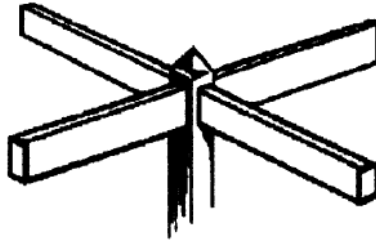


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RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

We are not divided

“We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, one in charity...”

... but of course we are divided. Hopelessly.

I mean The Church. At whatever level, the church always has been very able to fall out over all sorts of issues. The sad thing is that the issues which divide Christians are, in the end, trivial, in comparison with the things that ought to hold us together.

At one time Christians fell out over whether Jesus was true God, true man, or both at once. Reams of abstruse theology was written on the matter. Then they fell out over the date of Easter, and next after that over who was in charge (of the church, that is).

Nowadays you can read in the papers about issues which divide Christians. Mostly, we do not receive a very favourable press. I'm not surprised.

Locally too. I hear about differences of opinion within local churches, and sometimes the way these differences are expressed makes me wonder about "... one in charity". Christians who sit around waiting for other Christians to get it wrong don't seem to exercise a great deal of charity.

We are a funny lot.

To my way of thinking, being a Christian has to hinge on the way we look at Jesus. After all, our faith is named after him.

So I try to look at Jesus, to listen to him, to learn from him, to live with him. Not a lot more should matter, really, when it comes to being a Christian.

We start our Lent Course on March . It's called "Going to Church". Going to church is so often where Christians get it wrong. Going to church is what for centuries they have fallen out over (why do you think there are so many different sorts of church, & we're still inventing new ones?).

Going to church should be specifically a chance to look at Jesus, to listen to him, learn from him, and live with him. That will underlie our Lenten study. Come to the Lent Course and find out a little of what Jesus is like.

A little bit of advance publicity too. We are not divided (well ...). Locally, we are part of the Deanery of Lawres. The Bishop of Lincoln is coming to Lawres for Holy Week (10-14 April) and will lead a service in each of the parish groupings during the week. The hope is that people will travel round the deanery to be with their bishop. A bishop is, after all, the focus of unity. Our Lent timetable and the Bishop's Holy Week timetable are listed below. I hope I'll see you there.

And as for that quotation about not being divided, where does it come from? It's in the hymnbook. Do you know where?

You might be surprised.

Keep a holy Lent.

Peter Godden

Lent 2006 – Going to Church

All sessions on Wednesdays at 10.00 am at St Hilary's Church Spridlington

March 8th Session 1	Tradition
March 15th Session 2	Sin
March 22nd Session 3	Drinking blood?
March 29th Session 4	Me and God
April 5th Session 5	Hearts and hands and voices
April 12th Session 6	Is your Christianity a spectator sport?

Holy Week 2006 – with the Bishop of Lincoln

Monday 10th April 7.30 pm Evening Prayer & Address	St. John the Baptist Scampton
Tuesday 11th April 7.30 pm Evening Prayer & Address	St. Clement of Rome Fiskerton
Wednesday 12th April 7.30 pm Evening Prayer & Address	St. Hilary Spridlington
Thursday 13th April 7.30 pm The Last Supper	All Saints Nettleham
Good Friday 14th April 12 noon The Three Hours beginning at	St. Edward Sudbrooke
	& moving on for 1.30 pm to St. Germain Scothern

The intention is to walk from Sudbrooke to Scothern (less than 1 mile).
Other Holy Week services, specifically within the Owmbly Group will be in the April Signpost.

Space for Healing

will take place on the first Thursday of the month during March, April, May, and the first Friday of the month during June, July, August, at 2.00pm at Owmbly. Come along for some space, some peace, some quiet, and see if you can find some healing (either for yourself or for someone else).

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

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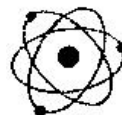
Friday 3rd March at 7pm

Speaker – Glenda Taylor

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The five parishes combined prayer groups will meet at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 13th March at the home of Caroline and David Wilson Rose Cottage, Hackthorn.

THE FOCUS FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS MONTH

We pray for God's compassion on all victims of famine, disease and oppression, especially in Africa and we pray for tolerance between all religions and the healing of divisions in our society.

**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

OWMBY GROUP WEB SITE

A comprehensive website for the Owmbly Group of Parishes is now being developed by Roy Summerfield 01673 818405, roy@glenthams.net and Colin Rainer 01673 878733, colin@owmblygroup.co.uk. Have a look at:

www.owmblygroup.co.uk

If you have any information about the villages, including events, history, local interest etc. please contact Roy via the website.

