

The Owmbly Group Community Magazine

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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Celebrating Christmas 2023 in Owmbly Group

There will be lots of opportunities to celebrate Christmas and sing carols in
our churches this year. Do join us as we celebrate Christmas in our villages.
You will be very welcome at any of these special services.

Spridlington

Holy Communion with Advent hymns at 11.00am on Sunday 3rd December
Crib Service at 4.00pm on Christmas Eve.

Glenthams

Carol Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 10th December
Christmas Day Communion Service at 10.00am.

Owmbly

Christingle Service at 11.00am on Sunday 17th December
Midnight Communion Service on Christmas Eve at 11.00pm.

Hackthorn

Carol Service at 11.00am on Christmas Eve.

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DECEMBER'S LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

How do we all approach Christmas this year. I have no doubt that for many, Christmas will again present its challenges - for some it will be financial, for others it will be to do with loss of some form or another, for some, maybe worries about the future and a general dis-ease with the world. Christmas and the new year, I think, always sharpen our focus. We have to work out what is really important in the midst of all the frenzied activity that surrounds us - that is not a bad thing - to work out what is most important in reality and in eternity, in life and in love and enter into those things.

Jesus was born into a context of great uncertainty. An occupied land, an oppressive Roman regime in itself vexed by what was going on in this middle eastern land. It wasn't really the starstruck event that is so often depicted on cards and images. It was by many, unnoticed. God didn't choose a palace, or a crown or the famous. He chose Mary and Joseph, going through their own tough times and uncertainties and then having to escape their own land for a while to keep their first born son safe. The first to be told of the birth of Jesus were shepherds - invited to come and see the Christ-child and then at some point later, wise men or kings.... Bowed and worshipped and brought gifts. The whole event speaks of invitation - an invitation to come and see and explore something deeper - something of God.

That is what we offer you this Christmas - something deeper. The invitation of God to come and look, come and see this Christ-child in a new light and new way - to focus back on the birth of Jesus and to consider it in relation to your own life, love and eternity. Come and join in as we celebrate His meaningful birth.

May you know God's richest blessings this Christmas and new year.

Reverend Penny

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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.

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is Monday the 15th of January at 6:00 p.m.**

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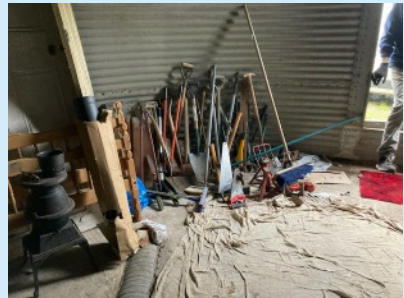
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HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH

HACKTHORN C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a busy month November has been here at Hackthorn. Starting with a Key Stage One and Reception trip to Lincoln Castle for their history topic; designing their own shields, holding a banquet with entertainment of jesters, dancers and music too. The children walked the wall walk before looking at all the armoury and trying their hand at archery. Once back in the classroom the children then built their own motte and bailey castles from the construction materials available to them in school.

Reception children have been busy making a poppy display for the school entrance and again we all walked to the village war memorial where the community came together to pay respects and remember all the soldiers who fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. Our traditional singing of Pack up your troubles and It's a long way to Tipperary was welcomed by the community and it was lovely that everyone joined in too.

Year 5 have had bike ability training. We are pleased to say all children were presented with their certificates and badges in school by headteacher Mr Gibbons. Well done Year 5!

We were lucky to have a member of the Red Arrows display team come in and talk to the children during a special assembly. There was a real emphasis on how science and maths are crucial in the performance of all that goes into flying one of the famous scarlet aeroplanes. The children had some fantastic questions for the pilot, and everyone learnt something new.

Key Stage two have visited Gainsborough Old Hall for their history topic of the Tudors.

Our Friends of Hackthorn School have been busy. We held a Halloween disco on the last day of term which was a great night with spooky mummies being created from toilet rolls and apple bobbing, which was a great success.

We have a **Christmas Fayre** being held in school on **Friday, December 1 at 3.30pm** that our Friends of Hackthorn school are busy planning. Also Pre-school winter activities on November 30 from 1.30pm-2.30pm.

