

Steve and the whole Signpost Team would like to wish local parishioners and readers worldwide a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM Are we nearly there yet?

How many times do we hear 'are we nearly there yet?' on a long journey or in the run up to Christmas? And not just from children! It is always good to know how much further there is to go and how long it will take. Wouldn't it be great to shut our eyes, click our fingers and be immediately transported to our destination, thus avoiding delays at the airport, road works, train hold ups, and a myriad of other interruptions. Those oft inevitable delays that make the journey more of a chore.

And yet.... It is the journey that helps us really prepare for the final destination. Without it we won't get to wherever it is we want to get to! It is not just the travelling but all the preparations before and on the journey that deserve attention as we anticipate the excitement as the day dawns which marks the end point of our journey. Not giving due attention to the journey can mean we arrive only to find something important has been left behind or we are surprised because things may not be what we expected.

This Christmas there are many who are making journeys by land, sea or air to visit family or to get away from it all. You may be preparing to do just that. As a child travelling to Norfolk at Christmas time my brothers and I would count the Christmas tree lights shining out from houses along the way. We didn't arrive any sooner but it helped pass the time and make the journey more interesting.

As we travel towards this Christmas there is much to do to prepare for the day and I don't mean the turkey and tinsel, the presents and parties though they are part of the way we celebrate Christmas today and great fun too. Christmas is about much more than that, it is about a baby born in an out of the way place, it is about God who comes into our world to meet us and to live as one of us. Isn't this the real meaning of Christmas? The run up to Christmas is an opportunity for us to get ready to welcome Jesus. There is a lot happening in our villages and communities and in our churches that help us on this journey, that help make the journey interesting and give us pointers to Jesus entering our world, from school nativities to carol services, to Christingle services, to midnight mass and a celebration of Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. Details of all that is going on is in this issue of Signpost, giving plenty of opportunities to let Jesus be a focus of preparations for this Christmas.

God bless you all this Christmastide.

Sally Turnbull

FROM THE REGISTERS

We welcome into the family of the Church by baptism William Peter Ridge at St. Hilary's Spridlington on 21st Oct Arabella Grace Camden Ward at St. Hilary's Spridlington on 4th Nov

Confirmation

Abbie Wiggins, Fleur Whitehead, Fenn Whitehead, Millie Rogers, Martin Chisolm and Ian Pindar were all confirmed by the Bishop of Grantham the Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain at All Saints, Nettleham on November 18th

We share in the joy of those being joined in marriage in the Church Thomas Richard Padden and Kathryn Marianne Turner at St. Hilary's Spridlington on 28th Oct

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES					
Wednesday	8.30 am	Morning Prayer		pridlington	
Friday	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	S	pridlington	
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Sunday 3rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion	G	lentham	ST
1st of Advent	11.00 am	Holy Communion	S	pridlington	ST
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	0	wmby	ST
Sunday 10th	8.30 am	Holy Communion	S	pridlington	ST
2nd of Advent	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Н	ackthorn	ST
	6.00 pm	United Carol Service	G	lentham Chapel	ST
Sunday 17th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	0	wmby	JH
3rd of Advent	11.00 am	Carol Service	Н	ackthorn	ST
Sunday 24th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	S	axby	ST
4th of Advent		Christingle Service		wmby	LH
		Christmas Eve Service		lentham	BW
		Midnight Mass		pridlington	ST
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Sunday 14th		Patronal Festival Holy Communion	Spridlington Hackthorn	Mark Steadma	n/SI JD
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Sunday 28th	-	Holy Communion	Saxby		ST
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Sunday 21st Sunday 28th		Breakfast, 9.30 am Service		Rev Anne (Coates
Sunday 20th	5.15 am	Erealitably 9.50 and Service			. Jul 05

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP OF GRANTHAM

Dear Friends,

Earlier in the autumn, I was enjoying my favourite day-off activity, which is to browse in charity and second-hand shops. I came across a slim volume of poetry by a man called Shane Jagger. I would like to share one of his poems with you:

> At Christmas we give each other small gifts So why at this time? It reminds us a child was born who would grow up amongst ordinary people and by his coming into this world would bring an extraordinary great gift of news The Real could be approached without intermediary by all men simply by the means of love

This is why we gift each other at Christmas if we remember

I was - and am - struck by the authenticity of this man's response to the birth of Jesus. It might be quite possible to debate whether he has got the theology of the incarnation perfectly 'spot on'. But what I am hearing is a response from the heart that is genuine, and that, to me, gives voice to an instinctive 'experience' of Christmas. I do not know his faith background. I do know that he was born in 1960, worked in the fish markets in Hull, and from the late 1970s until his death earlier this year, lived in the Scottish borders.

