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Normanby by Spital, adj Church	07:34
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Saxby, opp Village Lane End	07:38
Spridlington, adj Telephone Box	07:41
Hackthorn, opp Village Lane End	07:44
Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	07:47
Welton Black Bull Inn (NE-bound)	07:54
Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay C)	08:38

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Welton Black Bull Inn (NE-bound)	18:00
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Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	18:06
Spridlington, opp Telephone Box	18:09
Saxby, adj Village Lane End	18:12
Owmby by Spital, opp The Paddock	18:15
Normanby by Spital, opp Church	18:17
Glentham, opp The Crown Inn	18:23

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Waddingham, adj Marquis Of Granby PH	09:30
Snitterby, opp Royal Oak Inn	09:33
Bishop Norton, opp St Peter's Church	09:38
Glentham, opp The Old Parsonage	09:43
Normanby by Spital, opp Church	09:48
Owmby by Spital, adj Surgery	09:52
Spridlington, adj Telephone Box	09:57
Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	10:05
Ermine West, opp Ruckland Avenue	10:18
Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay N)	10:30

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Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay N)	13:30
Ermine West, adj Ruckland Avenue	13:37
Hackthorn, adj War Memorial	13:55
Spridlington, opp Telephone Box	14:03
Owmby by Spital, opp Surgery	14:10
Normanby by Spital, adj Church	14:12
Glentham, adj The Old Parsonage	14:17
Bishop Norton, adj St Peter's Church	14:22
Snitterby, adj Royal Oak Inn	14:27
Waddingham, opp Marquis Of Granby PH	14:30

LETTER FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Dear friends

As we approach another pandemic affected summer we seem to be at an 'in between' point. Of looking back at what has happened over the past 16 months but now starting to look forward to what may be possible in the future. And if all goes according to plan, welcome the lifting of restrictions on 21st June. In the meantime, we continue to be careful and watchful. I am writing this letter between the church festivals of Ascension and Pentecost: in between Jesus ascending to his Father and leaving the disciples bereft and not knowing what to do. An 'in between' time. And the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the disciples at Pentecost changing and empowering them to go out and proclaim the gospel message.

The pandemic has seen us all adapt and makes changes; to family life, ways of working, social life and facing the many challenges lockdown has given us. Some of those changes have become part of everyday life such as working from home and shopping on line. Our churches too have had to adapt and making changes. Churches are open for private prayer and services are rotating around the group as well as on line and on social media. The church community has throughout this time continued to show and share the love of God.

Changes are also being planned in the Diocese of Lincoln. Falling numbers and financial difficulties need addressing and over the last two years the diocese has been looking at ways to change and restructure the church. The result is the adoption of Resourcing Sustainable Church. This will include a reduction in the number of clergy, the establishment of new patterns of ministry and more involvement of lay people in services and a revision of the current Parish Share system. There will be implications for the churches in the Owmbly Group. All PCCs are having discussions on the way forward and are at an in-between stage within this process. Made more challenging because we haven't been able to meet for worship and hold other social activities - coffee mornings, lunches, concerts and a host of other activities which bring us together in friendship but also raises money to support the work of the church. We can look back at times past and be wistful at the decline that has affected not just us but the wider church. But that won't help our present position. Better to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to empower us as it did the disciples to go out with confidence and explore ways of being church. New ideas and offers of help are always welcome. Change will be inevitable but perhaps there is no better time to leave this 'in-between' period and work together in hope for the future.

Sally

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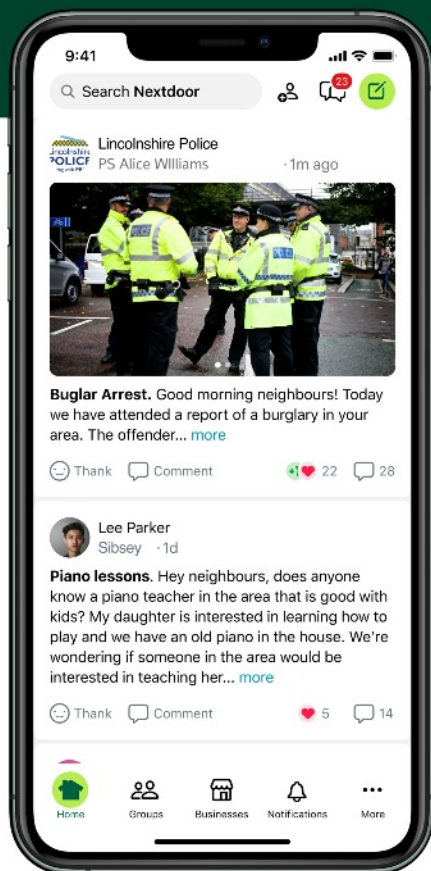
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AROUND THE PARISHES