During December the whole school will be working on their DT skills. Key Stage 1 are set to look at healthy foods and will be making pasta salad, while Reception will be channelling their inner Jamie Olivers and making fruit kebabs - yum yum.

Key Stage 2 will explore different elements of DT skills. While Years 5/6 are creating their own recipes and making soup, Years 3/4 have the task of working on controllable vehicles and torches. Of course it's also a time of year when the Key Stage 1 and Reception will be busy practising their Nativity and enjoying performing this to the school and community. At the same time. Key Stage 2 will get crafty by producing some lovely Christmas creations such as wreaths and decorations.

Thanks to our Friends of Hackthorn group, the whole school is set to have a fabulous treat - a visit to the pantomime at Lincoln's Drill, Lincoln, where we will be laughing and cheering along to Peter Pan and the Revenge of Captain Hook, where the children will be able to see past and present Hackthorn pupils performing on stage alongside the professional cast.



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See Welton page for more details

Hackthorn Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club at Hackthorn Village Hall will be on Wednesday 13th December at 12.00pm for 12.30pm.

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

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



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



Hackthorn Gardening Club

Tuesday January 23rd - 7:00pm

Guest Speaker

Jeff Bates

“Colour in the Winter Garden”

The meeting will be held at **Hackthorn Village Hall LN2 3PQ.**

There will be tea/coffee available and a raffle will be held.

Members Free. Guests £2.00 - or join for £3.00 and get free entry to future meetings!

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SPRIDLINGTON

First Friday Club

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

The next *First Friday Club* is on December 1st.

The first get together of 2024 will be on January 5th

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

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



St Hilary's Church Christmas Coffee Morning

With Sherry and Mince Pies

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

The Old Chapel, Faldingworth Road,

By kind invitation of Jane and Ian Williams

Raffle • Bring & Buy Stall

Proceeds to St Hilary's Church Funds

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



St HILARY'S COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 17th January at 10:30 a.m.

The Pantiles, Faldingworth Road

By kind invitation of Barbara and Robert Jackson

Raffle, bring-and-buy stall

Do come along and join us for coffee and a chat,
you will be most welcome!

Proceeds to St Hilary's Church Funds



St Hilary's Church Roving Lunch

We are once again arranging this popular event on

Sunday 25th February 2024

If you could host a course, provide a pudding or a raffle prize, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Claire on 01673 861127 or cemarris@gmail.com

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1st Gent	Alan Dawson	2nd Gent	Anne Turnbull
Low Score	Jane Tingle Neville James	Near Score	Jane Coulson Anne Turnbull
Miniature	Janet Andrew Alan Dawson	Raffle	Jane Coulson Sara Carter
Our next whist drive will be on Wednesday 20 December at the home of Sara Carter. In January, we will be at the home of Anne Turnbull on Wednesday the 17th. We start at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to join us, contact Janet (janeta29@hotmail.com) for details. New players welcome.			

OWMBY CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10.30 AM TIL NOON

Next event is on December 2nd

Entry £2.00 per person - Children half price (toddlers free)

Entry entitles you to a cup of tea, coffee or juice, plus a choice of biscuit.



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

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



St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Owmbly

Christingle Service

Sunday 17th December 2023 at 11.00 am.

Everyone welcome.

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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 to
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PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we enter the month of December, we come before You with grateful hearts. We thank You for Your love, grace, and mercy that have carried us throughout the year.

In this Advent season, we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. May we be reminded of the hope, peace, joy, and love that His birth brought into the world.

We pray for those who are less fortunate during this time. May they experience Your comfort, provision, and love in a special way. Help us to be Your hands and feet, extending Your love to those in need.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us not forget the true meaning of this season. May our celebrations be filled with Your presence, and may we share the joy of Christ's birth with everyone around us.

As the year comes to a close, we thank You for Your faithfulness. We pray for Your guidance and wisdom in the coming year. May we continue to grow in our relationship with You and serve You faithfully.

Amen.

FROM THE REGISTERS

We welcome into the family of the Church by baptism:

Olivia Charlotte Day Offer.