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VILLAGE	STOP	DAY	DATE	TIME
Glenthams Owmbly	Village Hall Council Houses	Tue	7th March	11.15-11.25 11.35-11.45
Hackthorn	School	Wed	15th March	13.00 -1310
Normanby	Bottle & Glass Council Houses	Fri	10th & 24th March	13.00-13.40 13.45-14.05

Owby & Normanby

OWMBY PARISH COUNCIL.

Notes from the last meeting.

In the public participation part:-

Incidents of anti social behaviour and inconsiderate parking were discussed with PC Oakes and WPC Wooll-Rivers. Both of who stressed that actions like these should be reported to themselves and to the Parish Council. They are more than willing to take up the cases but need someone to report it first. In addition a confidential report / suggestion box will be placed in the Normanby Post office for use by both villages. Also the police incident van comes to both villages on a regular basis waiting for residents to call in and discuss their problems but very few if any do and if we do not use it we will lose it.

Incidents of speeding and dog fouling were also discussed. On the speeding question, police will be present in the village with a speed detection gun in the future and a sign displaying your speed if it is over the limit will also be coming.

At the conclusion of the meeting councillors:-

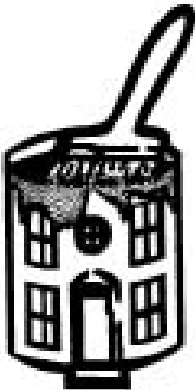
- * Fully backed the Polices request to report any anti social behaviour incidents.

- * Also asked residents not to park on the pavements / verges and to please keep to the speed limits.

In the Council Meeting the main items of business were:-

- * The Mill Lane cemetery maintenance of the hedges West Lindsey was still being chased to carry out the works.

- * Extensions of domestic gardens into adjacent fields, residents should be aware that planning permission is required before this can be done.



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* Complaints have been received of residents letting their dogs out which then foul on other peoples property. Whilst it was accepted that the majority of dog owners were responsible a few were not and incidents of stray dogs should be reported to councillors / police. Dog owners are reminded that dogs should be on the lead at all times when on the road and they should always clean up after their pets.

* To help in this dog bins were to be requested in Fen Road and Green Lane / Mill Lane which is heavily fouled. Also the bin on Normanby Road is to be properly secured so that it remains off the ground.

* Litter on Normanby Road was also commented upon, councillors asked residents to set a good example to their children and not to drop litter and to encourage them to put it in the bins or take it home.

* Remembrance service at the cenotaph in Normanby was well attended and the school children played an increasing role which is to be encouraged.

* 2006-2007 Precept was set at £1400 which is an increase of £100 over last years this was necessary to pay for the increased grass cutting in both area and frequency that is now being undertaken.

* Date of the next meeting will be March 6th in the Church at 7.30pm

NB. Council minutes and dates of the next meeting are on the Parish Notice Board adjacent to the Surgery.

Councillors are always glad to receive constructive comments on village life / facilities so please come to the meetings or phone.

Chairman OPC Graham Crompton-Howe Tel 878 386

NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the last Parish Council Meeting held on 1st February we had 6 members of the public, Support Officer Wool-Rivers and District Councillor Lewis Strange. Apologies were received from Cllr Adam Carter and County Councillor Jeff Summers.

The police are checking on the children who are causing "nuisance" damage and we may yet have a temporary sign which gives the speed you are travelling at. Some of you may have noticed the Road Safety signs which have gone up - though a few are already missing. The war memorial was discussed at length and it was agreed a working party be set up with 2 representatives from Normanby and 2 from Owmbly to hopefully produce a book in the future. Still no further forward with the play area. Since the walk around the village with the Highways Department last March, very little has been resolved. It was noted that we used the full allowance (and more) of the available free trees from Lincolnshire County Council - for which we were very grateful. Next full meeting to be held on 26th April - in the Bottle and Glass.

Nadine Fox - Clerk



Whist Drive Results

8th February 2006

1st Lady	Tina Harrison	1st Gent	Ken Green
2nd Lady	Mabel Hatfield	2nd Gent	Neville James
Low Score	Avril Harrison Richard Harrison	Near Score	Lois Green Richard Harrison
Miniature	Lois Green Avril Harrison	Raffle	Tina Harrison Jean Cowperthwaite

Anyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive it will be held at the home of .Lois & Ken Green on Wednesday 8th March 2006 at 7.30 p.m.
We are always pleased to see new faces, and it is always a very light hearted evening.