HACKTHORN CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Summer term is well underway, even if the weather hasn't always stuck to the plan! I'm hoping that by the time you read this the weather will have picked up as we have some very exciting outdoor events planned for the children for the final half-term.

All of Hackthorn children have been working very hard in school and we are delighted with their progress. We have just held our parent/teacher interviews to share the good news about how the children are performing. Parents were relieved to hear that, despite such an unsettled year of school closures, their children are happy in school and are catching up quickly with missed learning. We have put in many intervention programmes to enable children to do this and are reaping the benefits.

As restrictions ease, we are looking forward to organising some of our traditional events that the children missed out on last year. We are excited to share that the Key Stage 2 pupils WILL be having their annual production (although we're not sure if they will have a virtual audience or not yet). This year's production is aptly named 'Wow, what a year!'

Year 6 pupils WILL be having their traditional staff vs leavers Laser tag challenge. This year we will be joined by the 2020 lockdown leavers. We're hoping that we will also be able to hold our end of year service in the church.

The summer term is always busy with sporting activities and this year is no exception. One of our parents led a cricket session with our Key Stage 2 pupils, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Consequently, many signed up for a local cricket club. Mr Bullivant has been running an after school multi skills club for Key Stage 1 pupils, which has been well attended and a running club is planned for Key Stage 2 pupils. Year 5 and 6 pupils will soon be participating in Bikeability training.

Although we were unable to celebrate the school's 150th birthday last year, the Friends of Hackthorn School are organising a 150th +1 sponsored walk so watch this space!

As if the above wasn't enough to get excited about, we have just planned two additional one-off sporting events but we haven't shared these with the children yet so make sure you read next month's instalment to find out their reactions.

We have ten new children starting with us in September and transition days have already been arranged to meet them. We are really looking forward to getting to know them.

We hope we will soon be able to welcome visitors onsite. Please contact the school on 01673 860295 to arrange a visit or to request a School Brochure.

Mrs Appleby
Headteacher

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.

NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On the Thursday 6 May 2021 voters in Normanby by Spital went to the Polling Station to vote for two new Parish Councillors to fill the vacancies left by the retirement of Mr Ken Green, after 42 years' Service, and Mr John Fox after three years' Service. The successful candidates were Mr Tony Watson and Mr Andy Creek. The Council look forward to working closely with both new Councillors for the benefit of all Normanby by Spital residents.

We are looking to employ a qualified Clerk as we have now officially said farewell to Mrs Nadine Fox. We would like to thank Nadine for all her hard work and dedication to the Parish Council over the last 21 years. We wish Nadine well in her retirement.

Currently we have some young people who are litter picking as part of their Duke of Edinburgh's award. Well done to them as teenagers attract a lot of negativity but here in Normanby by Spital we have some genuine STARS. A big thank you from the Parish Council. If anyone wishes to join them in their pursuits, I do have a small number of litter picker's high visibility vest and bags that can be collected from me. Email me on nbyspc@gmail.com to arrange collection.

The Residents survey has now closed, and we would like to thank all residents who completed their forms. We are assimilating all the information with a view to producing a report in the next two months.

The Sunflower competition in aid of the Community Park funds is underway and no doubt we shall all soon be able to see results of the hard work with sunflowers shooting up all over the village. Tickets are also available for the Community Park Raffle and can be purchased in the Shop. Thank you, Cllr Firth, for all your hard work in getting both these projects underway.

Reminder to all residents - resurfacing works are due to commence on both Highgate Lane and Private Lane. Please keep an eye on the Parish Council Web Site for more detailed information.