Baptised by Rev Judy Shaw on 22 October at Owmbly Church.



PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Dear Lord,

On this beautiful day, we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus Christ. We are filled with gratitude for the gift of salvation that His birth signifies.

As we gather with family and friends, we pray that the love, joy, and peace of Christmas fill our hearts and homes. May we remember to extend this love to those around us, especially those in need.

We thank You for the blessings of the past year and pray for Your guidance and protection in the year to come. May we continue to grow in faith and love for You and for each other.

On this Christmas day, we remember the words of the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." (Luke 2:14) May we strive to live out these words in our daily lives.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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PRAYER FOCUS FOR JANUARY

Week 1: New Beginnings As we step into the new year, let's pray for God's guidance and wisdom. May we be open to new opportunities and challenges that come our way.

Week 2: Personal Growth This week, let's focus our prayers on personal growth. May we grow spiritually, emotionally, and mentally. Let's pray for strength to overcome our weaknesses and courage to step out of our comfort zones.

Week 3: Family and Relationships Let's pray for our families and relationships. May God's love bind us together and may we show love, respect, and kindness to one another.

Week 4: Community and Nation This week, let's pray for our community and nation. May peace and justice prevail. Let's pray for our leaders, that they may have wisdom and integrity in their decisions.

Week 5: The Church and Its Mission As we end the month, let's pray for the church and its mission. May we be faithful in spreading the Gospel and showing God's love to the world.

May this January be a month of deep spiritual reflection and growth for you. Amen.

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.

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

Sunday 3rd	11.00 am	Holy Communion with Advent hymns	Spridlington
<i>Advent 1</i>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmby
Sunday 10th	10.50 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn
<i>Advent 2</i>	6.00 pm	Carol Service	Glenthams
Sunday 17th	11.00 am	Family Service / Christingle	Owmby
<i>Advent 3</i>			
Sunday 24th	11.00 am	Carol Service	Hackthorn
<i>Advent 4</i>	4.00 pm	Crib Service	Spridlington
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass	Owmby
Monday 25th	10.00 am	Christmas Day Holy Communion	Glenthams
<i>Christmas Day</i>			
Sunday 31st	11.00 am	5th Sunday Group Holy Communion	Spridlington

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

GLENTHAM METHODIST CHAPEL

Sunday 3rd	10.30 am	Jonathon Oatridge
Sunday 10th	6.00 am	United Carol Service at Parish Church
Sunday 17th	10.30 am	Messy Church

VISITING LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

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

SERVICES IN JANUARY

OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

Sunday 7th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington
<i>Epiphany /</i>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmby
<i>Baptism of Christ</i>			
Sunday 14th	10.50 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn
<i>2nd of Epiphany</i>	6.00 pm	Covenant Service	Glenthams Chapel
Sunday 21st	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Owmby
<i>3rd of Epiphany</i>			
Sunday 28th	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmby
<i>4th of Epiphany /</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams
<i>Presentation of Christ</i>	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn

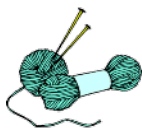
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Sunday 7th	10.30 am	Bill Smith
Sunday 14th	6.00 am	United Covenant Service Rev Heather Wilson
Sunday 21st	10.30 am	Messy Church

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philipians 4:6 (NIV)

GLENTHAM & CAENBY



KNIT & KNATTER

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 5th December at 1:00 p.m.

Glentham Village Hall



St Peter's Guild

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 12th December at 10:30 a.m.

Prospect House, Glentham

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All Welcome



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Saturdays 23rd December & 27th January
10am-12noon

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just enjoy the chat 😊)

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ST PETER'S CHURCH, GLENTHAM

Continuing thanks for those supporting the church through the West Lindsey community lottery. There were 60 winners in the 4 weeks up to the 11th November and 1 of these is a supporter of the church. A giveaway prize of a £1000 John Lewis e-voucher was won in the draw of the 26th November. A guaranteed prize is included in the draw each month. Many thanks to all who assisted at, and supported, the Church Christmas Fair. A total of £435 was raised. An evening service at the church on the 10th December will be a joint carol service with the Glentham Chapel and the communion service for December will be held at the church on Christmas Day at 10am. All are welcome.

