

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 2025 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.

### **Spridlington**

Advent Carols at 11:00am on Sunday 7th December

### **Glenthams**

United Carol Service at 6:00pm on Sunday 14th December

### **Hackthorn**

Carol Service at 11:00am on Sunday 14th December

Midnight Mass at 11:00pm on Christmas Eve

### **Owmbly**

Christingle at 11:00am on Sunday 21st December

Christmas Day Family Service at 10:00am

Delivered free to over 750 homes in the villages of Hackthorn & Cold Hanworth, Owmbly-by-Spital, Normanby-by-Spital, Saxby, East & West Firsby, Spridlington, Glenthams, Caenby and Bishopbridge.

## MINISTRY LETTER FOR DECEMBER 2025

As I write this month's letter for the December/ January edition of Signpost I cannot help thinking that Christmas will soon be here. Already thousands of Christmas cards, Advent calendars, sparkly decorations, and holly wreaths are appearing in shops, and it will not be long before Christmas trees are on sale. Churches and other organisations are already planning Carol Services. These services are amongst the most popular with Christians and non-Christians alike when churches have full congregations who go along to sing their favourite Christmas Carols.

The origin of singing Christmas songs goes back to medieval times. Then, they were sung throughout the year and not only in churches. Over the years these songs became more associated with Christmas; except during the civil war in the 1600's when Oliver Cromwell, who thought that Christmas should be a solemn day, banned the singing of Christmas carols in churches in England.

The tradition of going from house-to-house carol singing may also have its origins from during the civil war. If you have followed this tradition of carolling around your neighbourhood, you will know that at each house visited you will be made welcome and rewarded with liquid refreshments and a mince pie or two. Fortunately, carols survived the Puritans of the 17th century as people still sang them in secret and the singing of Christmas Carols became increasingly popular in taverns and ale houses. It was not until the late 19th century when the first Bishop of Truro became dismayed that the true celebration of Christmas was being ignored is credited with introducing the first Church Carol Service in Truro Cathedral, Cornwall. Many of our most favourite carols such as *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *We Three Kings of Orient Are*, *Once in Royal David's City* and *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* have their origins in the 19th century.

*Once in Royal David's City* originated as a poem, written by the Irish poet Cecil Frances Alexander in 1848, who also wrote *All Things Bright and Beautiful*.

*In the Bleak Mid-Winter* was written by the English poet Christina Rossetti 1872, after she responded to a magazine's request for a Christmas poem. Gustav Holst composed a melody to the poem in 1906, and so a new Christmas Carol was born.

Listening to, and singing, Carols is a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Christmas Carols tell the story of the journey to Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph; the songs of the angels; the surprise and joy of the shepherds when they found Jesus in the manger, and the arrival of the Wise Men.

During all of our Christmas celebrations, and the singing of carols, let us not forget that Jesus was born into poverty, became a refugee and a stranger in a foreign land. Two thousand years later there are still many people amongst us who are experiencing similar circumstances.

The final verse of one of our favourite carols, *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night* encourages us to reflect on the Christmas message of joy, peace and goodwill to all.

*"All glory be to God on high,  
and to the earth be peace;  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men  
begin and never cease!"*

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

*Anne Hunter*

*If I want more roses in my garden, I start planting them.  
If I want more love in my life, I start spreading it.  
Surround yourself with what you like by continuously generating it.*

### *God in Disguise???*

Did you say hello to God today?  
 You didn't see Him there  
 With wrinkled brow once dark hair grey  
 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?  
 His wistful eyes down cast and sad,  
 But with memories fresh and clear  
 Of times gone by, when folks were 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.

Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

*The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*



### **FOOD BANK DONATIONS**

Each village has a drop off point which are:

#### **Glentham**

Church porch or with Peter and Jenny at 'Tilsit', Bishop Norton Road

#### **Hackthorn**

Church porch or with Cathy at Stone Cottage, Main Street (opposite the school)

#### **Owmby/Normanby**

Church porch or with Liz at 'Berries', Church Lane (01673 878829 or 07779 227735)

#### **Saxby/Firsby**

Rosemary at Manor Farm Cottage, East Firsby

#### **Spridlington**

Church porch

Any further enquiries please contact Rosemary on 07825 082604.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

<b>Normanby by Spital</b>	<b>Council Houses</b>	<b>12:15 - 12:45</b>	<b>Wednesday December 3rd</b>
<b>Hackthorn</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>15:30 - 16:00</b>	<b>Wednesday December 31st</b>

**Full details, enquiries and renewals: 01522 782010**

# HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH

## HACKTHORN C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Well, what a busy start to the new half term!

Key Stage One and Reception have already been on a school trip to Lincoln Castle to help with their learning and understanding of motte and bailey castles and their history topic.