Reading Shane's poem, got me to thinking: how would I describe the meaning of Christmas in just a few words? And I wondered whether I should set myself the task of trying to write a description, or to draw a picture, or to take a photo (I'm afraid, writing music is beyond me!) as I make my own preparations to celebrate the birth of Jesus this year? And if I set myself this task, would you perhaps like to join me? Wouldn't it be wonderful if, across the Diocese of Lincoln, in our own ways, in our own voices, we were able to express something to ourselves - and to others - of what Christmas really means to us?

For the Feast is a feast for all people; the celebration of the giving of God's very self to the world in love; a giving that invites a response from us all.

May you know God's blessing and love this Christmas, in whatever circumstances you celebrate it!

+Bishop Nicholas

The Market Rasen & District Choral Society

Market Rasen & District Choral Society Celebrates its 30th Anniversary with a look back at two old favourites - Vivaldi's 'Gloria' and the Christmas music from Handel's 'Messiah' which it will perform in the Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, LN8 3AQ on Sunday 26th November. The concert starts at 2.00pm and all are welcome. Tickets cost £10, with Children under 16 FREE and are available on the door.

Last year's Christmas Wassail was such a success that the choir has decided to make it a regular feature - it's a really fun occasion with suitable refreshments and involves local school children - this year it will be on **Sunday 17th December** at De Aston School, Willingham Road, Market Rasen from 2.00pm.

Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays at Market Rasen Primary School from 7.30p.m. - 9.30p.m. and all are welcome - no auditions.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR DECEMBER

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many are struggling. We need your peace, Jesus. Stir up that good news again. This Advent, make it real in our hearts. We need Your joy and peace. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, the Word made flesh. You've promised rest for the weary, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted-not just at Advent, but every day of every year. We know that peace on earth can only come when hearts find peace with You. And we celebrate You as Lord-this Christmas and always.



Normanby by Spital	Council Houses	12:00 - 12:30	Wednesdays Dec 20
Hackthorn	School	13:30 - 14:00	
Full details, enquiries and renewals: 01522 782010			Feb 14

FACEBOOK

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Welton & District Royal British Legion

The next meeting of the Branch will be a Social Evening on **Thursday 7th December 2017** at Welton Sports & Social Club at 7.45 p.m.

As we do not meet in January the first meeting of the New Year will be on **Thursday 1st February 2018** at the same venue and time.

Details of the HCG25 Village Poppy Collections will be inserted in the February issue of Owmby Signpost and relevant village magazines.

Contact Details:

Tel: 01673 860732 - E-mail: rosedonlea@btinternet.com

THANK YOU

Owmby Group Harvest Appeal for TWAM TWAM - Tools with a Mission Creating livelihoods, recycling tools

A huge **thank you** to all those involved in the success of this appeal. Lots of tools have been donated, which the charity has now collected. They will clean and sharpen them as needed and then create trade kits ready for shipping overseas. Our churches have worked together to make our Harvest Festivals special this year - thank you if you have played a role in this. We are delighted with the amount of donations received which included an amazing 12 sewing machines! As a follow-up, a representative from TWAM is coming to our Group service in Spridlington in April to tell us more about their work.



LEGION

Ladies Social Badminton



We would like to invite new members to join a small group of ladies from Normanby and the surrounding area to play badminton on Tuesday afternoons (2-4pm) from September to April in north Lincoln. For further information contact Kate Elliott (01673 878253) or Sue Butts (01673 878484)

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We are always proud of our pupils here at Hackthorn. They are, after all, what makes our school such a special and rewarding place to be. Of course, believing something to be the case is one thing, but having it set out in black and white by a Church Schools' Inspector, really is the icing on the cake.