Angela Hanson

Interim Clerk to Normanby by Spital Parish Council

SPRIDLINGTON VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

After having to cancel last year's meeting due to the pandemic, the Village Hall Committee is pleased to be able to invite the residents of Spridlington to attend its Annual General Meeting on **TUESDAY 29TH JUNE 2021 at 7.00pm** in the village hall.

After the awful year we have all had, and the Christmas That Never Was, why not consider hiring the village hall for a family get together once social restrictions have been lifted? We have a well-equipped kitchen and food preparation area, a small but pleasant garden area at the back, and gates providing a secure area for children to play, all available at very reasonable rates.

The Committee has shrunk somewhat in the last year and is therefore looking for new members, so anyone that fancies getting involved would be very warmly welcomed.

Please come along to the AGM for a coffee and a chat and show your support for this very important community asset, perhaps let us know what sort of event you would like to see in the coming year.

Don't forget the old adage "Use it or lose it"!

Community Litter Pick for Normanby-by-Spital

Do you have the time to come along and be involved in our community litter pick of Normanby?



Date: Sunday, 6th June at 10:00am

Meeting Point: Bottle & Glass Pub

Normanby Parish Council will provide all equipment needed*

Refreshments provided afterwards free of charge

**Come along, join in, and help build
community spirit in our village!**

If the weather is inclement, we will postpone to the following Sunday

For further information or queries, please contact Cllr Tracey Firth

Normanby-by-Spital Parish Council

*Volunteer form will need completing on the day and H&S briefing

THANK YOU

SPRIDLINGTON LITTER PICK

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the litter pick on 30 April/1st May. Everything went very well and we collected over 30 bags of rubbish.

Thank you once again.

Joy Smith

SPRIDLINGTON COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 23rd June at 10:30 a.m.

Ash Tree Cottage, Faldingworth Road

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Raffle, bring-and-buy stall

Proceeds for St Hilary's Church Funds

Do come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

You will be very welcome!

GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

I hope that this statement finds you all safe and well and looking forward to the easing of pandemic restrictions.

This last 12 months has had limited delivery due to the pandemic and the restrictions during the period. The Parish Council has continued to keep assets safe.

We were extremely sad at the passing of Cllr Lewis Strange, who contributed and supported many projects and initiatives. Lewis's legacy will live on across the county.

We also thank Jeff Summers for continued support to provide us with WLDC information.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the full parish council team and Village Hall committee for their hard work, professionalism, dedication and commitment in supporting the village of Glentham over the last 12 months. We are so fortunate as a village to have individuals that are prepared to volunteer their time to such a good and valuable cause, with a positive benefit to all. A special thanks goes to members of the Village Hall committee who volunteered and assisted during the pandemic in picking up prescriptions and shopping during periods of vulnerability.

Finally I would like to thank the regular attendees of the parish council meetings for their ongoing support, healthy debate and interest in the upkeep of our fantastic village. I actively encourage members of the parish to continue to feed us with information and ideas for the benefit of the village. Every parish council meeting starts with a 15 minute public forum. It is a meeting for your benefit and you are always welcome.

With ongoing cuts to funding to councils, a key to both our previous successes and future achievements is reliant upon the active help and support from residents. I should add at this point that we always need more help and support to make our village look even better. If anybody would like to offer their assistance for a couple of hours per month, then please get in touch.

The next twelve months will see the continuation, improvement and development of new ideas for the benefit of residents.

We are pleased to say the church clock continue to tick away with routine maintenance following its restoration a number of years ago.

We have continued to commit to the play park to make it more fun for our younger residents. As with all topics if any residents have ideas or requests then please come along to one of our meetings or write to us.

Speeding issues are a great concern for both residents and council and the council is currently lobbying both the police and LCC to look at a scheme to keep villagers safe.

We would also like to review our emergency planning arrangements and are currently looking for a volunteer flood warden. If you would like to offer your support then please get in touch.

On behalf of my fellow parish councillors we look forward to serving, representing and supporting the village of Glentham over the coming year.

Adam Shaw

COUNCIL VACANCIES

Glentham Parish Council currently has three vacancies to be filled by co-option. If you are interested or would like further information please contact the clerk at helenspitman@gmail.com or telephone 07955797393. Alternatively you may contact the chairman.

