDGET AND PRECEPT The proposed budget was £5134. It was also agreed that a sum of £150 be allocated to the Parish Plan.

Any planning received which is deemed to be of interest to the village should be heard at a Planning Meeting to be called as soon as possible.

Minor planning to be dealt with at ordinary Parish Council meetings or if timescale does not allow, by circulation method. (This arose from Adjournment period).

PLAYGROUND FENCING

This fencing has deteriorated and needs repairing and wood preservative applying.

It was agreed the Council should employ a handyman at a rate of £7 per hour on an ‘as needed’ basis. Post to be advertised in The Signpost and on the noticeboards.

Diane Millward Clerk

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Brenda Yapp thanks all those who sent carsa, emails and flowers, with their good wishes during Tony's hospitalisation and long respite care. The hands on support and backup from our friends in Market Rasen and Newtoft was boundless: as always our village store gave us every help at a difficult time.

Brenda

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MAD HATTERS'S TEA PARTY

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A good time was had by all and the hats worn an d paraded at the party were a sight to behold. Well done to everyone especially Brita who won the adult prize and the Watson girls who shared the children's prize.

Finally a huge thank yu to all my friends and family and friends who not only supported the event but also gave their time in helping to make th party so sucessful

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Margaret Fielder

ST PETER'S GUILD

Many thanks to Colin and Hilary Rainer for a very pleasant and successful Coffee morning in aid of St Peters' Church. After a week-end of grandchildren sitting and a hasty return from the wilds of Kent they shook off their travel weariness and gave everyone their usual warm welcome. Thanks also to the people who came along to support the event.

GLENTHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB.

A really interesting and informative talk was given by Mr Alan Solomon on Fuschias at the November meeting. Certainly lots of tips and advise given by an obvious expert on this subject.

This months' meeting will of course be the Christmas Dinner to be held this year on Tuesday 12th December in the Village Hall at 7.30.p.m. Please return invitation slips as soon as possible but at the latest by Thursday 7th December.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Coming Events:-

Christmas Draw This will take place, as has become the custom, during the December **Rose Bowl Quiz** which will be on **Thursday, December 14th**, starting at 8pm. The main prizes this year will be Christmas Hampers with lots of delicious goodies so don't forget to get your tickets. These are available from committee members, VH events and the village shop.

Christmas Concert. Monday, December 18th, at 7.30pm.

Once again this is being hosted by the Glenthams Singers so we can look forward to a good evening's entertainment.

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Good News! The Hall management committee has just received news that its recent application for planning permission for a new hall has been passed by WLDC. An application for major funding to The Community Buildings Fund of the Big Lottery is being prepared and will be submitted asap. After that it's wait and see!

GLENTHAM & CAENBY TAPESTRY GROUP

We are meeting at the Trap House Glenthams on Tuesday 5th December for Sherry and mince pies. All past and present members are welcome to join us.

There will not be a meeting in January

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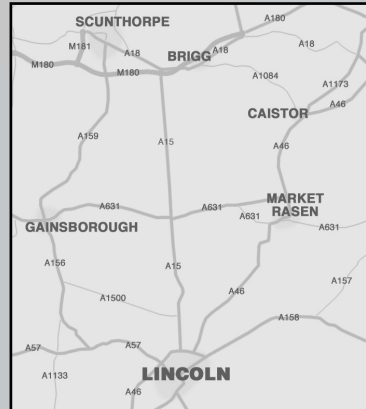
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Saturday Morning

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The last meeting for this term will be on

Saturday 9th December 2006, 10.00 am to 12 noon

in Hackthorn Village Hall.

*The theme of "**Caring**" will be revisited and the children will have the opportunity to show how they care for others.*

There is a charge of 50p per child.

Any queries please to Roxy Seagriff (866624) Elaine Booth (860184) or Rosemary Moore (860732).

There will be no meeting in January so please be sure to check the February Signpost for details of next term's activities.

