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# SIGNPOST

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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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### **THIS MONTH'S MINISTRY TEAM LETTER**

Honestly, I can't believe November is halfway over and that 2022 is drawing to a close. It seems like no time at all since I was taking the tree down from last Christmas let alone writing an article for The Signpost back in June.

We have been left a wonderfully rich legacy by those who have gone before us in the Christian faith and possibly one of the most overlooked resources we have inherited is the Christian calendar. This was worked out over several centuries to provide a carefully balanced and healthy spiritual diet which takes us on a journey through the key parts of our Christian faith once a year. You may not realise it, but our churches try to engage deeply with the main insights of the teaching of Jesus using the shape of the Christian year as the foundation for our Sunday worship.

Currently, we're in what's informally called "The Kingdom Season", which runs from All Saints' Day, or All Saints' Sunday to the eve of the First Sunday of Advent which, this year, falls on the 27th November. The Kingdom season offers a time to celebrate and reflect upon the kingdom of God, ending with the great Feast of Christ the King on the 20th November. We then return to the beginning of the story on Advent Sunday, this time following the lectionary for Year A, the year of Matthew.

The Kingdom Season, was first introduced as part of the liturgical changes brought in by the Church of England in the 1980's and 1990's. The Kingdom was the idea most often mentioned by Jesus, so it seems good to have a season in the church calendar drawing our attention to it. Latterly it has been largely dropped by the Church of England with instead the clumsy titles of "3rd before Advent" etc. However, many churches have kept the idea of Kingdom with red vestments. The colour of red is commonly used in church during this month - a colour which reflects both the work of the Holy Spirit and the sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross. Red Poppies are used extensively at this time as a symbol of remembrance for people who have died or suffered in war or conflict. The Kingdom Season is a time for forgiveness, reconciliation and healing and I personally feel it helps us move towards Advent once more in a more contemplative mood.

Advent is a season of expectation and prepares us for the Coming of Christ when we celebrate his birth at Christmas. Some churches like All Saints Nettleham continue to sing verses from an ancient hymn called the 'Advent Prose' each Sunday of Advent but more commonly we light candles on the Advent crown or wreath and purple vestments are worn. Advent falls at the darkest time of the year in the UK, and candles symbolise that the light is still powerfully at work in the darkness. We use an Advent wreath of candles to mark the Sundays of Advent, lighting a new candle each week. In the Church of England the focus is on the patriarchs and prophets who predict humanity's salvation, then on John the Baptist, then finally on Mary as she prepares to give birth to the Saviour.

Although it is a season of preparation, the characteristic note of Advent is expectation rather than penitence. Commercial pressure has made it harder to keep a sense of alert watchfulness in our anticipation of Christmas but, for many Christians, our preparation for the coming of Christ is a powerful reminder of the real meaning of the coming season.

Cont...

We all know what Christmas is supposed to look like. There's meant to be a perfect family, a beautifully decorated home, delicious food and tastefully wrapped gifts. But what if your Christmas is not all merry and bright because you are grieving? Or if, like many families, you are really struggling financially this Christmas? There is a counterbalance though which can be found in just sitting and finding God there with us in our less than perfect lives - in our chaos, uncertainty and pain. We can admit to the difficulties of life while finding hope in the great and enduring story of love come down. Admittedly this won't pay any bills or solve our unmet desires but just making space to imagine what miracles might be possible in our lives can be comforting. So as we begin our Advent journey, this is my prayer for you all:

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15.13)*

And may you find Emmanuel, God with us, very close to you this Christmas.

*Shirley Keyes*

### **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

#### **Is there a Santa Claus?**

"Dad, I think I'm old enough now. Is there a Santa Claus?" asks the son.

"Ok, I agree that you're old enough, but before I tell you, I have a question for you. You see, the 'truth' is a dangerous gift. Once you know something, you can't unknow it. Once you know the truth about Santa Claus, you will never again understand and relate to him as you do now. So my question is, 'Are you sure you want to know?'"

There was a brief pause...