Helen Pitman, Clerk

GLENTHAM VILLAGE HALL

is now open

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Summer Garden Party - 3rd July

Quiz Night - 19th August

Please come along and support your Village Hall
which is a Covid-19 secure environment.

Committee positions are available so if you are a resident of the village or live within a 3 mile radius then why not get involved in the running of the hall to the benefit of all.

If interested, please contact Jeff Summers on 07407 306810 or Martin Doyle on 07788 231899.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, GLENTHAM

Many thanks again to those supporting St Peter's Church, Glentham, through the West Lindsey Community Lottery. So far £530.50 has been raised for the church. There were 76 winners in the 4 weeks up to the 15th May and two of these are supporters of the church. If you would like to take part go to www.westlindseylottery.co.uk and click on the St Peter's Church logo.

The church is still open for private prayer every Wednesday and Sunday and hopefully, with the easing of restrictions normal services will be resumed in the near future.

Robert Rowe, Churchwarden.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

The response to the food bank donations from our villages has been amazing throughout these troubled times and very gratefully received.

Please do continue to give to the worthwhile cause, especially at the present time.

Each village has a drop off point which are:

Glentham - the village shop or Peter and Jenny Atkinson, 'Tilsit', Bishop Norton Road

Hackthorn - Cathy Andrews, Stone Cottage, Main Street

Owmbly/Normanby - the village shop or Liz and Keith Harris, 'Berries', Church Lane, Owmbly

Saxby/Firsby - Robert and Rosemary Cox, Manor Farm, East Firsby

Spridlington - Claire and Simon Marris, Ashtree Cottage, Faldingworth Road

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Jenny Atkinson

PRAYER FOCUS FOR JUNE

Good and gracious God, you invite us to recognise and reverence your divine image and likeness in our neighbour. Enable us to see the reality of racism and free us to challenge and uproot it from our society, our world and ourselves.

Taken from Sisters of Mercy

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

We convince ourselves that life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another.

Then we are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough, and we'll be more content when they are.

After that, we're frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with.

We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage.

We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our partner gets his or her act together when we get a nicer car, are able to go on a nice holiday, when we retire.

The truth is, there's no better time to be happy than right now. If not now, when?

Your life will always be filled with challenges.

It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway.

A quote comes from Alfred D. Souza. He said,

"For a long time it had seemed to me that life was about to begin - real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, or a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life."

This perspective has helped me to see that there is no way to happiness. Happiness is the way.

So, treasure every moment that you have and treasure it more because you shared it with someone special, special enough to spend your time... and remember that time waits for no one.

So, stop waiting until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until winter, until your song comes on, until you've had a drink.... there is no better time than right now to be happy.

SERVICES IN JUNE

OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

Sunday 6th <i>1st after Trinity</i>	11.00 am Family Service	Hackthorn	ST
Sunday 13th <i>2nd after Trinity</i>	11.00 am Holy Communion <i>If you do not currently receive an invitation to the Zoom services please send your email details to clarewallis@btinternet.com to be included on the list.</i>	Online via Zoom	ST/JB
Sunday 20th <i>3rd after Trinity</i>	11.00 am Family Service	Spridlington	ST/SK
Sunday 27th <i>4th after Trinity</i>	11.00 am Holy Communion	Owmbly	ST

COVID restrictions and the necessary precautions are still in place and being observed which means that if you wish to attend a church service, please reserve your place through the relevant churchwarden. Contact details are on the back cover.

GLENTHAM CHAPEL (PART OF THE WOLDS & TRENT CIRCUIT)

Sunday 13th	9.30 am	Rev Heather Wilson
Sunday 27th	10.30 am	Christine Baker

Whilst we have reduced services, a Circuit Zoom Service is being held each Sunday at 4:00pm.

Due to current restrictions, space at the chapel services is limited. If you would like to join us, please email jennymarian8@gmail.com or phone 01673 878806 to reserve a place. Also contact me for the meeting ID and passcode for our weekly Zoom services. I look forward to hearing from you. God bless, Jenny Atkinson.

Please note: The above rotas are subject to change should Government guidance alter.