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CAROL SINGING

VILLAGE HEALTH WARNING

The Hackthorn Carol Singers will be singing around the village on

Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th December.

All money raised will go to STRUT

(Short Term Respite Unit Trust) – a Lincoln based charity providing respite for children with disabilities

The Hackthorn Carol Singers will also be singing around the village on

Thursday 16th and Tuesday 21st December.

All money raised will go to LIVES.

If you do not want the Carol Singers to call, or you will not be at home, please telephone either Cathy (861058) or Lynne (861100).

HACKTHORN GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be the first of 2007 and will be held on 31st January in Hackthorn Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. when Mrs. Gail Summerfield will talk about “Westshores Nurseries”.

There will be no meeting in December 2006.

HACKTHORN VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Bonfire Night

Although this event was very popular and successful for the village hall, the committee would like to apologise to the villagers for any disruption caused by the volume of traffic on the night. We’d also like to thank everyone who helped to make the event possible.



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SPRIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Council held a meeting on 7th November and welcomed Penny Barton & Rob Graves as new co-opted Councillors. The Council heard of the resignation of Alex Ridings, the Chairman thanked Alex for her input over the years. Items discussed included: 1) Speeding through the village. The Council are seeking ways to reduce the speed of traffic through the village, and it would be appreciated if residents could be mindful of their speed. 2) Old RAF Faldingworth site. The Council has been updated on the situation and will be writing to the HSE voicing concerns about the excessive noise levels and increased volume of traffic. 3) Planning. The application for alterations to the village hall has been granted. 4) Highways. Haunching work on the Hackthorn Road is to take place during November and December 2006. Safety and the junction of Hackthorn Road and Cliff Road was discussed and will be taken further. The next meeting of the Council will be on Tuesday February 6th 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

LITTER PICK

Another successful pick was completed in October and my thanks are extended to all those who took part. Particular thanks to Judith and David for providing lunch afterwards and to the younger members of the village who joined us this year. It seems a strange thing to say but I look forward to the next one which will be in or around June next year.

Diana.

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The Trustees of Gainsborough Cancer Care Trust would like to thank all those who took part in last years Carol Singing and are pleased to say that with the help of their support we have been able to purchase a Syringe Driver for the use of the District Nurses at Ingham and Welton Health Centres. This piece of equipment enables the District Nurses to administer drugs to cancer patients more easily and efficiently.

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Many thanks for your support for the following functions:

Quiz Night : Proceeds £248

Race Night : Proceeds £324

Children's Hallowe'en Party: Proceeds £31

Please note the date for our Valentine's Day Celebration on Saturday 10 February 2007. Join us for a romantic Italian Evening.

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PARISH BREAKFAST

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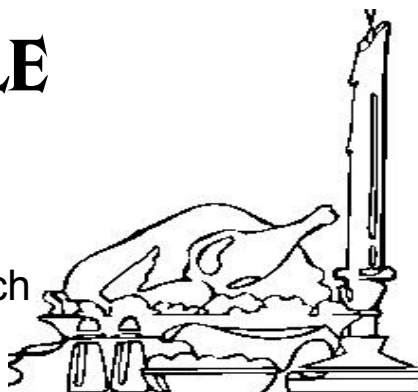
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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Reminder – Christmas is a busy time of the year for everyone, including the criminal. However, a high percentage of crime is opportunist. So read what the criminal wants – **AND DON'T GIVE IT TO HIM.**

Just a thought – a shredder may make a useful gift this year, given the increase in identification theft.

Emily WOOLL-RIVERS - Last month Emily announced she was leaving us as PCSO to join the regular Police Service. I would like to take this opportunity to express my best wishes to Emily in her chosen career and to say thank you to her for all the hard work and friends she made whilst working on the area.

Crime in your area – 16/10 Theft of gates Glenthams. 21/10 Theft from vehicle Owmbys. 24/10 Stolen/recovered vehicle Owmbys. 27/10 & 9/11 Damage to tyres Normanby. 05/11 Theft of trailer Normanby. 9/11 Burglary Normanby.