"Yes, I want to know," says the boy.

"Ok," the father begins, "I'll tell you... Yes, there is a Santa Claus."

"Really?!" exclaims the son.

"Yes, really, but he's not an old man with a beard in a red suit. That's just what we tell kids. You see, kids are too young to understand the true nature of Santa Claus, so we explain it to them in a way that they can understand. The truth about Santa Claus is that he's not a person at all; he's an idea. Think of all those presents Santa gave you over the years. I actually bought those myself. I watched you open them. And did it bother me that you didn't thank me? Of course not! In fact it gave me great pleasure. You see, Santa Claus is THE IDEA OF GIVING FOR THE SAKE OF GIVING, without thought of thanks or acknowledgement.

When I saw that woman collapse on the underground last week and called for help, I knew that she'd never know that it was me that summoned the ambulance. I was being Santa Claus when I did that."

"Oh."

"So now that you know, you're part of it. You have to be Santa Claus too now. That means you can never tell a young kid the secret, and you have to help us select Santa presents for them, and most important, you have to look for opportunities to help people. Got it?"

"Yes, Dad," replies the boy.

*Help each other this Christmas... and be kind.*

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# HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH

## HACKTHORN C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our new Christian value of 'Compassion', linked to the Hackthorn way value of 'Community', has been prevalent over the past few weeks, firstly in our Harvest Festival as our pupils processed through the church with their harvest offerings, which were donated to the community foodbank and Nomad Trust. It was a truly uplifting service with the customary enthusiastic singing of traditional harvest songs, bible verses confidently read by the Year 6s and rousing performances of the 'Vegetable Rap' by KS2 and 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' by KS1. Revd Watson gave an encouraging address but embarrassed the staff (slightly) with his reference to his first encounter with them at the 'Hope for Justice' Murder Mystery Night, when we dressed up as 80s pop stars. Unfortunately, the other attendees (apart from the actors) didn't get the same memo!

Mike Finney, our local artist, visited to judge the children's 'Autumn arts and crafts' entries. As a regular judge of the Sturton show, he was effusive about the 'amazing' standard of the creations and insisted that we create 'Highly commended' certificates as they 'all could be winners'. The entries were displayed in the entrance to the church and admired by the villagers.

By the time you read this, we will have participated in the Remembrance Service at Hackthorn war memorial. Our oldest and youngest pupils will have laid the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council and we will have performed our rendition of 'Pack up your troubles and It's a long way to Tipperary' (acapella style).

We will also have held our Community Winter Fair. FOHS are busy preparing behind the scenes for this so I know it will be a good event.

Already Mrs Dodson is playing the songs for the KS1 production every morning as the children enter the classroom. They are like earworms! Performances are scheduled for the 7th and 8th December.

We are looking forward to our trip to the Panto at the Drill Hall on 14 December, which has been kindly funded by FOHS.

We will be holding another pre-school arts and craft afternoon on 13 December from 1:30 - 2:30pm. This was a very popular event in October so if you know anyone who is due to start school in September 2023 and is exploring school options then encourage them to book a place to see what our school is like. Alternatively, we are always happy to give personal tours around the school. Contact the office on 01673 860295 to book a slot.

Mrs Appleby - Headteacher



## Hackthorn Gardening Club

Thursday January 19th - 7:30pm

Geoff Jones & Hilary Maughan

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**New members are always welcome! Ask for information when you attend.**

## Hackthorn Lunch Club



The next Lunch Club at Hackthorn Village Hall will be on Wednesday 14th December, 12.00pm for 12.30pm.

Soup and a roll will be provided. For our Christmas/December meet, we have decided to have a sharing table for light bites and desserts ie a small plate of mince pies, sausage rolls, plum bread, cheese, etc. We would appreciate that and we can all celebrate together.

The first Lunch Club of 2023 will be on Wednesday 11th January, at which we will return to our usual format of soup plus a roll, followed by a pudding and hot drink.

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

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.

