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Owmby by Spital, adj The Paddock	07:36	Hackthorn, adj Village Lane End	18:03
Saxby, opp Village Lane End	07:38	Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	18:06
Spridlington, adj Telephone Box	07:41	Spridlington, opp Telephone Box	18:09
Hackthorn, opp Village Lane End	07:44	Saxby, adj Village Lane End	18:12
Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	07:47	Owmby by Spital, opp The Paddock	18:15
Welton Black Bull Inn (NE-bound)	07:54	Normanby by Spital, opp Church	18:17
Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay C)	08:38	Glenthams, opp The Crown Inn	18:23

Waddingham - Lincoln Wednesdays Only		Lincoln - Waddingham Wednesdays Only	
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Waddingham, adj Marquis Of Granby PH	09:30	Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay N)	13:30
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Bishop Norton, opp St Peter's Church	09:38	Hackthorn, adj War Memorial	13:55
Glenthams, opp The Old Parsonage	09:43	Spridlington, opp Telephone Box	14:03
Normanby by Spital, opp Church	09:48	Owmby by Spital, opp Surgery	14:10
Owmby by Spital, adj Surgery	09:52	Normanby by Spital, adj Church	14:12
Spridlington, adj Telephone Box	09:57	Glenthams, adj The Old Parsonage	14:17
Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	10:05	Bishop Norton, adj St Peter's Church	14:22
Ermine West, opp Ruckland Avenue	10:18	Snitterby, adj Royal Oak Inn	14:27
Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay N)	10:30	Waddingham, opp Marquis Of Granby PH	14:30

## LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

What a year we have had. What with lock downs, face coverings, hand washing and social distancing, it is one which we will never forget. It has been extremely stressful for some, especially those who live in fear of losing their homes and livelihoods. We have been told, where possible, to work from home. Some seem to have taken to this and now prefer to work from home, others can't wait to return to work and their colleagues.

There have been some really good moments, where the milk of human kindness has overflowed. We can never forget the massive effort put on by our wonderful NHS. The stories we hear about people delivering free school meals to poorer children, to people willing to help older and more vulnerable neighbours and, of course, dear Sir Captain Tom, God rest his soul. There have also been some bad moments when panic buying cleared the supermarket shelves. We will all remember the nurse who sat in her car and cried having just finished her shift, because the shelves were empty. Yes, there have been some really dark times. But, it is now 2021 and vaccinations are being rolled out. There IS hope on the horizon!

I thought of hope today, looking out of our window and spotted some snow drops and lots of Spring plants, poking their way through the dark soil. I am reminded that Spring is on its way and once again the earth will be renewed with the glory of God's creation.

For me, one of the hardest things was not being able to visit friends and family over Christmas and New Year. I also miss not being able to have a service in church. But I have now learned a new skill, how to co-host a service on Zoom! Our Christingle Service this year was relayed via Zoom. Being the first one within the Owmbly Group of Parishes, we were all pioneers.

However, we must never forget the hundreds of thousands who have lost their lives leaving behind bereaved loved ones. Through all of this, God has been with us, we can never be separated from his love. He has welcomed all those we have lost into his Kingdom of Heaven. We need to take the love, little acts of kindness and consideration we hear about in the news, into our neighbourhoods and communities looking to a better future.

God bless you all.

*Liz Harris*


Graham P. Atkins

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## AROUND THE PARISHES

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The children are engaging brilliantly with their remote learning. We are so incredibly proud of how quickly they have adapted to the new way of learning. Our children have a daily English lesson, via Zoom, followed by a Maths lesson from Oak Academy and a non-core subject task each afternoon, in addition to practising their tables, spelling, handwriting and reading. It has been a pleasure for us to see the children during zoom lessons; they listen beautifully and participate so enthusiastically! We have even had governors carry out monitoring duties during Zoom lessons!

Our school community still connects weekly through assemblies. One never knows quite what to expect in our Monday Visitors' Assembly. This week Mr Beverley had an arm wrestle with a puppet! Our Friday Good works assemblies now start with a 'Hi-de-Hi Hackthorn' greeting on the xylophone, which brings a smile to the attendees. Each week different children share examples of their work. The English work has been particularly impressive.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. We have been sharing various resources and ideas with the children about looking after their mental and emotional health as well as their physical health.

