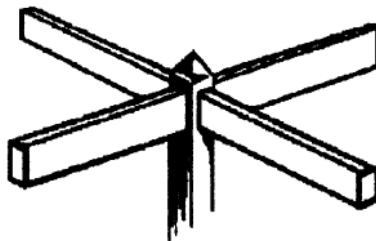


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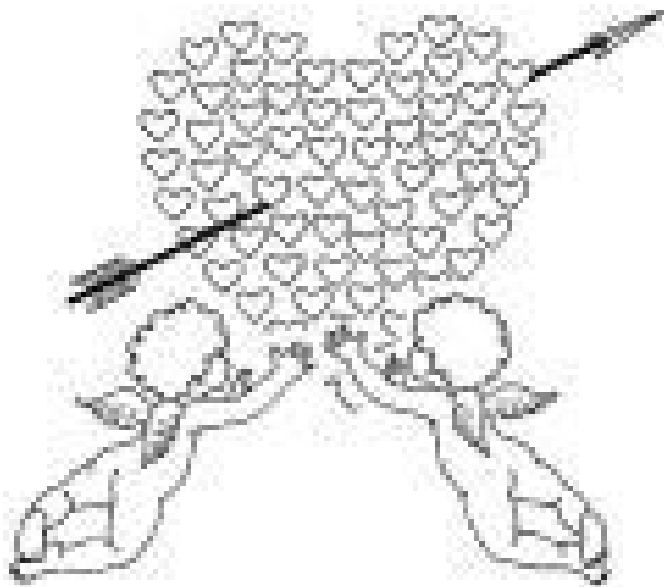
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	Wed & Sat	9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
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	Fri & Sat	9.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
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[Http://www.owmbygroup.co.uk](http://www.owmbygroup.co.uk)

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READER'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Prayer

Prayer is the very source of life. Whether we realise it or not all of us pray, usually when we are facing something difficult. We don't have to speak the words or even think them, it is what is written on our hearts to which God is listening all the time. For a Christian prayer is the lifeblood by which we live.

It is often regarded as a difficult task, but in fact is the easiest, perhaps made easier by being with likeminded friends. We need the encouragement of someone who can understand our feelings and needs and support our prayer. Those who pray enjoy the close relationship with God, our Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, that prayer brings.

In the Owmbly churches we have many prayer groups who make it their task to pray for the community and for individuals. One such group is the Powerhouse Prayer Group that meets on a monthly basis. If you would like to have prayer offered for any reason they would be very happy to do it and can be contacted via myself, Peter or any of the churchwardens. Please feel free to make use of us. If you feel you would like to join us, no previous experience is necessary, you would be made very welcome. Just look out for the notice about the time and place or contact me.

You are all in my thoughts and prayers,

Angela O'Share

Lent 2006

No sooner are we into the new year, than Lent seems to turn up. Ash Wednesday is on March 1st this year. A Baptist minister once remarked to a Church of England vicar that Lent is the only time when Anglicans take their religion seriously. Do you think that is true?

One way we can take our religion more seriously is to study it. There's a lot more to being a Christian than simply going to church. But this year's Lent course is about going to church.

I'm not sure that we've always had the timing of Lent courses right. If you are interested in taking part, can you let me know in writing, before Friday 17th February, what days of the week or times of day would suit you best?

Lent 2006 – Going to Church

Session 1	Tradition
Session 2	Sin
Session 3	Drinking blood?
Session 4	Me and God

Session 5

Hearts and hands and voices

Session 6

Is your Christianity a spectator sport?

I hope that many people will come along, and be a sign that we do take our religion seriously.

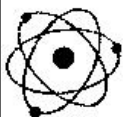
Tim Ellis

Tim Ellis, Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey & resident of Hackthorn since 2001, will be consecrated Bishop of Grantham by the Archbishop of Canterbury on February 14th at Southwark Cathedral. He will bring many gifts to his new post, not least a sense of continuity, a particular interest on working with young people, and a powerful desire that churches be attractive. He will be very much missed in the area of his archdeaconry, and Tim, Sue and their family in the group of parishes which has been their home for the past four years. Actually, they will not be moving away from Hackthorn immediately.

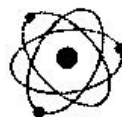
On the other hand, we are delighted that he will still be working in the Diocese of Lincoln. We haven't seen the back of him!

There will be a service to welcome Tim in his new role in Lincoln Cathedral on Sunday 19th February at 3.45 pm, to which everyone is invited. Please see the back page of Signpost for alterations to Evening Prayer at Spridlington as a consequence.