Hackthorn Gardening Club & Village Hall  
invite you to a

## PRE-CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 10th December at 10:30am - 12:30pm

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# SPRIDLINGTON

Spridlington Parish Council has a vacancy and are looking to co-opt a new councillor. If you are interested please contact the clerk at [spridlingtonpc@gmail.com](mailto:spridlingtonpc@gmail.com)

## What exactly do Parish Councils do for us?

There are over 8,700 parish and town councils representing around 16 million people all across England. They are the most local part of our democratic system and represent our aspirations as a community. The size of the council depends on the size of the village or ward. Here in Spridlington there are 6 voluntary representatives, known as Parish Councillors, who are elected every four years, though some go on serving for many years.

Serving as a parish councillor is a responsible position, as the parish council has a responsibility for the well being of the local community it serves. Its remit has three main strands – representing the local community, delivering services to meet local needs, and striving to improve the quality of life in the parish. As such they are allocated a certain amount of money from council tax revenues to improve services and facilities in the following areas: bus shelters, open spaces, village hall, play equipment and planning. With regard to planning, the council is consulted by WLDC on all applications but the final decision rests with the planning department and Planning Committee at West Lindsey District Council.

The parish council acts as a representative voice for the community, communicating with councillors and officers at district and county level. All this makes for quite a few hours spent in meetings, discussing and deciding which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented. They do a good job and deserve our thanks for the improvements they try and bring to our communities. So thank you for your time and effort.

## St Hilary's Church Christmas Coffee Morning

With Sherry and Mince Pies

**Wednesday 14th December at 10:30 a.m.**

**The Old Chapel, Faldingworth Road**

**By kind invitation of Jane and Ian Williams**

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Do come along and join us, you will be very welcome



## Deanery Eucharist

**Sunday 1st January**

**11.00 am at St Hilary's, Spridlington**

We will be hosting a Communion Service for the north half of our Deanery.

Please come and join together at the start of the New Year.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.



## **St Hilary's Church Parish Breakfast**

**We will be celebrating the Patronal Festival of St Hilary  
at an 8.30am Service of Morning Prayer on Sunday 15th January 2023**  
which will be followed by breakfast in the Village Hall.

**All most welcome**

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# NORMANBY & OWMBY

## NORMANBY BY SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On 7th November 2022 Normanby by Spital held a Parish Council meeting that was attended by 4 members of the public and the County Councillor Stephen Bunney and 5 Parish Councillors.

Cllr Bunney discussed concerns that have been raised regarding traffic during school drop off and pick up times and sought the support of the Parish Council before escalating this to Highways.

A new member was co-opted to the council following the resignation of Cllr Clinch. The members of the council and the clerk wish to welcome Kathryn Pearson to the council and they look forward to her input into the matters that concern the village.

The clerk gave a presentation of potential tree planting plans in the Community Park following the successful grant application for this purpose from WLDC and other donated funds.

Discussion took place concerning a proposal to purchase a strip of land at the southern edge of the community park. No action will be taken to progress this without agreeing an acceptable sum with Owmby Parish Council and conducting a consultation exercise with the villagers.

An update was given on the progress with the community park. Several donations have come in and play equipment has been ordered. Thanks go to the organisations that have made this possible.

Several councillors have undergone Councillor training, this was found to be beneficial and will enhance their ability to serve the community.

The precept for 2023\2024 was discussed and this is estimated to represent an increase of less than £7 a year for the Parish element for a Band D property.

A full copy of the minutes and Cllr Bunney's report can be found on the Normanby by Spital Parish Council Web site. - <https://normanby-spital.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Julie

Clerk to Normanby by Spital Parish Council



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## **Christingle & Carol Service**

**Sunday 18th December 2022 at 4.00 pm.**

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Retiring collection proceeds to go to  
 the Church and Children's Society.

Everyone welcome.

## OWMBY BY SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On 15th November 2022 Owmbly by Spital held a Parish Council meeting that was attended by 4 Parish Councillors.