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 2nd March 2006

at

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Field Lane Normanby-by-Spital

10.30 am

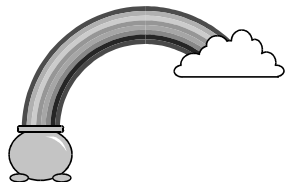
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OWMBY CHURCH MONTHLY DRAW JANUARY 2006

1st	2nd	3rd
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Avril

Glenthams & Caenby

GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING 2ND FEBRUARY 2006

The primary reason for the meeting was to discuss the funding of the resubmission of the Planning Application for the New Village Hall. As a quorum was not present for this agenda item no conclusions could be reached, but, it was decided to discuss the matter.

Mr John Baxter, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, presented an overview of the Village Hall, past and present. The Planning Application runs out on 4th September 2006 and it was acknowledged that this gave time for the item to be placed on the agenda and a decision made at the next Parish Council meeting on 9th March 2006. It was agreed by everyone present that the Village Hall is there to benefit everyone in the community.

An application has been made for Capital Grant Aid to resurface the Play Area. The total cost is £2900. If the Parish Council is successful, LCC will provide £1450, WLDC provide £725, leaving a deficit of £725 to be Glenthams Parish Council's contribution. It was agreed that Glenthams Parish Council will provide £725 towards the cost of the flooring if the grant application is successful.

DOG FOULING

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Anyone who has trodden in dog dirt knows how messy, smelly and unpleasant it is.

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- b) Adopting the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 and in doing so has made it an offence not to clear up after a dog has fouled.
- c) Anyone found guilty of an offence under this Act can face a fine of up to £1000 or, as an alternative, a fixed penalty fine of £50 and avoid a court hearing
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If anyone sees this happening please phone West Lindsey, Environmental Services, on 01427 676676.

Well done to the person who picked up after their dog on Little Hill, can you please place your bag in the dog waste bins provided and not leave it for someone else to dispose of!!!

Many thanks to the public spirited villager who disposed of this bag and collected a carrier bag full of other litter left on Little Hill.

CAENBY PARISH MEETING AGM

All residents of Caenby are invited to attend the AGM of the Caenby Parish Meeting which will be held on **Friday 24th March** at 7.30 p.m. At The Old Rectory, High Street, Caenby. We look forward to meeting you at this AGM when officers will stand for election

St Peter's Guild

Over £40 was raised at the January coffee morning held at the home of Reg and Nora Skipper, many thanks to our hosts and the people who supported the event. The March 21st coffee morning will be held at the home of Mrs Jane Rose at the Trap House, Church Lane.

GLENTHAM CHURCH & CHAPEL

JUMBLE SALE

Saturday 8th April at 2:00pm

Glenthams Village Hall

Anyone donating jumble please ring 878733

Glenthams & District Gardeners' Club



A very colourful and interesting slideshow and talk was given by Trevor Faulkner on Hampton Court and other homes and gardens visited by himself and his family. The slides certainly brightened up a cold and dark February evening for the good number of people who attended. Enquiries are being made regarding a trip to Cambridge Botanical Gardens in the summer. Watch this space! The next meeting on Tuesday 14th March will be Steve Bird giving a talk on the Lincoln Arboretum

SOW SWEET PEAS

Make sure you have a succession of scented sweet peas this summer by making another sowing now, to carry on the display from autumn sown plants.

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Glenthams & Caenby Tapestry Group

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th March in The Trap House, Glenthams at 7.30 p.m. New members will be most welcome.

55+ Club

Our March meeting will be held on 13th in Glenthams Village Hall at 2.00 p.m. We now have a Scrabble group, so if you like playing the game why not come along.



St. Peter's Guild
COFFEE MORNING
 Tuesday 21st March at 10.30 am
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We received some other good news in January when Mrs Woods gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, Thomas Benjamin. Within a few days of his birth he attended the Christingle Service at Church, much to the delight of all the children and parents!

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**Saturday Morning
CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP
*Keep Me Happy Club***

The *Keep Me Happy Club* will meet once a month. It's for children 4-11 years from any Village in the Owmbly Group. Its February meeting will be

**Saturday 18th March, 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.

Carol Singers

Thank you to all who came to the village hall for an evening of carols and fun. It was a fantastic attendance and I think a good time was had by all. It was especially nice to welcome 'old' friends, especially Roderick and Alice Wells, who had travelled from Leicestershire and Ivan and Valerie Howett, who had travelled from Hull.

As you know, a collection was made and a total of £200 was collected. This has been split between LIVES and St Barnabas Hospice. Thank you for your generosity.

Normal service will be resumed this year, but it might be nice to repeat the evening for our 'Silver' anniversary in 2010! Let us know what you think.