After spending a day with us, Mr Gibbs went away to write his report, which as well as confirming that we are still 'Outstanding in all areas', also mentioned that "Relationships between all members of the school community are impressive. Love and honesty are at the heart of how adults and children treat one another ", "Children's behaviour is exceptional" and "Children feel valued, staff punch above their weight".

As if to reinforce all the great things that were said about our school in the report, Mrs Rawson received the shock of her life when she came to collect our children's donations for the shoebox appeal - out of of a total of 61 children in the school, there were 61 shoeboxes for her poor husband to squeeze into their car. They said that they had never encountered such wonderful generosity from a single school before, as everyone proudly carried their boxes to the car!

If you are still wondering where to send your child to school next September, but haven't managed to get to any of our activity afternoons so far, don't worry, do try and come to our Christmas Activity Afternoon on 12th December from 13:30 - 14:30. Make sure you ring to book a place.

Our Carol Service will be held in the Church on 19th December at 2pm. All are welcome, but get there early if you want a seat as it's always a busy one.

This year's Key Stage 1 Nativity will be on the afternoon of the 7th December, with a special performance for the village at 11am on the 6th. Call us if you'd like to come and see it.

Contact the school on 01673 860295 to arrange a visit, request a School Brochure or enquire about vacancies. You can also contact us via the website www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk.

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.



Festive Music and Carols with the Cabra Singers

at Hackthorn Church on Wednesday 13th December at 7.00 pm Adults : £5 Children: £2 Mince pies, nibbles and wine Tickets: 01673 861698 in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust and Hackthorn Church



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SPRIDLINGTON

Christmas Coffee Morning

With Sherry and Mince Pies

Wednesday 13th December at 10:30 a.m. St Hilary's Church

The Church will be all trimmed up ready for Christmas Raffle • Christmas Crafts and Bring & Buy Stalls • Christmas Cake Raffle

Proceeds to St Hilary's Church Funds Do come along and join us, you will be very welcome



St Hilary's Church Parish Breakfast We will be celebrating the Patronal Festival of St Hilary at our 8.30 am Holy Communion on Sunday 14th January 2018

The Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey, The Venerable Mark Steadman, will be taking the Service, which will be followed by breakfast in the Village Hall All most welcome

Celebrating New Year's Eve



Did you know... with 39 different local times in use, it takes 26 hours for the New Year to encompass all time zones around the world? Samoa, Tonga and Kiritimati (Christmas Island) are the first places to say hello to the New Year.



Did you know... it's traditional in Italy to wear red underwear on New Year's Eve? Did you know...

Spridlington Village Hall

is hosting a fantastic party this year on Sunday 31st December to welcome in 2018 and we want as many people to come, to meet friends, to have supper together, to dance, to sing (you know you'll love to after a wee tipple!) and to generally make merry.

There will be a 'Bring and Share' supper so dig out your favourite festive recipe. Please also bring whatever it is that you like to drink. There will also be a raffle.

Note that the doors open on this occasion at 7.30pm.

There is a nominal charge of $\pounds 2.00$. I do suggest you book early as it's sure to be popular.

See you there (and don't forget the red underwear!) Ring Deb: 01673 860283 or Joey: 01673 862015

Don't cry over the past, it's gone. Don't stress over the future, it hasn't arrived. Live in the present and make the most of every day.



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NORMANBY & OWMBY

NORMANBY BY SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Armistice Day service, taken by The Reverend Sally Turnbull, held in St Peter, Normanby Church was well attended, including County Councillor Lewis Strange and a few school children, one of whom - Ellie Dent - read a short but moving poem. Then we moved outside into beautiful sunshine where the names of the local service men on the war memorial, who fell in both World War I and World War II were read out by Amelia Crompton-Howe.

The wreath was laid this year by the Chair of Owmby Parish Council, Councillor Crompton-Howe. The two minute silence was followed by singing the National Anthem and some prayers.