The council spoke in favour of supporting a proposal by Cllr Bunney (County Council) to address the traffic issues around the school in Normanby by Spital.

Plans are underway to move the Jubilee Tree Canopy project forward in the Community Park. A number of trees are to be sourced for planting within the main area and also a number of fruit trees to reinstate the old orchard area. In the main the funds to pay for this are from the grant awarded by WLDC as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It is hoped that the community will get involved in planting the trees. Keep your eyes open for further details in the new year as we will be seeking volunteers to help.

Changes are coming to the Community Park in the shape of swings, new goal posts and the trees. The Parish Councils and the Community Park Committee are working hard to enhance the area. Unfortunately, there has been a recent incident of vandalism which is believed to have been carried out by teenagers. There is an increasing amount of litter on the Community Park and in the area around it, this seems to be connected to the number of teenagers that are hanging about in the evenings. The Parish Council is concerned of the Health and Safety implications and the known names of children have been passed to the police.

Discussion took place concerning a proposal to purchase a strip of land at the southern edge of the community park. Owmbly by Spital PC is in agreement with the sum proposed by Normanby and agreed that a consultation exercise should be conducted with the villagers before a sale is made.

The cemetery is in need of new gates. Suitable quotes are being sought and it is hoped that these will be replaced in the new year.

The precept for 2023\2024 was discussed and this is estimated to represent an increase of less than £2 a year for the Parish element for a Band D property.

A full copy of the minutes and Cllr Bunney's report can be found on the Owmbly by Spital Parish Council Web site. - <https://owmbly-spital.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>

Julie  
Clerk to Owmbly by Spital Parish Council

### WAR MEMORIAL IN NORMANBY

Some of you may have noticed that the lettering has been smartened up, thankfully before the service being held on the 11th.

Roy and Nadine arranged for a lovely lady to do the lettering and she made a supreme effort to get it done in time and we are very grateful. **Thank you, Jane.**

We hope you are all pleased with it.

Roy and Nadine

“The most beautiful things are not associated with money; they are memories and moments. If you don't celebrate those, they can pass you by.”

Alek Wek.

**The deadline for entries to the February 2023 Signpost  
is Sunday the 15th of January 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

<div>♥♠</div> <div>♣♦</div> <b>LATEST WHIST DRIVE RESULTS</b> <div>♥♠</div> <div>♣♦</div>			
<b>1st Lady</b>	June Kettlewell	<b>2nd Lady</b>	Liz Baxter
<b>1st Gent</b>	Brian Taylor	<b>2nd Gent</b>	Richard Harrison
<b>Low Score</b>	Sara Carter Anne Turnbull	<b>Near Score</b>	Christine Taylor Richard Harrison
<b>Miniature</b>	Liz Baxter Richard Harrison	<b>Raffle</b>	Anne Turnbull Brian Jois
<p>On <b>Wednesday 21st December</b> we will be at the home of Sara and Bernard Carter - "The Bungalow" Saxby Road, Owmbly. Our first Drive of 2023 will be on <b>18th January</b> when Anne and Howard Turnbull of "South View", Caenby Rd, Glenthams will be our hosts.</p> <p>We start at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join us, please come along. You would be most welcome.</p>			

## Owmbly & Normanby Community Park



## Christmas Jumper Walk

Date: Sunday 11th December 2022

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: The Bottle & Glass, Main Street, Normanby

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## Living Advent Calendar

From 1<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> December around the two villages

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### OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

<b>Sunday 4th</b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion & Baptism	Spridlington	JFS
<i>Advent 2</i>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmby	LH
<b>Sunday 11th</b>	11.00 am	Carol Service	Hackthorn	AH
<i>Advent 3</i>	6.00 pm	Joint Carol Service	Glenthams Chapel	RR
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion & Carols	Owmby	AW
<i>Advent 4</i>	4.00 pm	Christingle	Owmby	LH
<b>Saturday 24th</b>	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	Glenthams	PI
<i>Christmas Eve</i>				
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	9.30 am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Hackthorn	JFS
<i>Christmas Day</i>				

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

<b>Sunday 11th</b>	6.00 pm	United Carol Service
<b>Sunday 18th</b>	10.30 am	Messy Church

### PRAYER FOCUS FOR ADVENT

God of all hope and joy,  
 Open our hearts in welcome,  
 That your Son Jesus Christ at his coming  
 May find in us a dwelling prepared for himself;  
 Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 One God now and forever.