Everyone had a great time designing their own shield with colours and emblems which at the end of the day they brought home with them. They enjoyed a royal banquet, with the children taking on the parts of the royals, the gamekeeper, the jester and entertainers. The day ended with the children trying on knights' armour and having some archery training, and all on our own doorstep of Lincoln.

Reception have also made some beautiful Remembrance artwork that is on display at the front of the school as parents and visitors come in.

With it being Bonfire night this half term we thought it would be a good idea to have a fire safety talk. We had a local firefighter in school to tell us about the job of a firefighter. Years 1 and 2 learnt about the 'stop drop and roll' technique. The children remembered a lot about our fire evacuation procedures in school and learned what to do if there were ever a fire at home.

Years 5 and 6 took part in an informative fire safety talk. They learned about the fire triangle and identified sources of heat and potential fires. They watched a simulated fire in a bedroom and were shocked to see how quickly a fire can spread from something as simple as a phone (with a faulty wire) charging on a bed. All the children had lots of ideas on how to keep themselves safe and lots of questions for the expert.

Key Stage Two's youngsters have been busy getting started on their latest Design and Technology project: Crumble. This is not the kind of crumble you might be expecting from a DT project, sadly there are no delicious apples or custard involved. Instead, they are using an electronic controller of the same name. They have already constructed their chassis and axle for a vehicle base and will build the remaining part of the vehicle over the coming weeks. Their final part of the project will be to assemble the electronic wheels of the Crumble microcontroller which will then be connected to a computer programme enabling the vehicle to be controlled. An early and exciting start to electronics and engineering.

We have marked the beginning of Anti-Bullying week; our school council invited all the children (and staff) to wear odd socks to school for the day. This was to highlight that we are all different and unique and that it is important to embrace these differences. There were lots of wonderful combinations on display.

If you would like to come and see our school, we have a stay and play session for preschool children on Monday 15th December 1.30-2.30pm where we make lots of lovely Christmas crafts. Please ring the school office to book a place. If you cannot make that date our headteacher Mrs Lister would be happy to show you around. Please ring the school office 01673 860295 to book an appointment.



## FACEBOOK

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

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

~ Martin Luther King Jr

## Hackthorn Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club at Hackthorn Village Hall will be on Wednesday 10th December at 12.00pm for 12.30pm. The first Lunch Club of the New Year will be on 14th January.

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 Village Hall Committee and Gardening Club Coffee Morning



with an opportunity to make a Christmas wreath

Hackthorn Village Hall

**Saturday December 13th, 10.00 - 12.00**

Please come along and enjoy good company and a bacon butty, tea, filter coffee and biscuits.

**Everyone most welcome.**



## Hackthorn and Cold Hanworth Social Club

at Hackthorn Village Hall

### CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 12th December - Bar open from 8:00pm

### MEMBER'S CHRISTMAS DRAW

Friday 19th December - Bar open from 8:00pm

Full details available from Lucy on 07902 832369 or [lucyabbott16@gmail.com](mailto:lucyabbott16@gmail.com)

A big THANK YOU to the members for their donations to the charity wine bottle on the bar which has raised £170 which has been donated to St Barnabas Hospice in memory of John Stonehosue, one of our much loved members.

## Hackthorn and Cold Hanworth Village Hall

**Burns Night Supper - Saturday 24th January 2026 from 7:00pm**

Come and celebrate **Burns Night** with friends and family.



Tickets £15.00 per head includes

3 course meal comprising:

Soup

Haggis with 'neeps and tatties' (vegetarian option available)

A selection of desserts



Raffle and Quiz - Licensed Bar

Tickets available from:

Elaine: 07969 597937 or Luke: 07774 251197

# SPRIDLINGTON

## First Friday Club

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

Our next get together will be on **December 5th**

Please feel free to bring a sharing plate for our Christmas Food Table.