Some of you may have noticed the street lighting going off at 11pm instead of midnight after the hour change. We have been reliably informed "this is not a technical fault. The sensors that monitor daylight hours enter a period of adjustment during Autumn, when their timings may vary as they adapt to Greenwich Mean time. Unfortunately, this is unavoidable and should cause little or no impact on safety". I hope by now the lights have caught up with the hour change, if not, please let me know.

A check on the headstones in the cemetery was recently carried out - thank you Cllr S Bird - and there are three that need attention. Also, the flag stones leading into the old part need relaying as they are very uneven. All these matters are being attended to.

Due to one of our Councillors sadly leaving the village, we now need to co-opt a new Councillor, so would anyone who is interested - is over 18, named on the electoral register, has lived or worked in the village, or within 4.8 kilometres (3 miles) of it for over a year - please contact the Clerk, Mrs N Fox on 01673 878148 or email nsdfox@gmail.com with a short resumé about yourself and why you would like to be considered as a Councillor.

A little early I know, but the Parish Councillors wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Nadine Fox (Clerk) CCL Demonstrate Content of the second second

Cat Owners

Please be aware that there is someone in the area using an airgun to shoot at cats. The police have been informed and if you know of anyone who owns such a weapon would you please bring this to their attention. Fortunately, this time the injury wasn't too serious but next time it could be your cat and it could be far worse.

OWMBY PCC MONTHLY DRAW				
1st 2nd 3rd				
Lois Green	Richard Harrison	Michael Harrison		



Private Lane, Normanby on Wednesday 13th December at 7.30pm.

Our **New Year** meeting will be at 7.30pm on **10th January**, **2018** at 'Kippen' Front St Normanby. If you would like to join us at our Whist Drive event you would be very welcome.

NORMANBY BY SPITAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Well the countdown to Christmas at Normanby School has begun. FoNS are busy planning and preparing for our Christmas fair, Foundation and Key Stage 1 children are starting to learn their words and songs for their Christmas play, Christmas dinner is booked, the pantomime has been arranged and school will very soon be filled with the festive feeling. Certainly a fun time of the year to be in school. This term so far, we have been busy fund raising for the Poppy Appeal, Children in Need and Macmillan. The generosity of the parents and children has been overwhelming. Thank you. We are looking forward to wearing our Christmas jumpers for Save the Children.

Our next school fundraising project is a very exciting one with the outside area. The summerhouse is now old and tired and not safe for children to enter, so needs replacing. We have had some designs created looking at enhancing this area to promote learning, physical and social skills. However, such designs can be costly! The design will cost upwards of £20,000, and as a small school we simply can't afford it! So we are applying for a Lottery grant, as well as trying to raise as much money as possible ourselves. If you can think of any ingenious ways that we can do this, please let school or the FoNS team know!

Our next fund raising event is going to be on Friday 1st December, where the school will be filled with fun and games, a Santa's Grotto, refreshments, raffle and chance to win a whole barrow of booze. Everyone is welcome. It will take place in school on **Friday 1st December 3.30pm-5.30pm**. It would be lovely to see members of our community come and support our school.

We are still hoping to offer our facilities for a toddler group but as of yet no one has come forward to set it up. If you feel this is something that you would be interested in doing please don't hesitate to contact the school on 01673 878216 and we can talk about what it would entail. Parents looking for school places for reception children for 2018 are invited to come and look around at a time that is convenient for you and you can see for yourselves what a friendly, welcoming school we have. We still have places too in our pre school which is open all day for children from the term they turn 3 and upwards. If you would like to visit, please phone Jacqui Clinch on 01673 878216 and this can be arranged.

All the children and staff at Normanby by Spital Primary School would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas.

OWMBY & NORMANBY COMMUNITY PARK COMMITTEE: NOVEMBER 2017 UPDATE

We will be keeping you all informed of progress as it happens - please keep checking our updates! These are extracts from the minutes of our last meeting, and some additional developments:

- Claire Parr resigned as Chair: former Vice Chair appointed as Chairman going forward
- Bank Account will be active by end of November
- Removal of dangerous large split ash tree work planned to take place mid- December
- Some funding now available to progress general preparation and maintenance works on the field and its boundaries
- Draft constitution to be signed off at next meeting providing legal status for the committee
- It has been confirmed that no further archaeological survey is required before work commences on levelling the field
- We are planning to hold an open public meeting to discuss various issues, such as fundraising, in the New Year (date and venue to be confirmed).