Reminder. Readers are reminded that due to the very nature of our job we cannot always be at the Police Office to answer the phone or receive personal callers at the office.

Reporting Crime. Please report all crimes directly to Lincolnshire Police Headquarters on 01522 882222 where you crime can be recorded and an Officer allocated if necessary.

Voicemail. Please do not leave urgent messages on an officer's voicemail. We do work shifts and will not be able to call you back until next on duty.

Finally – On behalf of all the Officers who work out of Welton Police Office, may I wish you all a happy Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.

PC David Oakes – Community Beat Manager.
PCSO Trafford

WELTON FAMILY HEALTH NEWSLETTER

At the time of writing we are still awaiting two further supplies of influenza vaccine, the last one is due in December. Most years we are well on the way to completing the annual programme but this year due to reasons beyond our control we have been unable to offer appointments to those needing them in a timely manner and our apologies to everyone concerned. Supplies have been limited and late, not just here but nationally, but we will do our best to ensure that vaccines are given as quickly as possible to those in need. We have been asked several times if we can administer private supplies – under NHS Regulations we are unable to offer this service on a private basis to our own registered patients.

We have several nebulisers loaned out to patients and would appreciate an early return of them. We offer a loan service via our Respiratory Nurse, which is intended to be for short term only.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the questionnaires we have been handing out to patients recently regarding the care given by their doctor in the practice. This helps us to gauge how our services are viewed and to plan for the future. Alternatively comments may be left anonymously or otherwise in our Suggestion Box in the waiting room – and thank you also to everyone who takes the trouble to complete these forms – the feedback is really useful and appreciated.

Our Reception staff would be very grateful if patients would offer their full names when ringing in to make an appointment in order to prevent the wrong patient being booked into surgery.

Plans have been displayed recently showing developments to the Village Centre and the surgery is pleased to be part of this project which will include improved parking facilities for our patients and contrary to rumours, we are not moving premises !

Christmas opening times – the surgery will close at 12 noon on Friday 22nd December and Friday 29th December. As at all times please ring 0844 477 3072 to direct to out of hours emergency services.

Please also remember to allow forty eight hours (two working days) notice for repeat prescriptions, especially important around Christmastime.

May we wish everyone a very happy and healthy Christmas and new year.



LINDSEY

KEEP WARM AND KEEP WELL IN WINTER

The cold can seriously damage your health.
How to look after yourself and your parents.

It is important to remember that although the exceptionally mild autumn has been a bonus to us all this year, winter can be a difficult time for the older people in our community. Age Concern Lindsey can help by offering information and advice on Winter Fuel Payments and other entitlements – please contact us if you would like a home visit from one of our I & A Officers. You can also contact us for an Energy Savings quotation – see if you can save on your fuel bills by switching to the Powergen Age Concern tariff.

Keeping warm in winter: top tips

Winter conditions can make you ill . The mortality rate goes up in winter - 25,700 extra deaths in the winter of 2005. 90% of those were over 65 according to the National Office of Statistics. Help yourself and those you know over 65 with these top tips, to stay warm and healthy over winter.

Dress appropriately

- Wear multiple layers of clothes rather than one thick layer
- Choose clothes made with wool, cotton or fleecy synthetic materials



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Stay active

- Take regular exercise to help keep warm and enhance your well being
- Keep moving throughout the day – don't stay still for long periods

Eat well

- Maintain a healthy balanced diet, including at least one hot meal a day
- Have hot drinks throughout the day and before bedtime

Prepare your home

- Seal gaps around windows and doors
- Insulate your home to reduce heat loss
- Check your heating system is working efficiently and is serviced once a year
- If you use an electric blanket, make sure you have it checked by a safety expert at least every three years

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with heating your home or making it more energy efficient. Check if you can receive:

- Winter Fuel Payments
- Warm Front Grants
- Cold Weather Payments

Further information

Find out more details with Keep warm, keep well: Winter guide 2006/07, published by the Department of Health.