We cannot predict what the coming weeks or months will bring but I have no doubt that our school community will continue to pull together and our 'Hackthorn Way' values will shine through. We have received so many wonderful encouraging comments and support from parents, governors, staff, pupils and friends. I am so proud of our Hackthorn community.

As Captain Sir Tom Moore said

*"We will get through it in the end but it might take time, at the end of the day we shall all be ok again... the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away."*

In the current climate, we are unable to have visitors to the school, but please contact the school on 01673 860295 or visit our website at [www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk) if you would like to know more about us.

Mrs Appleby  
Headteacher

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## **THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH**

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved a new one arose.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first, she placed a carrot, in the second she placed an egg, and the last she placed some ground coffee beans.

She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished out the carrot and placed it in a bowl. She pulled the egg out and placed it in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee into a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see?"

"A carrots, an egg and some coffee," she replied.

She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrot. She did and noted that it was soft. She then asked her to take the egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled, as she tasted its rich aroma.

The daughter then asked, "What's the point, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity... boiling water – but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after being through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked the daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I?

Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity, do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after death, a break up, a financial hardship, or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavour. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you.

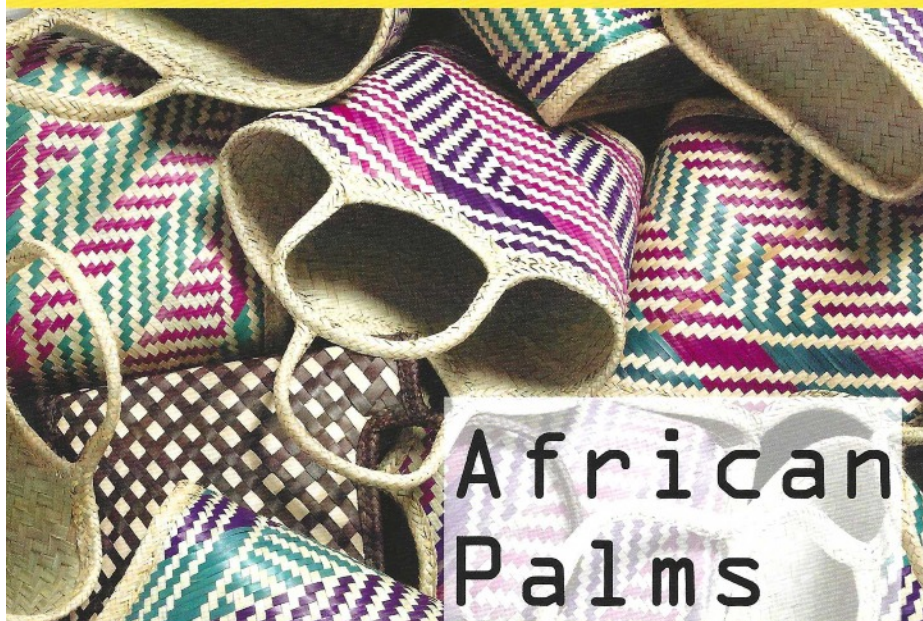
When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity?

*ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG OR A COFFEE BEAN?*



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<b>Sunday 14th</b> <i>4th of Lent - Mothering Sunday</i>	11.00 am Family Service	Online via Zoom* LH/MC	
<b>Sunday 21st</b> <i>5th of Lent</i>	11.00 am Holy Communion	Online via Zoom*	ST
<b>Sunday 28th</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	11.00 am Service with Bishop of Grimsby	Online via Zoom*	ST

**\* If you do not currently receive an invitation to the Zoom services, please send your e-mail details to [clarewallis@btinternet.com](mailto:clarewallis@btinternet.com) to be included on the list.**

**If you are a bit of a technophobe, not yet a user of Zoom or you feel apprehensive for any reason, please contact one of our Church Wardens who are willing to have a bit of a chat and maybe even a little practice session to help you get the hang of it as well as alleviate any fears you may have. It's important to note you do not need to show your face (or your living room) to enjoy an online Service.**

### GLENTHAM CHAPEL (PART OF THE WOLDS & TRENT CIRCUIT)

Whilst our Churches are closed a Circuit Zoom Service is being held each Sunday at 4:00pm.