John Moulson, Chairman



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THANK YOU

GEORGE COOPER

We would like to say a big thank you for all the cards and messages you sent us when George died. We were really pleased that those of you who were able to attend came along to the funeral and supported us all in saying goodbye to him. We know there were lots of people who remember him as a good friend who couldn't make it and this message is for those people too. Many thanks from all the family to our friends and neighbours, to Sally for a lovely service, and to Irene for playing the organ so beautifully. We'd also like to thank Sally for remembering George in her prayers since then, too.

Mary Cooper and family

ELENTRAM & CAENEY TAPESTRY ERCUP

The next group meeting will be on <u>Tuesday 5th December at 7.30 p.m.</u> The Trap House, Glentham All old and new members are welcome.

PRESENCE PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUP Inter-denominational - Praying for our Communities Thursdays 14th December, 11th & 25th January at 7:00 p.m. at Tilsit, Bishop Norton Road, Glentham. Contact Jenny or Peter on 01673 878806

'The Crown' at Glentham Man's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast



Saturdays 9th December and 13th January at 9:00am

An opportunity for men to meet and chat over a delicious full English breakfast! Please Phone Peter Atkinson on 01673 878806 to reserve a place Organised by Glentham Methodist Chapel

Sugar & Spice

Saturday 20th January at 9.30am

Ladies if you would like to join us at **The Willows** for coffee, cake, friendship & informal discussion about some of the 'big questions' in life, please contact Anne 01673 843362, Janet 01673 818718 or Jenny 01673 878806 to book your place

Organised by members of Glentham Methodist Chapel

GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The council meeting took place on 2nd November with two parishioners in attendance. Council accepted the resignation of Mick Brand who would be sadly missed and welcomed the new clerk, Helen Pitman.

Planning: Council resolved to support the application for two dormer bungalows at Bella Vista, Bishop Norton Road.

Children's Playground: The cradle swing is to be repaired shortly and further discussion was had about the repair to the matting. Cllr V. Smith is to co-ordinate the views of parishioners with regard to the replacement equipment for the boat, along with looking at fund raising opportunities. **Memorial Stone Project**: Still under discussion.

Village Sign: This is to be sited on the village green.

Budget & Precept: Discussion took place but it was resolved to defer the final decision until the January meeting.

Dates of next meeting - The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 4th January 2018** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall - all welcome.

Helen Pitman, Clerk

FLIX IN THE STIX

Flix in the Stix is bringing the festive spirit this December, with a Christmas favourite being screened at Glentham Village Hall. Screening on **Wednesday 6th December** will be **'Holiday Inn'** (1942). This black and white Christmas classic stars Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire, and features the original rendition of the classic song 'White Christmas'. The film takes place at an inn which is only open on holidays, where a crooner and a hoofer vie for the affections of a beautiful up-and-coming performer.

The list of films to be screened in the first quarter of 2018 have been announced too. Glentham will be showing **Viceroy's House on Weds. 3rd January**, Dunkirk on Weds. 7th February and The Third Man on Weds. 7th March. Full details of these screenings will be released in due course.

Each ticket for the screening will be £4, half of which is donated to the village hall committee or parish council for use within the venue or local community. Blueprint: Film Foundation are a non-profit organisation and all other box-office proceeds will be put towards running the project. Food and drinks will also be available at each screening, with all proceeds going to the local village hall committee. **Doors open at 7:00pm**. Movie starts at 7:30pm

For more information about the film programme, visit www.flixinthestix.co.uk. You can also stay up to date by liking Flix In The Stix on Facebook at fb.com/flixinthestixlincolnshire or by following them on Twitter @FlixInStix.

Christmas Message from Margaret Cromack To all who know me - This year I have decided to give my Christmas card money to charity, so please accept this Christmas Message Wishing you a Christmas Day

Wishing you a Christmas Day That's happy in every way. May you have Peace and Happiness throughout the coming year. Best Wishes, *Margaret*

THANK YOU

GLENTHAM ACTION GROUP

I would like to thank every one in our village including our wonderful parish council and our councillor Jeff Summers and county councillor Lewis Strange and our MP Sir Edward Leigh and everyone in the Glentham Action Group for their strong objections, help, support and their time to help to get this factory farm application stopped.