Robert Rowe, Churchwarden, St Peter's Church.



'Nags Head' at Middle Rasen

Men's Breakfast

Saturdays 9th Dec & 13th Jan at 9:00am

An opportunity for men to meet and chat over a delicious full English breakfast!

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Organised by Glentham Methodist Chapel

KNIT & KNATTER

Tuesday 16th 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



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

It is with such support that we are able to continue to publish and deliver church and community notices to your households each month.

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Saturday 9th December at 10:30am is the next date for one of our popular children's storytime and craft events. Do bring a youngster along for some seasonal based fun. There is no charge and library membership is not required.

Finally a reminder that the last day the library will be open in 2023 will be Wednesday 20th December and our first day back will be Tuesday 2nd January 2024. Borrowing periods will be automatically extended and members can of course use Lincolnshire Library's on line service at any time to renew books or read ebooks, newspapers and magazines.

The volunteer team wish everyone a happy and relaxing Christmas with hope for peace around the world in the New Year.

Mike Hubbert - Library Volunteer Coordinator

WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

The Autumn Fayre held on 28th October raised £897 for PDA funds. Thank you to everyone involved in any way.

Our next event is the Christmas Lunch to be held on **Friday 8th December**. Tickets priced £7 quickly sold out and I have a waiting list for any cancellations. The choir from St Mary's School will entertain us with Christmas songs. Please arrive to be seated by 11.30am at the latest. The menu will comprise full Christmas dinner with a choice of Christmas pudding and brandy sauce or trifle to follow. Tea/ coffee will be served with chocolate mints. There will be a cake stall, raffle and books and cards for sale. Any donations of cakes in particular, or raffle prizes would be very welcome. As at the previous 2 lunches there won't be a bar but you are free to bring your own drink with you and we have a number of glasses available for you to use. We will also be providing water on the tables and have a number of bottles of fruit flavoured water which will be for sale on the cake stall.

The annual raffle will be drawn on **Friday 15th December**. We still have tickets available and there are some excellent prizes.

Finally I have had a donation of over 50 audio books to sell for the PDA. The titles are too numerous to mention but include Agatha Christie, Inspector Morse, Sue Grafton and Peter Robinson are those on the top of the pile. If anyone is interested in having a look please give me a call I would hope to get £2 each for 2 cd versions and more for the 4 and 6 cd stories. Collection would be in Scothern.

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

Janet Goddard

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." :~ John Wesley



Newsletter for December 2023

As the end of the year approaches we look forward to lots of Christmas festivities. For some it will be a very busy time and for others it will be quieter but how ever you spend Christmas we hope it will be peaceful.

Despite the troubles around the world we can still look forward to the New Year and hope for better times ahead.

Rest assured Lindsey u3a has lots of plans afoot. Our list of speakers is complete for 2024. Check it out on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk

Despite inflation we are pleased to announce our membership fee of £17 for the year will not change. Where else can you attend twelve monthly meetings, enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit followed by a Speaker plus the opportunity to join as many interest groups as you wish, all for £17? It's a bargain!

We meet at Welton Village Hall on the first Thursday of the month. Doors open for a cuppa and a biscuit at 9.45am followed by a speaker at 10.30am. If you decide to come along for a look, tell someone on reception you are new and one of our friendly greeters will show you round and answer any questions.

Our next meeting will be on **7th December** when our speaker Mark Walsh will entertain us with his ukulele and stories of being on stage with Danny La Rue and "The Good Old Days" when he ran the show at Leeds City Varieties theatre.

Our first speaker of 2024 will be Clive Wilson asking "What can WE do to save the planet?" on **4th January**. "He is committed to the promotion of sustainable development that will leave the world a better place for the next generations. He believes that if we only do what we have always done we will only produce what we have already got and this is evidently not good enough in many ways." Food for thought! We offer a wide range of interest groups run by members for members. Check out our website lindseyu3a.org.uk to see if anything appeals to you.

u3a members can also join various online talks, workshops and courses. You can find out more from www.u3a.org.uk

If you can't come to one of our general meetings you could join us at the 'Gardeners' Retreat' tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of the month. There will be no get-together in December so the next coffee morning will take place on 25th January, 2024. Whether you're a newcomer wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or if you're already a member and just fancy a cuppa, maybe a scone and a chat do come along. Everyone is welcome.