*From A New Zealand Prayer Book*

## SERVICES IN JANUARY

### OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

<b>Sunday 1st</b>	11.00 am	<b>Deanery Eucharist</b>	Spridlington	PG
<i>2nd of Christmas</i>				
<b>Sunday 8th</b>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	
<i>Epiphany /</i>	6.00 pm	Covenant Service	Glenthams Chapel	
<i>Baptism of Christ</i>				
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	8.30 am	Patronal Service	Spridlington	AH
<i>Epiphany 2</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Owmby	
<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmby	LH
<i>Epiphany 3</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn	AH
<b>Sunday 29th</b>	11.00 am	5th Sun Group Holy Communion	Glenthams	
<i>Epiphany 4 / Presentation of Christ</i>				

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<b>Sunday 22nd</b>	10.30 am	Messy Church	Ian Hardcastle

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### **PRAYER FOCUS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Jesus, Son of God,  
 Now that we have heard the angels sing,  
 May we not lose our sense of joy of Heaven;  
 Now that we have been with the shepherds to Bethlehem,  
 Make us witnesses of the wonder of the love we have seen.  
 Fill us with the quiet joy of Mary, so that we, too,  
 May keep all these things and ponder them in our hearts.

*A.A.*

### **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 Owmbly Group of Parishes.

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

#### **Owmbly 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 01636 815319

### **PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

O Lord, as the years change,  
 May we find rest in your eternal changelessness.  
 Help us to meet this new year bravely,  
 In the faith that, while life changes all around us, You are always the same,  
 Guiding us with your wisdom and protecting us with your love;  
 Through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*William Temple*

### **VISITING LINCOLN CATHEDRAL**

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

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

2 Corinthians 4:6 (NIV)



# GLENTHAM & CAENBY



## KNIT & KNATTER

### Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 6th December at 1:00 p.m.  
Glentham Village Hall



St Peter's Guild

## CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 13th December at 10:30 a.m.

South View, Caenby Road

by kind invitation of Anne & Howard Turnbull  
The proceeds will be in aid of Glentham Church

All Welcome



## 2022 Christmas Rose Bowl Quiz



Glentham Village Hall  
Thursday 15th December  
Doors open at 7.00pm

£5.00 per person

Bring your own drinks

Mince Pies & Glühwein will be available

Contact Martin Doyle on 07788 231899 if you wish to reserve a table.



'Nags Head' at Middle Rasen

## Men's Breakfast

Saturdays 10th December & 14th January  
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

Organised by Glentham Methodist Chapel

# UNITED CAROL SERVICE

Glentham Methodist Church  
Sunday 11th December 6pm

*Please come and join us!*



## THANK YOU

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A big **thank you** to all those helped, supported and donated at the Christmas Fayre on the 6th November. The total raised was **£321.00**.

## Glentham Village Hall

**Saturday 3rd December**

**3pm to 5pm**

### Children's Christmas Crafts

Hot Dog, Squash, Christmas Cracker + Decoration

Cost £2.50 per child

Limited places available

Please contact Rebecca Bray 07867641707 to book your place

**5pm to Midnight**

### Xmas Tree Light Up

Lighting Up Time - 6pm

Fish & Chip Van 5pm to 8pm

Licensed Bar until Midnight





## **‘Warm Space’ – Jigsaw swap**

**Glentham Chapel**

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December & 28th January  
10am-12noon**

**Please come for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee  
and borrow a jigsaw to challenge the grey cells (or  
just enjoy the chat 😊)**