Promoting A Safer Church

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

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

Owmbly Group Safeguarding Officer: Shirley Keyes - 07944 403974

Rector: Revd Sally Turnbull - 07549 522494

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer: Jack Redeyoff - 07885 999907

Glenthams Chapel Safeguarding Contacts:

Sheena Grebby - 01673 878578 & Connie Hurd - 01427 668959

Wolds and Trent Circuit Safeguarding Representative:

Karen Elvidge - 07754 533542 - wtsafeguarding@gmail.com

Ministers for Wolds and Trent Circuit:

Rev Heather Wilson - 01673 843362 & Rev Louise Carr - 01427 615184

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“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways, and be wise.
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Proverbs, Chapter 6: verses 6-8

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JOURNAL OF JOSEPH SNOWDEN

The Life of Joseph Snowden: In His Own Words

In 2015 a diary written by Joseph Snowden, former school master in Spridlington, came to light most unexpectedly and was kindly donated to St Hilary's Church by Francesca Stanley. And what a find it was! This diary is Number 10. with entries 1874-1876. Joseph kept full and detailed records of life in and around Spridlington: the weather, seasonal changes, harvest time, events in the villages and wider afield, news about local people and several accounts of his personal life.

Here are just a few of his entries which show what rural life was like the late 19th century.

Extracts from 1874

2nd February: the hounds met at Hackthorn at 10.30 found 3 foxes in covert. Killed one in covert, another one then turned up to Mr Marshalls, then down again towards Welton and Dunholme. A fine day as could be. Scarce any wind all day

Spridlington Church: *10th February:* Mr Walter and his partner sent men 4 in number to pull down the Church at Spridlington this afternoon, very sharp frost and cold S. E.

5th April: the foundation stone was laid on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. A.W. Hutton. A large company of parishioners, farmers and their wives. A beautiful day as could be wished for.

24th April: I heard the cuckoo for the first time on Friday morning about 7 o'clock as I was walking from Reephram towards Lincoln, fine, fine morning.

Local News

26th March: Sale at Owmbly of the late Mr William Howard. Household furniture, 11 horses, cows and 10 pigs. Very fine drying day. Air cold from S.W.

2nd June: Mrs Jane Linton bought 2 pigs of a person who goes about the country, gave 16 shillings for the two. (Now 80 pence in decimal money)

1st July: I was helping Mr Beech to mow his grass dined with him and had dumplings, piece of ham and new potatoes, the first I have seen and tasted this year.

17th July: Mr W Page got all his hay home into stack. Very hot and dry weather, half quantity of hay.

8th August: Mr R Beech, Barley, thrashed on the 22 inst.

16th November: Tom Barker drilled beans in Brickyard (Monday)

Extracts from 1875

3rd August: Onion and Cabbage Seed. I sowed the above - I had a little seed of each to spare.

5th August: Harvest began.

10th August: Joseph Snowden cut his wheat, tied it, but not stooked. Rain.

3rd November: At Spridlington Church Mr Thomas Henry Willows, Farmer of Normanby by Spital was married to Mary Eliza Mason of the above Parish. They were the first couple to be married in the New Church.

It seems that Joseph Snowden was a popular and highly regarded person in the villages. He regularly received gifts. At Christmas 1875 he received amongst others the following presents.

Mrs Taylor a plum cake; Mrs E Sykes, a plum pudding, a cake and a pitcher of new milk. Mr Kirkby 2 links of sausage and 2 mince pies. R. Hall Esq Lincoln, a pork pie, a large plum loaf, 1 lb of tea, 2 lbs of loaf sugar, 1 Bottle Whisky. This must have given him a jolly Christmas.

Extracts from 1876

Joseph's Journal shows what a sociable man he was. There are many entries about his visits to friends, including;

12th January: I went to Lincoln on Wednesday morning stayed at Mr Stoke's until Saturday morning, went to Mr Mason's and stayed with him until Monday morning at 10 o'clock then went to Mr Taylor to dine, then home at 4 o'clock. Mr Mason was very ill indeed. Dr Brooks attending him same time. Snow and frost were going away.

20th January: I went to Mr B Swain's. Smoked 3 pipes of tobacco and one glass of gin then returned home at 9 pm

29th January: I walked to Fillingham and stayed at Mr Storr's until 31st inst. Fine all the three days. I told him I had been to Harpswell.