Peter Godden



POWERHOUSE



*PRAYER IS THE FUEL THAT POWERS
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The five parishes' combined prayer groups will meet at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 13th February at the home of Angela O'Hare, Highfield End, Glenham

THE FOCUS FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS MONTH

We ask all Parishioners to join us in our particular prayers this month:

We pray for God's compassion on all victims of famine, disease and oppression, especially in Africa.

We pray for tolerance and mutual respect within our own Church and between all Christians.

May God bless Tim Ellis, to be consecrated bishop on 14 February.

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR PRAYERS WITH US DAILY THROUGHOUT THIS MONTH.
YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US AT OUR WEEKLY VILLAGE PRAYER
MEETINGS AND IN OUR MONTHLY GROUP MEETING.**

For information on your local prayer group please contact the Rector or local Churchwardens

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Pray without ceasing is the response of British Methodism to a challenge from the Youth Conference to engage with the 24/7 prayer movement.

Over a period of 14 months (which started at the end of June 2005) a wave of continuous prayer is passing around the Methodist Churches of Great Britain.

The Market Rasen & Caistor Circuit has been given 24 hours from 6pm on Saturday 11th February to 6pm on Sunday 12th February 2006.

Various prayer events will be taking place within our Chapels and communities to ensure that a praying presence is maintained during this time.

The members of Glenthams Chapel will be meeting for prayer

Sunday 12th February 9am - 10am

Glenthams Chapel

praying in particular for

Families and Relationships.

Please join us at anytime during this hour, just pop in for as long as you are able,
we will be delighted to see you.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(INTERDENOMINATIONAL)

Friday 3rd March 2006

On Friday 3rd March over 3 million people worldwide will be taking part in the Day of Prayer Service prepared by Christian women of South Africa on the theme *Signs of the Times*. In every participating country services will be held throughout the day in many and varied locations. Women, men, children and young people from different backgrounds will pray and worship together.

South Africa – the Rainbow Nation – has enjoyed a decade of liberation, integration and healing following apartheid. However it has real problems, including the spread of HIV/AIDS.

Together with the Christian Women of South Africa, we invite you to join them in prayer

Glenthams Chapel

Friday 3rd March at 7pm

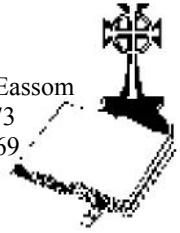
Speaker – Glenda Taylor

The 2006 worship material was prepared by women from fifteen different Christian denominations. So, please come and share in this special service.

If you would like details of other events taking place,
please call Jenny & Peter 01673 878806

FROM THE REGISTERS

Married at Glenthams on 31st December 2005, Frank Barton & Sarah Eassom
 Funeral at Owmby & burial on 2nd December, Gordon Turner, aged 73
 Funeral at Hackthorn & burial on 23rd December, Alan Marris, aged 69



Editorial

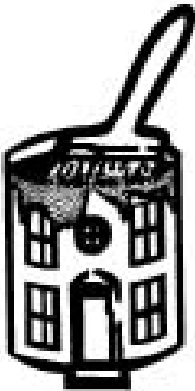
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To help reduce the risk of disease, dogs should be properly and regularly wormed. Hands should also be washed if there has been contact with any animal or their faeces.

TO HELP REDUCE THE DISEASE EVEN FURTHER, PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

West Lindsey is carrying out routine monitoring of known problem areas.

If you see anyone not clearing up after their dog please contact Environmental Services at West Lindsey District Council on 01427 676676

===== Owmbly & Normanby =====

Signpost Contact

Please note that the Signpost contact for Normanby & Owmbly has changed Sally Mundy is the new contact, please take all signpost submissions to her for onward transmission.

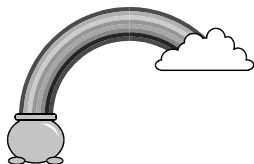
We would like to thank Joan Kehoe at Normanby Post Office for being the contact for the last few years.

NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL

The next full meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st February, in the Bottle & Glass from 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Sorry to start the year off with a moan or two, but I have been asked to request motorists be respectful when parking their car, please do not use the pavements anywhere but especially outside the Post Office. The pavement is narrow enough, without cars parking as near to the wall as they can. People with walking aids, prams and dogs sometimes have to go on the road to get past. An ongoing moan is about the speed vehicles travel through the village - please check your speed and the inevitable dog mess - please clear up after your dog. Apart from that, things seem to have been quite peaceful lately - long may it continue.