Cathy Andrews & Lynne Clark



**HACKTHORN LOCAL
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**The next History Group meeting will be in
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Spridlington

SPRIDLINGTON PARISH SCHOOL

Now used as the Village Hall, the school was built in 1870 to hold up to 70 pupils.

I have a great interest in schools and education and am beginning to trace the history of the old Spridlington School. I would like to hear from any Signpost readers who attended the school, or knew someone who did, or who may have memories and memorabilia from the time when the school was open. If you are interested in sharing your memories, please contact:

Anne Hunter

Brindle House. Owmbly Road, Spridlington. Tel: 01673 863196

LITTER

If like me you hate litter and deplore the amount of rubbish that litters the grass verges around the village perhaps you would like to join me to help clear it. I appreciate that we pay our council tax for among other things keeping our environment clean but realistically West Lindsey Council will never be able to deal with all the areas they are supposed to cover. I have contacted the council and volunteered my services to collect the rubbish and they will provide gloves, bags, litter pickers and most importantly collect the bags when we have finished. It would be nice if I could have half dozen or so volunteers to help me. If you are willing to give a hand please ring me on 861363 to arrange suitable date. Perhaps we could make an event of it and once finished clean up and come back to Rockie Rise for an informal lunch and glass or two of wine.

Diana Burrows

ST. HILARY'S CHURCH SPRIDLINGTON

St. Hilary's PCC Annual General Meeting will be held in Church on Wednesday 5th April 2006 at 7.30pm All welcome.

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 15th March 2006

10.30 am

BRINDLE HOUSE

OWMBY ROAD, SPRIDLINGTON

Hosted by Anne Hunter

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Open Churches Weekend

20th & 21st May 2006

advance notice the theme this year is stained glass windows. More information will be published in April Signpost but if anyone has an interest in or knowledge of stained glass windows particularly those in Spridlington church perhaps you would

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Sunday 19th March

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COMMUNITY NEWS

BOBBIES BEAT

Special Constables You will all have heard the phrase “ the thin blue line” Well one ways of making the line a bit thicker is to help the Police by becoming a Special Constable. The “Specials” are an important part of modern day policing in the community. If you are interested in joining or finding out more, please contact Lincolnshire Police on 01522 882222 and ask about Special Constable recruitment.



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Crime in your area, 16/01 Theft Highgate Lane Normanby, 27/01 Theft Post Office Glenthams, 29/01 Damage Crown Inn Glenthams, 06/02 Burglary Bishop Norton Rd Glenthams, 09/02 Burglary High Street, Glenthams.

As you can see we have had a few problems in the village of Glenthams. As mentioned above please contact the Police if you see anything at all untoward, you maybe preventing a crime.

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.

TSUNAMI APPEAL

In July last year we added the Welton and District donations of £3,053 to Pat Parker's Hykeham appeal fund and, with a grand total of £14,600, she has now successfully ensured the money has gone into boat building. Four fishing boats have been built and fitted out and given to families in Baan Nam Khem, Thailand to help restore their means of livelihood. Once again many thanks to all who supported this appeal which

will have brought some assistance to a few families devastated by the Tsunami some 14 months ago.

Bill Cave & Roy Minnitt



Lincoln Diocesan Mothers Union

West Wold & lawres Deaneries

Welton Branch invites you to join them at their meetings. They are held in St Mary's Church Welton on the second Wednesday of each month in the choir vestry at 2pm. If you would like a 2006 programme please ring me

Dorothy Newton 01673 863852 or visit

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Owmbly Group Charity Coffee Evening

Monday 24th April 2006

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ALL WELCOME

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WELTON PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

At the time of writing we are having a new telephone system installed which we hope will improve access to services within the surgery. The telephone number for the surgery for all emergencies, requests for house calls, ordering repeat prescriptions, test results and all general enquiries is now 0844 477 3072. There is also the option to link direct to the out of hours emergency service without the need to make two telephone calls in the event of need when the surgery is closed.

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It is with regret that we announce the cessation of the chiropody services currently provided by Mr Mel Deacon on alternate Monday afternoons with effect from the end of March 2006. This service was provided to complement the existing NHS service (which will continue) by utilizing funds from a budget allocated to the practice to enhance services to patients. This budget ceased some time ago and in the light of increasing financial pressures we constantly have to review all expenditure and therefore this decision has been taken.

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We would like to thank Mr Deacon for all his input into the practice and wish him all the very best for the future.

Please note that blood tests are not routinely available unless specifically requested by a member of the practice team. The phlebotomy staff have reported that they have had several patients booking into their clinics in recent weeks just because they wanted their 'blood checked out' without consulting a healthcare professional first.