*\* Please note there will be no First Friday on January 2nd 2026 \**

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](mailto:spridsocial@gmail.com)



## CHRISTMAS CARD OF ST. HILARY'S CHURCH

**NOW AVAILABLE.**

Minimum price: £5.00 per pack of 5 cards.

All proceeds to St Hilary's Church.

Order or collect from our regular coffee mornings.

Or text leaving your name, contact details and number of packs required to 07594 432058

## St Hilary's Church Christmas Coffee Morning

With Sherry and Mince Pies

**Wednesday 10th 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



## Spridlington Striders 10K

**Sunday 21 December 2025**

**Start: 8:00 AM**

**Spridlington Village Hall**

Join us for a friendly, festive 10K

Entry: £5 (includes hall hire + bacon/sausage bap & coffee)

To enter: **Message Rachael on 07952 012702**



**The deadline for entries to the February 2026 Signpost  
is Thursday the 15th of January 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**

# St HILARY'S COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Toledo, Faldingworth Road

By kind invitation of Judith and David Goodchild

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



Save the Date: **Friday, 20th February 2026 - 7 pm**

Cheese and Wine Evening at St Hilary's Church

More information in February's Signpost.

**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.**

## THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

### The Dash

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.  
He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke the following date with tears,  
but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent alive on earth.  
And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own — the cars...the house...the cash.  
What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,  
and always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger and show appreciation more,  
and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile,  
remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash,  
would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

Lisa Ellis

# NORMANBY & OWMBY

## Normanby Educational Charity

The distribution of funds to the successful applicants from the Normanby Educational Charity will be between 10.00am and midday on **Saturday 6th December 2025**.

The collection point is Normanby Church.

## OWMBY CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10.30 AM TIL NOON

Next event is on December 6th

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

**Come and enjoy some friendly company, a free cup of tea or coffee, and a selection of biscuits.**



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

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

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



**St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Owmbly**  
invite you to their

## Christingle Service

**Sunday 21st December 2025 at 11.00 am.**

<div>♥♠</div> <div>LATEST WHIST DRIVE RESULTS</div> <div>♥♠</div>			
1st Lady	Carol Haycocks	2nd Lady	Lois Green
1st Gent	Richard Harrison	2nd Gent	Anne Turnbull
Low Score	Isabelle Brooks Liz Baxter	Near Score	? Jane Coulson
Miniature	David Coulson Carol Haycocks	Raffle	Jane Tingle Jane Coulson
If you would like to join us, our next Whist Drives will be at the home of Lois Green in Normanby on Wednesdays 17th December and 14th January 2026, starting at 7:00pm. New players welcome. Enquiries to Janet on 07818 031823			



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## **SERVICES IN DECEMBER**

### **OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES**

<b>Sunday 7th</b> <i>2nd of Advent</i>	11.00 am	Advent Carols	Spridlington
<b>Sunday 14th</b> <i>3rd of Advent</i>	11.00 am	Carol Service	Hackthorn
	6.00 pm	Joint Carol Service	Glenham
<b>Sunday 21st</b> <i>4th of Advent</i>	11.00 am	Christingle	Owmbly
<b>Wednesday 24th</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass	Hackthorn
<b>Thursday 25th</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00 am	Family Service	Owmbly
<b>Sunday 28th</b> <i>1st of Christmas</i>	10.00 am	Deanery Communion	Nettleham

On the **second Sunday** of each month, Liz Harris holds a 'Sunday Special' Sunday School at Owmbly 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**

<b>Sunday 14th</b>	10.30 am	United Carol Service at Parish Church	Rev John Schofield
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### **REFLECTION & PRAYER FOR DECEMBER**

#### **Reflection:**

December points us back to Bethlehem, where God came near in Jesus. In the middle of noise and busyness, we're invited to pause, worship, and make room for Christ in our hearts and homes.

#### **Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, in the midst of December's noise help me to hear Your gentle voice. As I remember Your birth, fill my heart with wonder, hope, and humble worship. Help me make room for You in my thoughts, my home, and my plans.  
Amen.