**We would love to see you!**

**For further information please contact Sheena 878578**



**St Peter's Guild**

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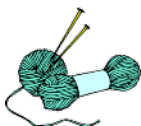
## **KNIT & KNATTER**

**Tuesday 17th January from 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.**

**Glentham Village Hall**

**Come & have a cuppa & a chat while doing your  
needlecraft or learning new crafts. (Entry fee: £2.00)**

**Everyone Welcome**



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

Continuing thanks for those supporting the church through the West Lindsey community lottery. There were 48 winners in the 4 weeks up to the 12th November including 4 supporters of the Church. The next random draw will take place on the 17th December when one ticket holder is guaranteed to win a prize of a £1,000 John Lewis voucher. It was good to see so many at the special Remembrance Day service on the evening of the 13th November. This was the last evening service at the church until the 12th February. There will be a joint Carol Service at the Chapel at 6pm on Sunday 11th December and there will be another joint service at the Chapel at 6pm on Sunday the 8th January. This will be a special Covenant service. The communion services continue as normal on the 4th Sunday of the month apart from December when there will be a midnight mass at the church at 11:30pm, Saturday 24th December.

Robert Rowe, Churchwarden, St Peter's Church.

### **DONATION**

Many thanks to **Glenham Methodist Church** for their kind and generous donation of £50.00 towards the running costs of Signpost.

It is the support such as yours which 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](mailto:signpost@owmbygroup.co.uk) for the address or bank details. Thank you.

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### **FACEBOOK**

Like our page on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/OwmbyGroup](http://www.facebook.com/OwmbyGroup)

# SURROUNDING AREAS

## 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 (excluding Bank and Public Holidays)

Firstly, a big thank you to the families and children who attended the Summer Reading Challenge presentation on 7th November. Prizes were presented by Councillor Alan Greenway. Congratulations to all the children who completed the challenge.

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to the first session of our new initiative, *Book Chat*. We will provide an update in the next issue.

Looking forward we have a *Christmas Craft Afternoon and Storytime* on **Monday 19th December 2pm-4pm**. An afternoon of fun for young and accompanied children.

A reminder that the library provides a warm environment where you can use one of our public computers to browse the internet, find a book, or bring your own, and sit and read during library opening hours. We have a table where children can sit and crayon, read or just take time to look at any of our books aimed at their age group from new readers through to teenagers. We are a free local resource for local people, not everything requires membership. Joining the library is easy and free! Drop in for a chat with Welton Village Library and Community Hub.

Please note Christmas Opening Hours - The **last day** over Christmas and New Year will be **Wednesday 21st December**. The library will **reopen** on **Tuesday 3rd January**. The library service will automatically extend borrowing times to reflect this.

Mike Hubbert - Library Volunteer Coordinator

## **Singing for Pleasure Winter Concert** **Seasonal Songs and Music**

**Wednesday 14th December at 7.30pm**

Diamond Jubilee Town Hall, Kirton in Lindsey, DN21 4LZ

Tickets £7 (U16s FREE)

Tickets from Jenny Hudd 01673 818805; Londis in the Market Place;  
Mary Hollingsworth 01652 648435; or at the door

All raffle proceeds in aid of Kirton L.I.V.E.S

## **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 14th December 2022 and 11th January 2023**  
**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

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

“Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'”  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

## WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

Following discussions with the transport sub- committee a decision has been taken to slightly increase the charge from several villages to bring them in line with other villages which are a similar distance from the Health Centre. We hope that everyone who uses the service will understand.

The PDA AGM was held on Thursday 3rd November. The Chairman, Vice Chair and Secretary all stood down and nominations were requested, from persons present, to fill these rolls. I am pleased to announce that Ian Elliott was nominated and voted in as Chairman, Isabelle Brook as Vice Chair and Isabelle also agreed to be Interim Secretary until such time as a permanent secretary puts themselves forward to join the Committee. A full list of Committee members, with positions held on the Committee, will be publicised on the practice website in the near future

Raffle tickets for our Christmas Draw are still available from all drivers and from Welton Paper Shop and Welton Pet Food Store. Tickets are £1 each or £5 for a book. If you would like to buy some tickets but can't get out to buy your own, let me know and I'll arrange delivery! There are currently 28 prizes promised with more to be collected in the next few weeks.