Nadine Fox
Clerk to the Parish Council



RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP

Monday 6th February at 2.00 p.m.
 Dorum, Chapel Lane, Normanby
 John will be speaking about his work on oil rigs
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Miniature	Eric Lea Jean Cowperthwaite	Raffle	Richard Harrison Avril Harrison
<p>Anyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive it will be held at the home of Don & Jean Cowperthwaite Normanby on the 8th February 2006.- 7.30pm</p> <p>We are always pleased to see new faces, and it is always a very light hearted evening.</p>			

Poppy Appeal

Margaret Harrison & Jean Rush would like to thank everyone who supported this appeal in which £94.20 was collected

BBC Children in Need 'Push for Cash'

We are pleased to announce that the Noddy Car, Pudsey and the team successfully completed the journey to Market Rasen and raised £688.02 for children in need!

Thank you to everybody for your support and generosity.

Glenthams & Caenby

GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Glenthams Parish Council met on 12th January 2006 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. There were 10 members of the public present and they raised concerns about the explosive sounds that have been heard on a regular basis over the village, felling of trees in a conservation area and the weight restriction on the bridge on Bishop Norton Road. All these items will be on the agenda for the next meeting on the 9th March 2006. Complaints were received about the fireworks on Sunday 8th January 2006. P.C. Oakes acknowledged the "speed problem" in Glenthams and explained that 36 villages were covered from Welton and the "Speed Guns" were used when the Officers were able to be released from other Police activity.

Councillor Taylor's resignation was announced and Councillors were encouraged to actively seek nominations for Councillor Child's position which had been inappropriately filled.

There will be a bench placed at the corner of Highfield Terrace and Bishop Norton Road dedicated to the memory of **Dennis Knight**. If anyone has any suggestions or requests as to what the wording should be then please contact Mrs Gill Tuxworth on 01673 878639. These suggestions will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was acknowledged that there is still a problem with dog fouling and one resident was seen committing this offence and has been reported to West Lindsey District Council.



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There was a request for an extra “dog bin” at the corner of Middlefield Lane and Barff Lane and the Council were happy to approve this request.

It was acknowledged that the Switching on of the Christmas tree lights was not publicised sufficiently and systems were put in place to ensure that the event is better publicised in future years if the next Council continues this practice. Thanks were expressed to Zoë and Steve Harris of the Crown Inn for providing the electricity for the lights and Mr Robert Cox for providing the Christmas tree.

Quotations are to be obtained for the pruning of trees around the beck and at the corner of Highfield Terrace and Bishop Norton Road.

The A15 Speed restriction (60 mph. to 50 mph) from Caenby Corner to Norton Place is due to be enforced from April 2006.

Correspondence was received from The Highways Department detailing the investigations into various issues on Barff Lane and is satisfied that no further measures are necessary. The situation will be monitored and Glenthams Parish Council was in agreement with the Highways department and removed the item from the next agenda.

There were issues raised about the drains in Barff Meadow and the Council agreed to contact the builders. Landscaping at the top of Barff Meadow is due to start shortly. The Lincolnshire Road Partnership scheme has undertaken work from Corringham to Middle Rasen, and although it was acknowledged that further work needs to be done, it has resulted in fewer serious accidents along that stretch.

A Planning Application to convert Cherry Tree Farm, Gainsborough Road, Glenthams, in to an Education and Petting Farm has been approved.

The Precept of £4896 was agreed, this figure has remained the same during the 4 years that the current Council has been in office.

SATURDAY MORNING WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE will continue until at least March. The vehicle will be on the **Village Hall Car park from 8.15am to 11am the third Saturday in every month.**

Gill Tuxworth Clerk to Glenthams PC

St Peter's Guild

The December Coffee morning was held on the 20th at Prospect House where over £100 was raised for ‘the funds’. Thanks to Merv and Terry for stepping into the breach. A pleasant autumnal morning was passed by everyone, especially the kiddies who enjoyed the decorations, filmshow and a run around the garden. Thanks to everyone who came along to support the occasion.

Attention –Glenthams’ Nasty Sneak Thief

Whilst reporting on the efforts people make to keep the Church in good order and running in Glenthams, can I on a very personal note thank the person who broke into the collection box in the Church. I wish you an extremely unpleasant and unfortunate 2006 and don’t bother coming back. This may sound uncharitable but as a resident I try and do my ‘bit’ for the village in several ways, as do other people and we are not all practising Christians. This Ancient Building is a focal point of the village and needs every penny that is raised for it, so Mr/Mrs Thief shame on you.