<b>Sunday 7th</b>	led by Ian Hardcastle and Jane Lloyd
<b>Sunday 14th</b>	led by Rev Louise Carr and Karen Elvidge
<b>Sunday 21st</b>	led by Rev Liz Childs
<b>Sunday 28th</b>	led by Rev Heather Wilson and Rev Louise Carr

**If you would like to join us in the service please email [jennymarian8@gmail.com](mailto:jennymarian8@gmail.com) or phone 01673 878806 for the meeting ID and pass code. I look forward to hearing from you. Many thanks and 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.

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**Rector:** Revd Sally Turnbull - 07549 522494

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## **CHURCH OPENING DURING COVID-19**

St. Peter & St. Paul Church at Owmbly will be open for Private Prayer and Contemplation on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Hand sanitiser is provided to use on entry and before leaving.

There is a test and trace app on the notice board inside the church, however, if you do not have a mobile phone there are some forms to complete on the desk.

Please follow the one way system and social distancing rules.

Face covering **MUST** be worn when entering our church.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

(International and Interdenominational)

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we are not arranging to gather as a single congregation for a service this year. Instead we invite you to join in the Day of Prayer at **7pm on Friday 5th March** in your own home. If you have not already received a copy of the service booklet please phone me and I will deliver one to your door.

This year's World Day of Prayer Service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Vanuatu, an archipelago of eighty islands in the South Pacific, two thousand miles east of Australia.

Many of us may not have been aware of their existence before,  
yet now we unite in prayer to learn about their lives.



The theme for this year is  
**'Build on a Strong Foundation'**



The verses in the Bible reference conclude the Sermon on the Mount from the gospel of Matthew. When we build on the rock which is Christ, we know that we are on a strong foundation that will stand the tests of time and remain secure.

Truly words of encouragement at this time.

Thank you for your involvement with WDP. Although apart, on Friday 5th March we will unite in prayer throughout the world.

God Bless and Many thanks; Jenny Atkinson 01673 878806

We are encouraged to still give our offering. The Day of Prayer is virtually the movement's only source of income and donations can be made in a number of different ways:

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### **SUPPORT FOR ST HILARY'S**

Dear Friends,

The Covid 19 pandemic has affected every part of our lives, and that of our church also. Not being able to gather together to worship, to meet socially or attend events has had a big impact on the life of St Hilary's - both the spiritual life that we share and the financial repercussions as a result of no activities. Sadly, the financial picture is grim and this letter is an appeal for your help and support which would be greatly appreciated.

The regular day-to-day expenses of running our church cost us over £7,500 per year and, in a "normal" year, these expenses exceed our regular day-to-day income by about £2,600 per year.

We would normally try to make up this shortfall through local fundraising activities and donations. However, the current pandemic has obviously significantly impacted on our ability to fundraise and much of our other income from services has been reduced.

Therefore, there is a real threat that PCC funds could be reduced to zero in the not too distant future, thus threatening the very existence of the church as a beautiful, useable asset to our community.

Additionally, 2020 was certainly not a "normal" year - nor will 2021 be.

COVID is continuing to impact on our income streams, and the PCC is also faced with imminent, unexpected bills for repairs to the inside floors and outside walls of the Church, both of which need immediate attention.

PCC funds could therefore be fully consumed even sooner.

The PCC is extremely grateful for financial support it receives by way of regular standing orders, donations made at church services, donations made outside of church (eg at coffee mornings - when we are allowed to hold them!) and any other sources of support.

Any additional help would be gratefully appreciated. We are committed, with your help, to continue to run and maintain our wonderful Church to meet the spiritual and social needs of our community when people most need us.

If you feel you would like to help with the financial problems outlined above, please contact our Treasurer, Martin Spratt, on 07542-749337 or [spratt999@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:spratt999@hotmail.co.uk).

Martin can help advise on setting up regular standing orders or making one-off donations, whether you are a regular churchgoer or not.