### **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

### **LOCAL MINISTRY TEAM CONTACTS**

The Owmbly Group of Parishes has a dedicated Ministry Team consisting of John Beverley, Rosemary Cox, Liz Harris and Anne Hunter. We are here to serve everyone in our Group of Parishes whether they live in Hackthorn, Spridlington, Owmbly, Saxby or Glenham and whether they come to church or not. We are here when you might be feeling lonely or isolated and in need of a listening ear. We can bring home communion to you; offer home and hospital visits and visiting in times of illness or bereavement. Our contact details are on the back cover page.

We are here for you and all calls are treated in the strictest of confidence.

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:11 (NIV)

## SERVICES IN JANUARY

### OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

<b>Sunday 4th</b> <i>Epiphany</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington
<b>Sunday 11th</b> <i>2nd of Epiphany</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn
	6.00 pm	Covenant Service	Glenthams Chapel
<b>Sunday 18th</b> <i>3rd of Epiphany</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Owmby
<b>Sunday 25th</b> <i>4th of Epiphany</i>	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams
	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmby

**NOTICE:** There is no longer a service at Owmby on the first Sunday of each month.

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

<b>Sunday 11th</b>	6.00 pm	United Covenant Service	Rev Robert Roberts
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	10.30 am	Service	Mr Cook

### REFLECTION & PRAYER FOR JANUARY

#### **Reflection:**

January feels like a fresh page, but true renewal comes from Jesus, not our resolutions. We step into the new year trusting His grace, letting Him reshape our priorities, habits, and hopes.

#### **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for this new year.

Wash away the old, renew my heart, and lead me by Your Spirit in all I do.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

### Promoting A Safer Church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is important to us all in the Owmby Group of Parishes.

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

#### **Owmby Group Safeguarding Officers:**

Glenthams Chapel and Church - Sheena Grebby - 01673 878578

Owmby Church - Liz Harris - 01673 878829

Spridlington & Hackthorn - Revd Lynne Hawkins - 01673 565022

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

Jack Redeyoff - 07885 999907 - [safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org)

#### **Barton, Brigg and Wolds Circuit Safeguarding Representative:**

Pam McCartney - 01652 632770

#### **District Safeguarding Officer (Safeguarding in Lincolnshire):**

Howard Smedley - 07758 239286 or 01773 475942

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

# GLENTHAM & CAENBY

## Jigsaw Swap

**Saturdays 27th December & 24 January  
from 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 come for a chat)

We would love to see you!

For further information, contact Sheena on 878578

Organised by members of Glentham Methodist Chapel



**'Nags Head' at Middle Rasen**

## Men's Breakfast

**Saturdays 13th December & 10th 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

St Peter's Guild

## COFFEE MORNING

**Tuesday 9th December at 10:30 a.m.**

**Sarah's Cottage**

by kind invitation of Hilary Rainer

The proceeds will be in aid of Glentham Church

All Welcome



## ROSE BOWL QUIZ

**Thursday 18th December**

**Glentham Village Hall**

**Doors open at 7:00 p.m.**

**A just-for-fun quiz to raise funds for the village hall.**

**£5.00 per person. Bring your own drinks. Buffet available.**

**Contact Alison on 07496 315038 if you wish to reserve a table.**

## Glenthams Village Hall Events

Glenthams Village Hall Team are passionate about offering a wide range of different forms of entertainment both to the local community and wider, so if you are looking for something different do have a look at our Facebook page.

Upcoming Events:

**12 December** - 4-6pm in the Hall - *Youth Club* (under 12s). This will be the last Youth Club for 2025, with clubs resuming in January. Tonight will include all kinds of Christmas activities, making Christmas cards, decorations and lanterns - just a few of the things.

**13th December** - *Christmas Party*. This will be a free event and will include switching on the lights both inside and outside the hall, as well as the Christmas Tree. Santa will be in the village presenting presents to the children and there will be a candlelight walk (candles/lanterns supplied). There will be a bar in the hall, as well as a hot chocolate station (just in case it's cold) along with toasted marshmallows. There will also be a raffle and tombola. All funds will be going to support the village hall.

**18th December** - 7:00pm - *Rose Bowl Quiz* - Tickets are £5 on the door and include a light buffet.

The hall is available for parties, christenings or other events.