‘The Glenthams Correspondent’

After venting my spleen regarding the above, this 'person' returned to perpetuate the same crime again for very little reward I imagine. For their sake I sincerely hope that they remain anonymous.

All the very best of Bad Luck to you!

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The winner of last month's Quiz was Joan Cross. Future events are :-

ROSE BOWL QUIZ

Thursday 16th February 8.00 p.m.

Glentham Village Hall

A just for fun quiz to raise funds for the village hall

Bring your own drinks.

Light supper provided

70's Valentine Disco 8pm Saturday, February 18th. Tickets are £3.50 and refreshments provided, but bring your own drinks. Tickets from 878733.

Barn Dance, Saturday, 25th March.

SEND A COW

Carol singing around Glentham raised £127 for this charity. With gift aid added we were able to send six sheep, twenty chickens, one hundred fruit trees, a beehive with bees and a day's training for a farmer. With gifts such as these, people in the poorest parts of Africa such as Ruanda, Uganda and Lesotho are able to become self-sufficient.

As the animals breed the effect of the gifts spread wider. So a very big thank you to the carollers and all who generously gave to them.

Glentham & Caenby Tapestry Group

Our next meeting will be held at The Trap House, Glentham on 7th February at 7.30 p.m.

Glentham & District Gardeners' Club




Mrs Gail Summerfield of Westshores Nursery, Winterton ably assisted by her husband gave a talk and slide show on 'No Public Beyond This Point', a very informative view of the work and preparation that goes on behind the scenes. This being the topic at the January meeting Trevor Faulkner kindly changed his talk and slide show on Hampton Court to the 14th February. Steve Bird and Midge Thomas will still be appearing as in the December issue of Signpost.

All the meetings start at 7.30. p.m. so please come along and take advantage of these very knowledgeable speakers and perhaps learn something new.

Electricity Cuts

Mid December there were a couple of electricity cuts in the Washdyke /Middlefield Lane of Glenthams during the night and finally one at 1.30.a.m. Christmas morning. On all occasions the fault was reported to Yorkshire Electricity, each time the notifier was told no-one else had reported the fact. The distinct impression was given that nothing immediate would be done until other people reported the fault. The engineers who attended the breakdowns rectified the situations as quickly as possible when they arrived, the Christmas Day one being a little more difficult. Fortunately in time for everyone to cook their Christmas Dinner. Please report these faults when you first notice them do not rely on other people. The more reports received the quicker the response. YEB emergency number 0800 375675.

	<p>St. Peter's Guild</p> <p>COFFEE MORNING</p> <p>Tuesday 21st February- 10.30 am</p> <p>The Cottage, Caenby</p> <p>By kind invitation of Reg & Janet Lilley</p> <p>All Welcome</p>
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Rose Bowl Quiz

At the Quiz held on 8th December the Joint winners were the PCs and 3 Little Maids +1 Who graciously allowed the PCs to carry off the trophy. The S&Ms took 3rd place with the Blowins once more being the proud winners of the oversized wooden spoon. The next quiz is on 16th February. See advert for details.

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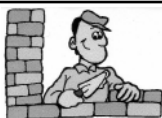
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Christmas " Cheese & Wine

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It's for children 4-11 years from any Village in the Owmbly Group. Its February meeting will be

**Saturday 18th February, 10.00 am to 12 noon
in Hackthorn Village Hall.**

For the first few sessions, we shall be working on the theme "Living in our Fragile World". This will enable us to explore our relationship to the world and its resources, and to each other. There will be craft activities, drama, music, story telling – and refreshments. There is a charge of 50p per child.

To find out more and to book a place, please contact Roxy Seagrief at Hackthorn School or Judy Hill at Normanby School, or ring Caroline Wilson on 861821.

Saxby

Poppy Appeal

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this year's appeal. A total of £45.78 was collected

Spridlington

ST. HILARY'S ORGAN RESTORATION APPEAL

SHORA was founded in 2003 in order to raise in excess of £50,000 for the restoration of the historic organ in Spridlington Church. This organ, only one of six in Lincolnshire with a Historic organs Certificate from the British Institute of Organ Studies, is "the finest surviving organ by Thomas Nicholson", a member of a notable family of Victorian organ builders. The instrument is in severe need of a thorough mechanical and tonal restoration inside, and external redecoration of the highly decorated front pipes, designed and created to match with the interior of the church.