Even the smallest details of everyday life are included in his journal such as:

25th January: I bought a mop off G Kingstone;

28th January: Mr Mason's hacking horse died . A very good one indeed.

2nd February: A young man from Mkt Rasen swept my kitchen chimney this a.m. between 9 and 10 o'clock. A fine a.m.

10th February: A new laundry maid came to the Rectory Spidlington from Owmbly her name is Scarborough, was at Church Sunday 20th for the first time.

Joseph must have been surrounded by friendly, caring people. It seems that at the age of about 75 he was a busy man with a full life but like the rest of us, Joseph also experienced difficult and sad times which we read about in the final entries.

Coming up: The end of the story. Joseph's day to day life and an account of his family.

Anne Hunter

POETRY

Another poem I like is *The Soldier* by Rupert Brooke.

If I should die, think only this of me,
That, there's some corner of a foreign field,
That is forever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed,
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave once her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given,
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.



Sent in by
Liz Harris

TALES OF A 1970'S MILKMAN

By Tony Trevor

Part Four

I mentioned in part two, Mr Staniland, the butcher at Normanby. Well I was taught at Middle Rasen Primary School by his wife. And it may have been thanks to her that I ended up as a delivery person most of my working life. (I spent over 20 years with Royal Mail). When the Grimsby Evening Telegraph required someone to deliver papers round Middle Rasen, they had a word with Mrs S to see if any of her former pupils were up to the task. She recommended me and my course was set.

Now to the festive season; the most back breaking time in a milk person's year. And we had all of one day to recover before starting all over again on Boxing Day. We came close to not even having that, when a new sales manager joined the company. This possible distant relative of Scrooge did not see why we should be entitled to a day off! To cut a long story short, we convinced him otherwise. Although we, so it is said, dream of a white Christmas, nothing could be further from the truth if you have to deliver milk during one. Christmas 1970 made me want to have serious words with Bing Crosby or anyone else who had issued forth on the subject in song. Still we made it through a pretty awful Boxing Day and no matter what the song says, they don't occur very often (thank goodness).

Most people understood the concept of paying for our services, but there was the odd exception to this rather obvious rule. I turned up at a cottage on Owmbly Cliff one morning where the residents had moved on without so much as a bye-your-leave. I had lost a few days milk money, but a local TV rental shop were a TV set down as it had gone into the van along with everything else!

Some more people I remember; the Potts family who moved into a small cottage on Cliff Road, Owmbly. Mr P was an architect who bought such places and turned them into something quite special. They would live in them for a short while, then sell up and do the same thing elsewhere all over again. His other half however, was determined that one thing had to change. This particular day when I arrived a tarmac drive was being laid. "That is one thing I was going to have before we moved for the tenth time in as many years. I have never had a proper drive in all that time," she told me.

They moved to Glenthams and built two houses in Portland stone on Bishop Norton Road that had the living area upstairs and the bedrooms on the ground floor. Very innovative and lovely people.

I recall the Bell family who lived in Church Lane and saw to it that the kids at Normanby Primary school were fed and watered; very good meals by all accounts.

Not far away from the Potts' cottage lived professional painter, Roy Collett. A friend of mine had one of his works; an evocative painting of another time; a ploughman and his horse-drawn plough working the soil. To be honest I don't know whether the Collett residence, off the beaten track, came under Normanby or Owmbly. Someone will know I'm sure. Eric Seaton is another name that springs to mind. Eric lived with his two sisters on Fen Road and earned his living delivering daily papers to the surrounding area.

Owmbly were pretty formidable opponents in the world of local sport. The village boasted both soccer and cricket teams. I competed against such fine players as the brothers Crowe, Bell, Hockney and Taupin. Ah, yes, Tony Taupin had a younger brother, Bernie. I wonder what became of Bernie Taupin?

Look out for the next Signpost to read part five of Tony's "Tales of a Milkman in the 70s".

WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

Hello all!

Our sales tables have been out on dry days at 57 Ryland Road, Welton, 25 Sudbrooke Rd, Scothern and 37 Holme Drive, Sudbrooke. The total raised since beginning of April and at the time of writing is £1015.65. Many thanks to those who came along and bought and donated goods for sale. I'm sure you will all agree this is an amazing amount for table top sales with honesty boxes!