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

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

**The deadline for entries to the February 2024 Signpost
is Monday the 15th of January at 6:00 p.m.**

BISHOP NORTON WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

Two course home-cooked meal with tea or coffee served in the village hall at 12 Noon
£6.00 PER PERSON

The dates for the lunches are 6th December, 10th January & 14th February.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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

Karen 01673 818798

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Please bring your own food & drinks.

Teams of up to six people - Tickets £5 per person.

To book your team please ring Karen 818798 or Ros 818372

VALENTINE'S AT BISHOP NORTON VILLAGE HALL

Friday 9th February 2024 7:30pm

Tickets £15 per person

3 Course home-cooked meal & a glass of wine.

There will be a donation bar for further wine

To book your table, please ring Karen 818798 or Ros 818372

Light Up a Life

This Christmas, we invite you to dedicate a light in memory of someone special. Your loved one's light will join thousands of others on our beautiful Tree of Life, which stands proudly outside Lincoln Cathedral. The Tree of Life will be illuminated from the 21st of November and continue to shine brightly over the festive period.

If you'd like to dedicate your light in memory of someone, please complete our online form www.stbarnabashospice.co.uk/light-up-a-life

Everyone that signs up to Light Up A Life will receive a hand written card in memory of their loved one, along with a tree decoration to hang proudly on your Christmas tree.

Please know that Light Up A Life is for everyone who has experienced loss, not just those who have been affected by hospice care.



New Years Eve 31st December 7.30pm

Don't want to stop in on your own, but don't want to travel either.

Why not join us at Bishop Norton Village Hall to celebrate the new year.

The hall will be open for anyone wishing to mix.

Music will be played if you want to dance or just sit & talk. The choice is yours!

Please bring your own food & drinks.

Tickets £5 per person. Please contact Karen 818798 or Ros 818372

“Ask yourself the easy questions and you'll have a hard life, ask yourself the hard questions and you'll have an easier life.” :~ Peter Thomson

Recycle your Christmas tree with St Barnabas



**Christmas
Tree-cycle**



Each year we offer the community to have their real Christmas tree collected after the festive period, which means you don't need to make a trip to the tip or spend time vacuuming needles out of your car!

Please look out for the registration page which will be going live on our St

Barnabas website from Friday 24th November. There is no set price for collecting the tree, but we do have suggested donation amounts. This amount is reflective of how much it costs to care for our patients, so not only are you doing your bit for the environment, but also helping to pay for a patient in their own home, or in one of our Specialist Inpatient Unit's.

- Registrations for Tree-cycle will stay open until Wednesday 3rd January 2024
- The team of elves will be collecting trees between Saturday 6th January until Wednesday 10th January 2024

If you have already signed up, please keep an eye out on our socials and e-mails for further details of when we will be collecting trees in your area.



Christmas & New Year at

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Visit the farm shop for festive food and drinks, hampers, gifts and Christmas decorations!

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Christmas & New Year Opening Hours:

Christmas Eve 8-12pm, Christmas Day & Boxing Day CLOSED

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10th February onwards, 9-5pm Monday - Sunday.

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Waddingham - Lincoln Wednesdays Only		Lincoln - Waddingham Wednesdays Only	
162 operated by Stagecoach		162 operated by Stagecoach	
Waddingham, adj Marquis Of Granby PH	09:30	Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay N)	13:30
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
Glenthams, opp The Old Parsonage	09:43	Spridlington, opp Bus Shelter	14:03
Normanby by Spital, opp Church	09:48	Owmy by Spital, opp Surgery	14:10
Owmy by Spital, adj Surgery	09:52	Normanby by Spital, adj Church	14:12
Spridlington, at Bus Shelter	09:57	Glenthams, 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

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