It just goes to show that as a small rural community working together we can take on these huge million pound companies and win!

This may be just the start of a very long fight as every case I have read so far the applicants do come back on appeal or re-submit another application but at least it's round one to us!

I will continue to run the Glentham Action Group Website and The Facebook page - fb.com/challengefactoryfarming and keep it active and live and I will keep in touch and involved with other groups around the UK and will keep storing information just incase we will need it again soon!

Myself and the action group will keep fighting to protect our village and we are all ready with information and a strong legal team to start the fight again if the applicant appeals.

Thank you so much

Willows

Fiona Pringle (The Glentham Action Group)





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WELTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

DNA's (Did Not Attend's) - Some patients have recently asked me why we don't spend more time looking into the DNA statistics we provide each month to find out 'what is going wrong' and how we can 'put it right'.

I'm happy to say that we do spend some time looking at the statistics. In addition the Practice has discussed the subject of DNA's with the committee members of the Welton and District Patients' and Doctors' Association (PDA) with a view to reducing the number of DNA's.

Each month we review the patients that have DNA'd for any trends in the type of appointments, by clinician type, by date and by time. However there is nothing to show a significant pattern or anything that we could work with to reduce the numbers.

On occasions, and particularly for patients that frequently DNA, we will write to them to draw their attention to the impact this has on availability of appointments. Feedback from these letters generally tends to indicate that patients "just forget" to come to their appointments. Whilst we do all we can to give patients a variety of options to cancel appointments, if they simply forget there isn't much we can do after the event.

We are constantly looking to improve our services and hope that by reminding patients of the high DNA rates, it will help them to keep in mind to cancel appointments if they are no longer needed. DNA's have increased by 40% from September to October (163 appointments over the month) and it will be interesting to see if any patterns emerge from an increase in numbers.

Pro-actively, we would like to be able to encourage patients to attend appointments by sending them text message reminders the day before. To be able to do this we need patients to give written consent and this is one aspect we are currently working on. If patients would like to sign up for this service, it is a very quick form that is available from reception.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to those patients that do attend for appointments or cancel those no longer needed. Your support is greatly appreciated.

CHEQUES - With effect from 1st January 2018 we will no longer be accepting cheques for payment. We are able to accept cash or payment by card (with the exception of American Express).

'FLU VACCINES - We are still offering 'flu vaccines to those patients who are eligible. If you think you may be entitled to a vaccine please ring the surgery and we will make an appointment for you. Make sure you get your vaccine while stocks last!

For children of school age that may have missed the vaccine given at school, we are only able to provide this for children clinically at risk. Schools should be providing "mop up" for a second and final chance of the vaccine, irrespective of the reason it was missed initially. Please contact your child's school for more information.

STAFF TRAINING - The surgery will be closed for staff training from 1pm on Tuesday 19th December 2017 until 8am on Wednesday 20th December 2017.

CHRISTMAS - It only seems like yesterday that we were talking about the Easter Bank holidays and now Christmas is almost upon us. A reminder for all patients that the surgery will be open on the following dates:

week commencing 18th December 2017 = normal week						
Mon 25/12/17	Bank Holiday	Mon 1/1/18	Bank Holiday			
Tues 26/12/17	Bank Holiday	Tues 2/1/18	Normal hours (8am - 6.30pm)			
Wed 27/12/17	Normal hours (8am - 7pm)	Wed 3/1/18	Normal hours (8am - 7pm)			
Thurs 28/12/17	Normal hours (8am - 6.30pm)	Thurs 4/1/18	Normal hours (8am - 6.30pm)			
Fri 29/12/17	Normal hours (8am - 6.30pm)	Fri 5/1/18	Normal hours (8am - 6.30pm)			
Sat 30/12/17	Closed					
Sun 31/12/17	Closed					

Week commencing 18th December 2017 = normal week

When considering the staff training afternoon and Christmas and New Year opening times, please could we ask that you order any medication with as much notice as possible to enable us to meet the tight deadlines that we face. The Dispensary staff require at least two full working days to process a request for a repeat prescription please. Out of hours are contactable during these times by telephoning the surgery on 01673 862232.