Two years on we can record good progress. Our current total stands at £19,792 represented by:

Local donations	£6944
Local fund raising events	£2627
Bank interest	£ 74
Charitable grants received	£2090
Charitable grants pledged	£8500
Survey fees and expenses	(£ 443)
Grand Total	£19792

The recent grant of £7,500 from the Council for the Care of Churches is both a windfall for us and an indication of the wider importance of this project. This is a generous grant from a central council. We are now encouraged by the CCC to apply for Heritage Lottery Funding for the project, and a small team of SHORA members is working at this quite large task. Part of this bid will be a clear indication that we are undertaking this project not simply to provide music for church services at Spridlington, but with the wider aim of making this valuable historical and musical resource available to the community, both in Spridlington and further afield. Teenage organ scholars and the featuring of the instrument in academic dissertations are two indicators of this.

At the behest of the CCC we have engaged Paul Hale, an independent organ consultant, to advise on the project, and from a short-list of two organ builders we have decided to retain Andrew Carter of Wakefield as our preferred restorer. Mr Carter was responsible for the excellent restoration, in 1999 of the organ in Hackthorn Church, also listed as an historic instrument. If we continue to make good progress with our fund-raising, it will not be long before work can begin on this major project.

Peter Godden, Tom Hunter, 15.02.05

SPRIDLINGTON 100 CLUB

Winning numbers so far

Week	£10.00	Name	£5.00	Name
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5	37	D. Newton	94	P. Morton
6	46	T. Hunter	62	H. Lockwood
7	96	C. Goodchild	69	S. Hall
8	30	S. Hodge	83	J. Smith
9	86	A. Rogers	18	D. Goodchild
10	6	D. Burrows	64	S. Barnsdale
11	5	S. Spratt	7	S. Marris
12	58	R. Hayes	11	G. Fox
13	49	T. Harrison	64	S. Barnsdale
14	12	J. Beattie	82	R. Collett

Poppy Appeal

The Remembrance day poppy appeal made the sum of £131.97. Thank you to everyone who donated and to Ralph for trudging round the village.

Carol Evening

The carol evening made the sum of £160.00 for Gainsborough Cancer Care. Thanks to all who helped and supported the event. A letter of thanks has been received from the charity who extend thanks to everyone involved especially the children who make the event special. Feedback to Diana Burrows 861363 on whether this event should continue in this format would be greatly appreciated.

Seasonal Supper

The Seasonal Supper at Spridlington Hall made the sum of £1101.50 for church funds. Thank you to Barry & Elizabeth Young who hosted the event for making the evening so enjoyable and successful.

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job is done get a bill before paying. Please be aware of vulnerable relatives, neighbours or friends and help where necessary.

Neighbourhood Watch. I have checked our records and we do not appear to have a NHW co-ordinator in Owmbly or Glenham. If you would like more information please contact David TOWNSEND on 01427 816326.

Crime in your area, 20/12 Burglary Normanby, 30/12 Theft from vehicle Caenby.

Reminder – Readers are reminded that due to the very nature of our job we cannot always be at the Police Office to answer the phone or receive personal callers at the office. Should you wish to report an incident or crime and there is no reply at the office, please call the Police 24 hr telephone line 01522 882222. There is a telephone outside connected directly to Force Headquarters.

Voicemail. Please do not leave urgent messages or a request to speak to an officer on the day of calling on an officer's voicemail. We do work shifts and will not be able to call you back until next on duty.

PC David Oakes – Community Beat Manager.

PCSO Wooll-Rivers.

WELTON PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

Firstly a very happy and healthy new year to everyone and a big thank you to everyone who sent cards and gifts to the surgery staff over the Christmas period – much appreciated.

The start of the year has been extremely busy for the practice with a huge increase in the demand for appointments which, like many other surgeries, we are struggling to meet with the resources available to us. We have taken the decision to offer reduced booked appointments in a morning only and ask anyone else who needs to be seen to come down and wait at an “open surgery”. We appreciate this is not always convenient for everyone but at least we are guaranteeing to see anyone making such a request whilst retaining the afternoon and early morning bookable slots for those that cannot. It is not ideal but is a stop gap until the present situation settles and we apologize for any inconvenience caused to anyone.