The Christmas Lunch is planned for Friday 9th December. At the time of writing this on 8th November there are very few tickets left! The meal will be the usual Christmas Fayre with a choice of Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or trifle for dessert. The bar will be open for those wanting to purchase a drink and St Marys School choir will be entertaining us with festive songs from 11.30am. We will open the doors at 11am and ask that everyone is seated, with their drinks, cakes, raffle tickets etc purchased, by 11.30am so as not to distract the children.

There will also be a silent auction for a small decorated artificial Christmas tree.

Cake, cards and books will be on sale after the meal if you don't have time to purchase before the choir sing. The Autumn Fayre was held on Sat 22nd October when £886.02 was raised for PDA funds. A huge thank you to all who supported this in any way.

Members of the PDA Committee wish all patients and supporters a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

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

Janet Goddard



### Newsletter for December 2022

Christmas preparations seem to start ever earlier so if you'd like a break from all that why don't you think about visiting your local u3a? We meet on the first Thursday of the month at Welton Village Hall at 9.45am with a welcome cuppa followed at 10.30am by a visiting speaker. By the time you read this it may be too late to come to our meeting on 1st December to hear David Bell talking about "Plague Doctor". However our first meeting of 2023 will be on 5th January with Steve Lovell speaking about 'Cuba: "It's time to Salsa". An entertaining start to the New Year which might open up a whole new world of things to do, people to meet and places to go.

We have a schedule of speakers in our Speaker Diary page on our website: [lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://lindseyu3a.org.uk). You can see which groups are active and what else we have to offer through the Interest Groups page.

Another opportunity to find out more about Lindsey u3a is to attend our coffee morning at "The Gardeners' Retreat", Scothern Nurseries usually held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10.15am, although not this month. The next one will be on 26th January, 2023 so if you want to know more about us or if you're already a member join us for a cuppa and a chat.

Details about our meetings, our many group activities and all up to date information can be found on our website: [www.lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://www.lindseyu3a.org.uk)

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

**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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### **Part-time Administration Assistant Vacancy**

Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council is seeking to appoint a part-time Administration Assistant to help with the day to day tasks of the council and to support the Parish Office staff. The role is flexible and an opportunity for career progression in local government administration and to the Clerk's role. Applicants will need to be experienced in using Microsoft Office (Word/Excel/Outlook), have a good standard of written and spoken English and be willing to attend training and study for appropriate qualifications. This is a varied and interesting role within the local community requiring a 'can do' attitude, the ability to work on your own initiative at times, have a good range of skills and a sense of humour.

You will be dealing with enquiries from members of the public, Councillors, answering the telephone, responding to post and email communications. Other duties will include co-ordinating the Community Speed Watch Scheme and the Library & Community Hub; you will also be trained to use the Parish Online Digital Mapping system for logging parish assets. The post is for 15 hours a week over three days, ideally Monday, Tuesday and Friday, working hours to be agreed, based in the Parish Council Office. Pay will be in line with NJC Salary Scale LC1 - 4 £10.53 to £11.01 per hour dependent on experience and qualifications. In the first instance please contact the Parish Office for an Application Form and Job Description: Parish Council Office, 7 Lincoln Road, Welton, LN2 3HZ. Tel: 01673 860336 or email: clerk@welton-by-lincoln-pc.gov.uk. A CV will not be accepted as an application. The closing date for applications is 31st December 2022. Interviews will be carried out early in the New Year.

Welton-by-Lincoln Parish Council is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes all applications irrespective of gender, ethnic origin, religion, belief, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

### **76 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW**

**Saturday 10th December 8pm** at Bishop Norton Village Hall.

The 76 club was originally set up to raise money to build the new village hall, this has continued & all monies raised help to keep the running of the hall.