The **PDA Open Garden** event is being planned for **Saturday 26th June from 10.30am to 4.30pm** at Sunnyside, East Lane, Brattleby LN1 2SQ. The admission charge will be by ticket priced £5 to include delicious homemade cake and tea, coffee or a soft drink. There will also be the option to purchase a ticket priced £8 for a full afternoon tea. Free refills of drinks will be offered and extra cake will be available to purchase. There will be a raffle, tombola, cakes and preserves stall, new and nearly new clothes for sale and a bric-a-brac stall.

The garden is around 7 miles from Welton but we will be providing transport as we have done in the past for PDA lunches. The garden is suitable for most but possibly not for wheelchairs. There is limited parking in the village on Thorpe Lane near the church and on School Lane.

For those who purchase a ticket we will be providing a plan showing where local parking is available and we will also be providing transport from Aisthorpe Village Hall where there is extra car parking available. Disabled parking is available on site.

Please telephone me for further details if you are interested in this event or to purchase tickets.

Offers of raffle or tombola prizes would be appreciated also home-made cakes. Please let me know if you need anything collecting.

As our 1st proper fundraising event since the 1st lockdown, we are hoping to make it a great success.

To purchase tickets please call either myself on 01673 862570 or Chris Scott on 01522 730561

Finally, is there anyone reading this who would like to be a volunteer driver for the PDA? Before the 1st lockdown a couple of people had enquired but then events overtook us all! There is no fixed commitment just a desire to help out in the community. If you want to know all about how the car scheme works, please give me a call with no commitment and we can have a chat.

Please all take care of yourselves and each other!

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

Janet Goddard

WELTON VILLAGE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

The library has continued it's careful and steady reopening plan by now giving access to our public computers on Wednesdays between 10 am and 12 noon and the further good news is the Parish Council have kindly supported us in providing 3 faster and more reliable machines. The library is not available on Wednesdays for browsing or borrowing but books can be returned by placing on the trolley that is in the Manor Park foyer. We will review the current arrangements over coming weeks and base any decisions on government and library service guidance. These reviews will include children's activities and the community hub talks which currently remain suspended.

The library has only been able to re-open thanks to the dedication of a small group of volunteers. We are concerned about being able to maintain our current limited hours let alone expand to more as we would like as we do not have enough volunteers on our books. Can you or someone you know help us? Can you spare a few hours a month? Have you ever thought of volunteering to provide a valued service to your fellow citizens, young, old and all those in between? We need people interested in helping us maintain the service of the library. No experience required as full training will be provided. You don't have to be an avid reader - a friendly and helpful personality is more important.

To express an interest please contact us:

By Messenger through our Facebook page at [fb.com/WeltonVillageLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/WeltonVillageLibrary)

By email to weltonpc@tiscali.co.uk (Welton Parish Council support the library and its volunteers)

By calling in at the library at Manor Park (Mon 12-5pm) (Tues 9:30am-2:30pm) to chat to a volunteer.

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

SWIMMING - we have had recent incidents within the last few months where teenagers are swimming in irrigation ponds, fishing ponds and building site ponds. We cannot stress how dangerous this is. The ponds are often in isolated locations and have unknown bacteria and foreign objects which could cause illness or snagging. Please speak to your young family members about the dangers to prevent any serious injury or death.

ASB - Since the ease in lockdown rules we have seen an increase in groups of children and young adults congregating at hot spot locations. We have increased patrols in these areas and are addressing issues such as alcohol drinking, noise, littering and COVID breaches.

COVID RESTRICTIONS - please remember we are still following Step 3 regulations until 21st June (at the earliest).

SPEEDING - We will be conducting speed checks in hot spot areas to reduce the amount of speeding vehicles on our roads.

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

1. COVID 19 pandemic breaches
2. SPEEDING - proactive speed checks

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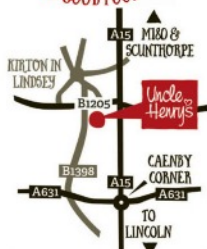
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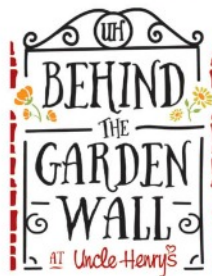
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