We aim to start a revised appointment system during February which will mean the doctors triaging requests by telephone routinely, not just when booked slots have been taken, which we hope will allow appropriate timely access for those patients that genuinely need to be seen by a healthcare professional. Details will be available in the surgery during the run up to the changes.

During February we are also having a new telephone system installed in the practice. This will take place week

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The new contact number for use AFTER around midday on Wednesday 15th February will be 0844 477 3072 – no local code needed. During the initial period anyone dialing the former numbers will be given the new number to ring. Callers will be presented with an option when ringing to go through to the right department automatically - which will include ‘emergencies’, appointments, ordering repeat prescriptions etc. Calls will cost no more than the present arrangement and patients will be informed where they are in a queue and also given the option to leave messages to cancel appointments. Calls out of hours will routinely be transferred to the Out of Hours Emergency Service thus saving the patient from making two calls instead of one. An option to link direct to NHS Direct will also be available out of hours. There are bound to be teething troubles and we ask for co-operation during this change which we hope will improve the overall service to patients.

Finally a request from the dispensing team – could patients please only order repeat prescriptions which are currently due – not just tick all items on the repeat slip whether needed currently or not – we are doing our best to reduce wastage in the NHS and this is one way we can make a difference.

Sallie Stead

WELTON & DISTRICT PATIENTS & DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

The PDA wishes to acknowledge recent private donations amounting to £375 together with a further donation of £100 from Welton Tours. Many thanks to all you generous donors.

In addition, a donation of £425 has been received from Carols on Welton Village Green to support the PDA transport scheme. This is very much appreciated and, based on current expenditure, will cover operating costs for about one year. Thank you.

The transport scheme, which consists of volunteer drivers providing transport for patients in need of assistance to keep medical appointments has, for the past 3 months, been running at a higher rate than the same period a year ago accumulating over 1000 miles per month compared with 720. So, if you can spare an hour or two a month and are interested in being a volunteer driver please ring Tony Phillips our Transport Organiser on 01673 863113 and he will be pleased to provide details.

Roy Minnitt

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MARKET RASEN PRACTICE

Please note that the practice will be closed from 1.30 p.m. On Tuesday 21st February for a Target Meeting.

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Thurs February 2	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
Candlemass	2.00 pm	Hackthorn School Christingle Service	Hackthorn Church	
Sunday February 5	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
4 before Lent	11.00 am	Family Service	Spridlington	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmbly	PG/DE
Thurs February 9	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	PG
Sunday February 12	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
3 before Lent	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Saxby	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Glentham	PG
Thurs February 16	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
Sunday February 19	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
2 before Lent	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	PG
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn	PG
	3.45 pm	Welcome to Tim Ellis	Bishop of Grantham Lincoln Cathedral	
Thurs February 23	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
Sunday February 26	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
Sunday before Lent	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	PG
	10.30 am	Family Service	Glentham	A&BL
	11.00 am	Family Service		
		/Baptism	Owmbly	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Spridlington	AOH

Glentham Methodist Chapel - February 2006

<i>Date</i>	Time	Service	Led By
5th	10.45 am	Family Service	Mr. Bill Smith
12th	5.00 pm	Evening Service	at Market Rasen
19th	10.45 am	Family Service	led by Sunday Club
26th	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	Rev. Liz Smith

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Mon	2	2.00 p.m.	Rainbow Fellowship	Normanby
Thur	2	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Moat House, Normanby
Thur	2	10.30 am	Coffee Morning	Glentham VH
Mon	3	7.30 p.m.	Powerhouse	Highfield End, Glentham
Tue	7	7.30 p.m.	Tapestry Group	Trap House
Wed	8	7.30 p.m.	Whist Drive	Normanby
Thur	9	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glentham VH
Sun	12	2.00 p.m.	Snowdrop Sunday	Hackthorn
Sun	12	9.00 a.m.	Time of Prayer	Glentham Chapel
Mon	13	2.00 p.m.	55 + Club	Glentham
Tue	14	7.30 p.m.	Glentham Garden Club.	Glentham VH

Deadline for March Signpost Wednesday 15th February 6p.m.

Thur	16	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.
Sat	18	10.00 p.m.	Children's Workshop	Hackthorn
Sat	18	8.15 a.m.	Waste Collection	Glentham VH
St	18	8.00 p.m.	70s Disco	Glentham VH
Tue	21	10.30 a.m.	St.Peter's Guild	The Cottage, Caenby
Thur	23	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.
Sat	25	2.00 p.m.	Jumble Sale	Owmby Church