Thank you

Spridlington PCC

### **WEST LINDSEY LOTTERY**

I would like to thank all those who are supporting St Peter's Church, Glenthams through the lottery. There have been 2 further winners since the 12th January. They have won the fifth prize of 3 free tickets and a further £66 has been raised for the upkeep of the church. For those who are considering joining the lottery, numbers are drawn each week. The 3rd prize is £250, the second prize is £2,500, the jackpot is £25,000 and 50% of the ticket sales go to the church if they are bought through the church page at

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## **HACKTHORN CHURCH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**



The church annual expenditure for 2020 was £7000, down £1655 on 2019 (not including building repairs). It is funded significantly by 19 regular church & non church goers mostly through Gift Aided Donations to whom the Parochial Church Council are very grateful for their continued support.

Pre COVID the expenses were creeping up, & there are always some repairs to be done on the building. £3530 was spent (out of reserves) on partially

decorating the church last year.

Sadly due to COVID, legal Church use restrictions, and very limited fundraising activity, excess income fell by £4000 in 2020 compared to 2019 & could be similarly down again in 2021 without more financial support from the community.

Thankfully, there are a few who are currently using a great website called *Easy Fundraising* to help raise money for Hackthorn St Michael & All Angels - Lincoln - simply by shopping online. Total raised at time of publication is £827.00

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## PARISHIONER CONTRIBUTIONS

Due to current COVID regulations, most local events are not able to be held. That is having an impact on the number of notices I can place in Signpost each month.

For fear of becoming an "advertisement leaflet", a few weeks ago, at one of the online Zoom services we have each week (details can be found elsewhere in this month's edition as well as the Facebook page and website) I requested people send in some personal anecdotes, poems, drawings, etc. i.e. anything they thought they could share with others from the parishes Signpost covers. Over the coming months I will be publishing those that I receive.

If you have something you would like to see in future Signposts, please send them to me. My email address can be found at the back of the magazine, or you can contact me through the Facebook page as well as the website if that's where you are reading this from. For those reading the magazine at home, did you know Signpost was viewable online? Have a look at <https://owmbygroup.co.uk/signpost>

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## BOOK REVIEW

### **TWO GOOD READS!**

**"ARCHBISHOP" BY MICHELE GUINNESS**

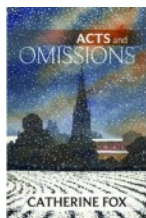


First off I want you to know this is a novel. It's fiction! The Church of England is in a difficult place. But one woman is making a difference in her Diocese. So she breaks the glass ceiling when they appoint her Archbishop of Canterbury.

She has a clear vision of what the church should do. Michele Guinness has fun orchestrating the effects this might have on church, on politicians and the views of the public ... and on her husband!

My wife persuaded me to read this book and I really enjoyed it.

**"ACTS AND OMISSIONS" BY CATHERINE FOX**



This is actually the first of a trilogy of novels. It's based in a Diocese that (geographically) sounds a little like Lincoln. The splurge says that it is an affectionate homage to Trollope's Barchester Chronicles. Fortunately, I didn't let that put me off!

It's very tongue in cheek, witty, with some ripe old characters. Once I locked into it I wanted to know what happened to the people and so devoured all three books.

Reviews by John Beverley

**If you have news, an article or story, or are holding an event you feel would be of interest to other local residents, please contact Steve, the editor.**

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	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>09:00 - 16:00</b>

## **SPRIDLINGTON C OF E SCHOOL: A BRIEF HISTORY**

Some years ago I began to research the history of Spridlington Old School but to be honest my work was put to one side until "The Lockdown." Spurred on by Barbara Hinch's article in February's issue (The Lockdown and Me), I have gone back to my earlier research and hope to now finish what I started a few years ago. I am a former teacher and live near the old school which is now used as the Village Hall, so it is perhaps not surprising that I have an interest in the history and stories behind the old village school.

Education in Spridlington can be traced back to 1839 when two houses on Faldingworth Road were sold to pay for the erection of a school house which became parish property. The first teachers were Joseph Snowden and his wife Christina (or Christiana). When it became disused in 1869 it was converted back into two properties.

Building of the new school, situated on Owmbly Road, began in 1869, in anticipation of the major changes to education which were being proposed by parliament. The Rev H. F. Hutton personally financed the project, with the initial cost being £40.00. In 1870 the Foster Education Act became law and for the first time there was a national, compulsory system of state education for children between the ages of 5-12 years.