Age Concern Lindsey can send you a free copy of the guide – please contact the Horncastle office on 01507 524242.

<i>Glentham Methodist Chapel</i>			
<i>December 2006</i>			
DATE	TIME	SERVICE	BY
3rd	2.30p.m.	Circuit Advent Service, South Kelsey	
10th	6.00pm	Carol Service at St. Peter's Church	Rev/ Peter Godden
17th	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	Rev. A Lomax
24th	10.45a.m.	Morning Service	Jenny Atkinson
31st	10.45a.m.	Morning Service, Middle Rasen	
<i>January 2007</i>			
7th	10.45a.m.	Family Service	Janet Faulkner
14th	6.00p.m.	United Covenant Service	
21st	10.45a.m.	Family Service	
28th	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	

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SERVICES Owmbly Group of Parishes - December 2006 & January 2007

	Time	Service	Place	By
Sunday December 3	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
Advent 1	11.00 am	Family Service	Spridlington	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmbly	AOH
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer & Dedication of Gifts	Hackthorn	PG
Sunday December 10	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
Advent 2	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Saxby	AOH
	6.00 pm	United Carol Service	Glentham	PG
Sunday December 17	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
Advent 3	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	PG
	11.00 am	Carol Service	Hackthorn	PG
	6.00 pm	Carol Service	Spridlington	PG
Wed December 20	2.00 pm	School Carol Service	Hackthorn	PG
Sat December 23	6.00 pm	Quiet Christmas	Owmbly	PG
Sunday December 24	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
Christmas Eve	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	PG
	11.00 am	Family Christmas Service	Owmbly	PG
	4.00 pm	Crib & Christingle	Glentham	BL
	11.30 pm	Midnight Service	Spridlington	PG
Monday December 25	10.00 am	Family Communion	Glentham	PG
Christmas Day				
Sunday December 31	10.00 am	Group Communion	Owmbly	PG
Christmas 2				
Sunday January 7	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
Epiphany	11.00 am	Family Communion	Spridlington	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmbly	PG
Sunday January 14	8.30 am	Patronal Festival & Holy Communion	Spridlington	+ David
Epiphany 2	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Saxby	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Glentham	PG
Sunday January 21	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
Epiphany 3	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	PG
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Spridlington	PG
Sunday January 28	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
Epiphany 4	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	PG
	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmbly	PG

WHAT'S ON DIARY

Day	Date	Time	Function	Place
December				
Fri	1	6.00pm	Santa Sleigh Ride	Crown Glenthams
Sat	2	2.30pm	Christmas Fayre	Owmbly
Mon	4	2.00pm	Rainbow Fellowship	Normanby
Thur	7	10.00am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.
Thur.	7	7.00pm	Seasonal Supper	Spridlington
Sat	9	10.00am	Keep me Happy Club	H.V.H.
Mon	11	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch	Crown Inn
Mon	11	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Owmbly
Tue.	12	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch	Bottle&Glass
Thur	14	10.00am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.
Thur	14	7.30pm	Quiz & Draw	G.V.H.
Frid	15	7.00pm	Carol Concert	Spridlington
Sat.	16	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Spridlington
Mon	18	7.30pm	Christmas Concert	G.V.H.
Tue	19	6.30pm	Coffee Evening	St.Peter's Church
Thur.	21	10.00am	Christmas Special	Glenthams
Thur	21	10.00am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.

January

Thur	11	10.00am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H
Sun.	14	8.30am	Parish Breakfast	Spridlington

SIGNPOST DEADLINE

Monday 15th January 6.00pm

Tue.	16	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Glenthams.
Thur	18	10.00am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.
Thur	25	10.00am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H
Wed.	31	7.30pm	Gardening Club	H.V.H.
Thur	4	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Owmbly
Thur	4	10.00am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.
Mon	8	2.00pm	Rainbow Fellowship	Normanby