Please contact Alison on: 07496 315038 or [alisonlaceypc@gmail.com](mailto:alisonlaceypc@gmail.com)

### Owmbys Group Website

[owmbysgroup.co.uk](http://owmbysgroup.co.uk)

### Signpost Online - Including Back Issues

[owmbysgroup.co.uk/signpost](http://owmbysgroup.co.uk/signpost)

**Community Carols**  
**for All the Family**  
Glenthams Village Hall  
Sunday 21st December 2pm  
*Come & Celebrate Christ-mas with  
Carols, Sketches & Readings followed by  
Mince Pies, Chocolates & Treats*



### **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 8th November and 3 of those are supporters of St Peter's Church. A random draw took place on the 29th November and a prize of a Nintendo gaming bundle was won together with a donation of £500 to the winner's good cause. There is a special prize every month and someone will be guaranteed to win on the 27th Dec and the 31st Jan. The Carol Service at St Peter's Church is at 6pm on Sunday 14th Dec and there is a special Covenant service at Glentham Chapel on the 11th Jan. All are welcome to both services. Another year is coming to a close. May I take this opportunity to thank all who assist in the church especially at coffee mornings and the Open Churches weekend.

Robert Rowe, Churchwarden, St Peter's Church.

# **Cream Tea Party**

in aid of The Leprosy Mission

2 - 4pm on Saturday 24 January 2026

Glentham Village Hall, Bishop Norton Road,  
Glentham, LN8 2EU

Cream Tea - £2.50 per person

**Come and enjoy an afternoon of Craft Stalls, Home  
Produce and Tombola**



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For more  
information  
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## Newsletter for December 2025

The clocks went back over a month ago and the winter solstice, the day with the fewest hours of daylight, will fall this year on Sunday, 21st December. Looking on the bright side, after the 21st daylight hours will increase. In the meantime we can look forward to Christmas. To get us in the mood at our next General Meeting on **4th December** we have organised some seasonal entertainment. Cue for Christmas cracker joke: "Why are Christmas trees so bad at knitting? They always drop their needles!" If that doesn't lift your spirits then join us on the 4th and prepare to be entertained by a talented trio.

Lindsey u3a is local, friendly, informative, low cost and open to those of retirement age not in full time employment. If that's you find out what our interest groups are getting up to by looking at our website [lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://lindseyu3a.org.uk). There's an A-Z of interest groups, where and when they meet plus visits of local interest, theatre visits, lunches and holidays run by members for members. Find out what's on and join in with whatever catches your eye.

We meet at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month. You are invited with no obligation to one of our meetings. Doors open at 9.30am for tea/coffee and an opportunity to chat to interest group leaders in the Welton Room followed by a speaker in the hall 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.

On **4th December** Tom Lane and friends will entertain us with music, songs and seasonal anecdotes. We've enjoyed their presentations in the past. Not only are they entertaining but they're also informative about the history of our Christmas traditions. Our first speaker in the New Year on **8th January** will be Clive Wilson with his talk entitled "*Sustainability is Key*". Two years ago he inspired the formation of our Environmental Group which has worked so hard to encourage us to collect items that are difficult to recycle such as blister packs/batteries and much more.

We aim to have a variety of speakers over the course of the year so there is something for everyone. u3a members can also join various online talks, workshops and courses. You can find out more from [www.u3a.org.uk](http://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 coffee morning on Christmas Day so the next one will take place on **29th January, 2026**. 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 us can be found on our website [lindseyu3a.org.uk](http://lindseyu3a.org.uk). Should you require any further information please contact:

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## MINI QUIZ & SOCIAL EVENING

**Bishop Norton Village Hall on Saturday 24th January at 7:00 p.m.**

Tickets for this event are £4 per person (teams of up to six people)

Contact Karen 818798 or 07516289365 or Ros 07523108043

Please bring your own drinks

## BISHOP NORTON WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

Two course home-cooked meal with tea or coffee served in the village hall at 12 Noon  
(Vegetables sponsored by Jenny's Cafe & Vegetable stall, Hibalstow)

**The dates for the next lunches are 10th December (fully booked),  
14th January 2026 and 10th February.**

£6.00 PER PERSON - EVERYONE WELCOME!