Anyone wishing to join the 76 club at an annual cost of £13 should contact Pat Cook on 818705.

There are monthly draws & a larger top prize draw of £200 at Christmas.

Bishop Norton Village Hall are holding a  
**SNAIL RACE on Saturday 28th January 2023 - 7.30pm start**

Tickets £6 per person to include a hot supper.

Please ring Karen 818798 or Ros 818372 to obtain tickets.

Please bring your own drinks.



# Christmas Carol Concert



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For advance tickets ring:

Dave Rosier **01673 861026**

Mandy Hackney **01673 861303**

Ruth Wilson **01673 861461**

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on the door

### Your Neighbourhood Policing Team

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

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

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



One of your neighbourhood officers will be attending the Coffee Mornings / Police Surgeries below. We will be pleased to meet you and discuss any issues you may wish to raise.

Date		Location	Time
Sat	3	St Peter & St Paul Church, Owmbly by Spital	11:00 a.m.
Wed	14	Glentham Village Hall	10:30 a.m.
Wed	14	Bishop Norton Village Hall	12:00 p.m.
Thur	15	Welton St Mary's Church	12:00 p.m.

**Please be aware:** On occasions there may be non-attendance due to unforeseen circumstances and unavoidable occurrences. Please accept our apologies should this happen.

#### **WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?**

**ASB** - continue active patrols to deter antisocial behaviour and address any inappropriate behaviour.

**Criminal Damage** - Sadly, a bench has been damaged in the recreational field at Normanby by Spital if you have any information, please call 101 and quote crime number 22000651261

**Car Crime** - there are still spates of car crime across Lincolnshire. Recently in Welton/Dunholme area items have been stolen from unlocked vehicles. Please remember to lock your vehicles as this could render your insurance void and report any suspicious activity as a soon as possible.

**Neighbourhood Police Team (NPT) Email** - please do not email your local NPT Team when an incident is occurring in as the NPT email is not monitored 24/7, please call 101 or 999 at the time and only use email for general information.

**Fly Tipping & Noise Complaints** - please report to West Lindsey District Council.

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

1. **THE FATAL 4** - speeding, drink driving, using mobile phones, no seatbelts.
2. **YOUTH ASB** - continue with a mixed and balanced proactive and educational approach and identify longer term sustainable solutions.
3. **RURAL CRIME** - Operation Actaeon is jointly agreed alongside Neighbourhood Policing at East Lindsey to provide a joint and enhanced approach to tackling, rather than displacing the issue.

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

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**POETRY***God in Disguise* by Peter R Atkinson

Did you say hello to God today?  
 You didn't see Him there.  
 With wrinkled brow, once dark hair grey,  
 A torn blanket for a chair  
 As you dashed around from store to store  
 Full of Christmas cheer.  
 Perhaps you passed Him by the door,  
 Unshaven, with long hair,  
 Wistful eyes downcast and sad  
 But with memories fresh and clear  
 Of times gone by, when we glad  
 To remember Him all year.  
 So pray stop!! Amid that rushing throng  
 Whose hearts don't seem to care,  
 Whose ears hear not the Christmas song?  
 Whose eyes see no one there?  
 Stretch out YOUR hand with warmth and love,  
 To that poor person in the street.  
 For God Himself came from above,  
 And could be sitting at your feet



*A poem written in 1994 after seeing homeless, hungry and needy people in many places in this country, begging for support.*



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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

<b>Glentham</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>09:00 - 11:30</b>
	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>14:00 - 16:00</b>
<b>Normanby &amp; Owmby 01673 878353</b>	<b>Monday - Friday</b>	<b>07:30 - 19:30</b>
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>08:30 - 19:30</b>
	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09:00 - 16:00</b>

### MOBILE LIBRARY

Normanby by Spital	Council Houses	12:00 - 12:30	Wednesdays Dec 7th Jan 4th Feb 1st
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Age Concern	01507 524798	Welton	01673 862232
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Fr Richard Crossland has overall responsibility for the Owmbly Group during a vacancy.  
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