The Partners and staff would like to wish all of our patients a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year.

Nadina Prestedge

WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

The Autumn Fayre, held in October, was once again a huge success. We raised a total of ± 2500 for PDA funds. This was made possible partially by the very large number of raffle tickets sold prior to the event. Many thanks to all who bought, sold and donated raffle prizes. There were too many prizes to list here but if you are interested there is a full list on the PDA notice board in the Health Centre. The top 3 prizes were 1) A 2 night hotel break donated by Chestnut Homes won by ticket 7766, 2) ± 100 national Garden Centre Vouchers donated by Rippon Homes won by ticket 7122 and 3) A luxury hamper donated by members of the PDA Committee won by ticket 7786. It would seem that number 7 really is lucky!!

We still have 2 spare tickets for the Christmas Lunch to be held on 8th December. If you would like to join us for this popular event the tickets are £6 each. Please give me a call as they are on a 1st come 1st served basis!

There will be a raffle, cake stall and books and cards including some high quality Christmas Cards. Donations of raffle prizes and cakes are always welcome. Please bring them on the day. Welton St Marys School choir will be there to sing a selection of Christmas songs. We ask that all diners arrive to be seated by 11.30am so that we don't distract the children.

As a reminder, the Lincolnshire Co-op offer the chance for you to support the PDA as your chosen charity. Your dividend isn't affected and the Co-op donate to the PDA in proportion to your annual spend. 24 patients signed up today and several others took away forms to complete. If you would like to be a part of this scheme, please give me a call and I will explain further what you need to do.

Finally can I wish all PDA friends and family a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year?

Dates for your 2018 diary 27th April - Spring Lunch 20th October - Autumn Fayre 7th December - Christmas Lunch

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

Janet Goddard

BISHOP NORTON WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

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

13th December, 10th January, 14th February & 14th March

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Please ring at least two days before to book your place Carol 01673 818514 or Karen 01673 818798

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BISHOP NORTON 76 CLUB

Just a reminder. All members should have had their invites.

The Christmas draw will be held on **SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER** 8PM at Bishop Norton Village Hall.

The 76 club was started to raise funds to build a new village hall over 30 years ago and has continued to help with the upkeep of the hall.

There is a monthly draw & an annual draw (top prize £200, with many other prizes) at Christmas each year.

The cost of being a member is $\pounds 13$ per annum.

Any new members wishing to join please ring Pat Cook 818705

ly new members wishing to join please ring Pat Cook 818/0.

FUN QUIZ AT BISHOP NORTON VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 26th JANUARY 2018 7.30pm

Teams of up to six people - Tickets £4 per person to include supper. If you don't have a full team we can join you with others to make a team. Please bring your own drinks.

Please ring Karen 818798 or Carol 818514 or Mick 818135 to enter.

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Saturday 2nd December at 7:30pm Tickets: £10.00 full; £9.00 conc.

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"Remembrance"

By Ian Sharp

A play about our founder members who were conscientious objectors in the second World War. The script is based on interviews with a great many of the people involved, some were made in the 70's and many, made by Ian were with people who were alive in the past 2 to 3 years. Only one member, Don Sutherland is still alive today.

6th December at 7:30pm & 10th December at 4:00pm (D&B at 3:30pm) Tickets: £10.00 full; £9.00 conc.

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Annual Pantomime

"Babes in the Wood"

by Graham Davidson with Lyrics by Mary Davidson Directed by Sammy Tootell and Marcus Holland

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While every effort is made to ensure listings are both accurate and up-to-date, you should always confirm with the venue before attending an event.