Wednesday 8th March 2006 is National No Smoking Day and we will be having trained Smoking Cessation staff available in the surgery for advice plus spirometry screening from 11.00 am – 3.00pm and 5.00 – 6.00pm. Please drop in and see how we can help you quit the habit.

We would welcome any clean recent (and suitable) magazines for our waiting room to replace the rather outdated current reading material we have on display. Please drop in at reception if you have anything suitable.

From April new regulations come into play which will force us to again become registered for VAT. This may mean changes to the costs of various services offered by the practice as VAT may need to be added – please don't blame us! We would certainly prefer not to have the added burden of the administration involved but as a dispensing practice we cannot opt out.

Finally twenty appointments in the surgery and we have been notified of nine hospital appointments so far which were not kept or cancelled in January – please help us all by letting us know if you cannot keep an appointment. Our new telephone system also allows you to leave a message and cancel at all times if you cannot keep surgery appointments– so no excuse !

Sallie Stead

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Ash Wednesday	7.30 pm	Holy Communion	Owmbly	PG/DE
Thursday March 2	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
	2.00 pm	Space for Healing	Owmbly	PG
Sunday March 5	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	PG
Lent 1	11.00 am	Family Service	Spridlington	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmbly	PG
Thursday March 9	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	PG
Sunday March 12	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
Lent 2	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Saxby	AOH
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Glenthams	PG/AOH
Thursday March 16	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
Sunday March 19	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	PG
Lent 3	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	PG/AOH
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn	PG/AOH
	4.00 pm	Songs of Praise	Spridlington	PG/ST
Thursday March 23	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	PG
Sunday March 26	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
Mothering Sunday	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	+ David
	11.00 am	Fam Service/Baptism	Owmbly	+ David
Thursday March 30	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Normanby	PG

Glenthams Methodist Chapel - March 2006

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Led By</i>
3rd	3.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	
5th	10.45 am	Family Service	Mrs. Jane Cram
12th	8.5.00 pm	Evening Service	Rev. Liz Smith
19th	9.30 am	Morning Service	Dr. D. Owen
26th	10.45a.m.	Mother's Day Family Service - Sunday Club	

Expert Patient Programme (EPP)

West Lincolnshire PCT has planned an Expert Patient Programme at the Manor Park Sports Centre Welton, starting on Wednesday 8 March 2006. The sessions commence at 1pm and plan to finish at 4pm.

EPP is a course of six self-management sessions for people living with long term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, arthritis, back problems, epilepsy and many other long term conditions. The courses are run over six weeks by volunteer tutors and there is a strong emphasis on participants setting practical and achievable goals. The course is completely free and includes a useful handbook for participants to keep.

Other courses planned for 2006

- Branston • Bracebridge • Market Rasen/Caistor • Gainsborough

To book a place please telephone PALS on 0845 602 4384 or Jackie Morton on 01522 513355 Ext 5524.

WHAT'S ON DIARY FOR MARCH

Day	Date	Time	Function	Place
Thur	2	2.00 p.m.	History Group	Hackthorn VH
Thur	2	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Normanby
Tue	2	7.30 p.m.	Tapestry Group	Trap House
Thur	2	10.30 a.m.	VH Coffee Morning	Glentham VH
Mon	6	7.30 p.m.	Owmby Parish Council	Owmby Church
Mon	6	2.00 p.m.	Rainbow Fellowship	Normanby
Wed	8	2.00 p.m.	Mother's Union	Welton
Wed	8	7.30 p.m.	Whist Drive	Normanby
Thur	9	10.30 a.m.	VH Coffee Morning	Glentham VH
Mon	13	2.00 p.m.	55+ Club	Glentham VH

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

Wed	15	10.30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Spridlington
Thur	16	10.30 a.m.	VH Coffee Morning	Glentham VH
Sat	18	10.00 a.m.	Children's Workshop	Hackthorn VH
Sun	19	12 noon	Roving Lunch	Spridlington
Tue	21	10.30 a.m.	St. Peter's Guild	Trap House
Thur	23	10.30 a.m.	VH Coffee Morning	Glentham VH
Fri	24	7.30 p.m.	Caenby Parish Meeting	The Old Rectory VH
Thur	30	10.30 a.m.	VH Coffee Morning	Glentham VH

Last word

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol - Dead.

The second worm in cigarette smoke - Dead.

Third worm in chocolate syrup - Dead.

Fourth worm in good clean soil - Alive. So the Minister asked the congregation,

What can you learn from this demonstration?

A little old woman in the back quickly raised her hand and said,

"As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"

Don't you just love little old ladies?? ?