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

Karen 01673 818798



## WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

The Autumn Fayre held on Sat 25th October was, once again, a great success. The total raised after deduction of expenses, hall hire etc, was £1019.80. Huge thanks to those who helped on day, those who donated items to the various stalls and games and to everyone who came along to support us.

WE NOW HAVE A CARD READER so 'no cash is no excuse at our events!!!' You can now pay by card or phone.

NOTE volunteer drivers do not carry card machines. To avoid embarrassment, please have some cash with you to pay your driver.

The PDA AGM was held on Thursday 6th November and I am pleased to report that we now have 3 new committee members, 1 to assist with transport booking and 2 to help out with catering and fund raising plus another lady who is happy to help when she isn't working. This is excellent news as I am a firm believer in the saying "many hands make light work".

My usual appeal for cakes still stands and our next event will be the Christmas lunch on **5th December**. Any cakes offered can be collected or delivered on the day to Welton village hall from 9am. All 100 tickets quickly sold out ( I actually sold 101) There will be the usual cake stall and raffle. The children from St Mary's School will be entertaining us prior to the meal being served.

A reminder to those who have tickets, please arrive to be seated (leaving time to buy raffle tickets and cakes) by 11.30am.

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

Janet Goddard

**PLEASE DO NOT USE THE ABOVE NUMBER TO BOOK TRANSPORT**

## WELTON VILLAGE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

Based at Manor Park, Hackthorn Road Welton LN2 3PA - Facebook page @WeltonVillageLibrary

December Opening Details: Monday 12noon to 5pm, Tuesday 9:30am to 2:30pm

Wednesday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon up to and including Tuesday 23rd December.

We are then closed and will re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2026 and resume normal hours.

It may be that a number of you are hoping for a much anticipated book as a present on 25th December, if so we do hope you receive your wish. If you are a keen reader you may also want to stock up with a few other books as Santa's budget may not run to more than one. Also, sadly, some people may be facing a situation where they know that their circumstances dictate there will be no book as a present. The answer to both situations is to pop along to the library and take a few books out, hopefully you will have the time to read them but no worries if not as it will cost you nothing. As you can see above our hours are restricted this month due to the holidays but there is no need to be concerned as lending times will be extended. In addition if you have any worries about a return date and you have a library card PIN you can always log on to Lincolnshire Libraries or onto the app if you have one installed on a smart phone to get a lending extension.

December is of course an exciting time for children and on **Saturday 13th December** at 10:30am we have a craft event for accompanied 4 to 11 year olds which will include the opportunity to make a festive gnomes for our ever growing indoor tree. We will also be continuing our weekly storytimes for pre-school children at 9:30am **each Tuesday**, up to and including a festive storytime on **23rd December**.

Then in the New Year we start afresh with one of our popular children's craft sessions on **Saturday 17th January** at 10:30am.

Finally, as we head into the festive season let us finish with a very relevant quote:

"When I discovered libraries, it was like having Christmas every day." (Jean Fritz - Children's Author). Do take the time to discover us if you haven't already, a library card makes a fantastic free gift and hopefully one to start a lifetime of reading enjoyment for a child.

Best wishes for an enjoyable festive season from all the Library Volunteer team and we look forward to seeing readers old and new in the New Year.

Mike - Welton Library Volunteer

### **LOCAL BUS TIMETABLE**

<b>Waddingham - Lincoln Wednesdays Only</b>		<b>Lincoln - Waddingham Wednesdays Only</b>	
<b>162 operated by Stagecoach</b>		<b>162 operated by Stagecoach</b>	
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	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	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

### **POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES**

<b>Glenthams</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>09:00 - 11:30</b>
	<b>Tuesday</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>

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Contact Steve Harvey at [signpost@owmbygroup.co.uk](mailto:signpost@owmbygroup.co.uk) for more details.

**The deadline for entries to the February 2026 Signpost  
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If you are in the Glentham area call Hilary on 01673 878733. Those of you in other areas can contact one of the distribution team - Liz on 01673 878829 or Keith on 01673 878947.

Alternatively, send an email to [signpost@owmygroup.co.uk](mailto:signpost@owmygroup.co.uk) and Steve will forward it on.



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“Some days you’re the pigeon, some days you’re the statue.  
Either way, you’re still part of the scenery.”

:~ Author unknown

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