*Concessions: OAPs, Students, under 16s, the unwaged, members of LRP

VALENTINE'S DINNER WITH MUSIC

at Bishop Norton Village Hall

SATURDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2018 7.30PM

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|         | What's On Guide |            |                                           |                            |  |
|---------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Day / D | Date            | Time       | Function                                  | Venue                      |  |
| Tues    | 5               | 1:00 p.m.  | Knit & Knatter                            | Glentham Village Hall      |  |
| Tues    | 5               | 7:30 p.m.  | Glentham & Caenby Tapestry Group          | Trap House, Glentham       |  |
| Wed     | 6               | 10:00 a.m. | Glentham Village Hall Coffee Morning      | Glentham Village Hall      |  |
| Wed     | 6               | 7:30 p.m.  | Flix in the Stix - "Holiday Inn"          | Glentham Village Hall      |  |
| Thurs   | 7               | 10:30 a.m. | Ss Peter & Paul Christmas Coffee Morning  | Owmby Church               |  |
| Thurs   | 7               | 7:30 p.m.  | Owmby & Normanby WI                       | Owmby Church               |  |
| Sat     | 9               | 9:00 a.m.  | Men's Breakfast                           | The Crown, Glentham        |  |
| Sat     | 9               | 10:00 a.m. | Pre-Christmas Coffee Morning              | Hackthorn Village Hall     |  |
| Tues    | 12              | 10:30 a.m. | St Peter's Guild Coffee Morning           | Sarah's Cottage, Seggimoor |  |
| Wed     | 13              | 10:00 a.m. | Glentham Village Hall Coffee Morning      | Glentham Village Hall      |  |
| Wed     | 13              | 10:30 a.m. | St Hilary's Christmas Coffee Morning      | St Hilary's Church         |  |
| Wed     | 13              | 7:00 p.m.  | Festive Music & Carols with Cabra Singers | Hackthorn Church           |  |
| Wed     | 13              | 7:30 p.m.  | Whist Drive                               | Lindum House, Normanby     |  |
| Thurs   | 14              | 7:00 p.m.  | Presence Prayer & Bible Study Group       | Tilsit, Glentham           |  |
| Thurs   | 14              | 7:30 p.m.  | Christmas Rose Bowl Quiz                  | Glentham Village Hall      |  |
| Wed     | 20              | 10:00 a.m. | Glentham Village Hall Coffee Morning      | Glentham Village Hall      |  |
| Fri     | 22              | 8:00 p.m.  | H&CH Social Club Christmas Draw           | Hackthorn Village Hall     |  |
| Sun     | 24              | 11:00 a.m. | Christingle                               | Owmby Church               |  |
| Wed     | 27              | 10:00 a.m. | Glentham Village Hall Coffee Morning      | Glentham Village Hall      |  |

#### January 2018

| Wed   | 3  | 10:00 a.m. | Glentham Village Hall Coffee Morning | Glentham Village Hall |
|-------|----|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Wed   | 3  | 7:30 p.m.  | Flix in the Stix - "Viceroy's House" | Glentham Village Hall |
| Wed   | 10 | 10:00 a.m. | Glentham Village Hall Coffee Morning | Glentham Village Hall |
| Wed   | 10 | 7:30 p.m.  | Whist Drive                          | Kippen. Normanby      |
| Thurs | 11 | 7:00 p.m.  | Presence Prayer & Bible Study Group  | Tilsit, Glentham      |
| Sat   | 13 | 9:00 a.m.  | Men's Breakfast                      | The Crown, Glentham   |
| Sun   | 14 | 8:30 a.m.  | Parish Breakfast (follows service)   | St Hilary's Church    |

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| Tues  | 16 | 2:00 p.m.  | Knit & Knatter                       | Glentham Village Hall  |
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| Wed   | 17 | 10:30 a.m. | Glentham Village Hall Coffee Morning | Glentham Village Hall  |
| Sat   | 20 | 9:30 a.m.  | Sugar & Spice                        | Willows, Glentham      |
| Wed   | 24 | 10:30 a.m. | Glentham Village Hall Coffee Morning | Glentham Village Hall  |
| Thurs | 25 | 7:00 p.m.  | Presence Prayer & Bible Study Group  | Tilsit, Glentham       |
| Wed   | 31 | 10:30 a.m. | Glentham Village Hall Coffee Morning | Glentham Village Hall  |
| Wed   | 31 | 7:30 p.m.  | Hackthorn Gardening Club             | Hackthorn Village Hall |