Pupils attending the new school would have been taught in accordance with the 1870 Act, although there was no formal curriculum laid down in the Act. Teachers were mostly free to teach what they believed to be right although they would have been influenced by the local vicar and the board of governors. The 1870 Act was passed in response to political and economic factors. Britain was seen, at that time, as the major industrialised country in the world and therefore it needed its citizens to be literate and numerate in order for the country to compete and indeed colonise throughout the world.

Many parents resented their young children receiving compulsory education. In a rural community such as Spridlington, many men were employed as farm labourers and women and children were often involved in farming practices throughout the year. Children between the ages of 5 and 12 would have helped out their parents at harvest or lambing time and so the changes to the education system had financial implications for families who were paid very low wages and lived in poor housing.

During the incumbency of Arthur Wollaston Hutton (1873 - 1876) the school district of Spridlington was extended to include Saxby and Firsby. Additional accommodation was therefore needed in the school and consequently an additional classroom was built. The school was then used on Sundays as a temporary church until St Hilary's Church was consecrated in September 1875. The school now having two classrooms meant that teachers could, in theory, provide more suitable teaching for a range of ages and abilities. However, most of the didactic teaching for the older children was based on copy writing from a board and committing facts to memory. The infant children probably fared better, with more open and practical learning opportunities, although for much of the time the younger children probably experienced the same knowledge based learning and copying exercising that we now refer to as "learning by rote".

Coming Up: "An Inspector Calls"

1861: Rev Henry, F.W. Hutton inspects the old school.

Anne Hunter

### **CORRECTION**

In some editions of February's Signpost, an article entitled "Lockdown and Me" was attributed to Cathy Andrews. In actual fact, the article was written by Barbara Hinch and was submitted by Cathy. Apologies to Barbara for the confusion and lack of attribution in some of the magazines that were distributed.

## **TALES OF A 1970'S MILKMAN**

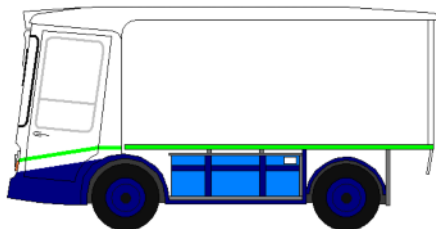
By Tony Trevor

### **Part One**

I became a milkman on a chilly morning in early March 1970. For the next 8 years I would be delivering milk, butter, cream, etc, to the villages that are served by the Signpost magazine. For the first two weeks the days would be long, getting used to calling on around 400 households with their daily requirements. I even missed the first FA cup final for years as money collection day took even longer than it would when I had settled in. But I was quickly introduced to the level of friendliness I would encounter often in this neck of the woods, when a kind lady, Mrs Warner at Cold Hanworth asked if I would like to join her family and watch the match with them. I had to turn the offer down, boss Charlie, back at the dairy would not have been too happy.

Come to think of it, offers of tea, coffee and snacks were always there. Friday, another long pay-day had its culinary moments; Mrs Daubney at Hackthorn was ready with tea and home-made pastry. The Wests at Glenthams also. As there were four hours between these two calls, I had time to work the calories off. Mr West now retired, had had the type of job dreamed of by most small boys; a fireman on a steam train. There was Mrs Cox at Spridlington and the Manns and the Graves again at Hackthorn who kept me hydrated on Mondays and Saturdays respectively. The Storrs at Saxby often had the kettle boiling as well.

I was more than grateful to all these lovely folks but a daily stopover was needed and the Clarks at Glenthams came to the rescue with that one. Margaret and Albert ran the café on the main road opposite the Crown Inn. On this occasion I had to earn my cuppa. Albert delivered papers to the surrounding area by bicycle and I saved him a journey to the outer reaches of his round; a fair trade.



It was just after my normal break there one morning, when tragedy struck! Next door in a small detached cottage lived an elderly lady probably in her late 70s. On collection day we had a system; I knocked once, entered and on the kitchen table would be my money, always the correct change, waiting for me. My customer would be standing in exactly the same spot; to the right of the fireplace, one of those old fashioned affairs that worked as an oven and heated water as well.

This particular Friday there was no sign of her. Then I saw her laid face down on the mat across the front of the hearth. A quick check, yes her breathing was shallow but she was still alive. No mobile phones then, so I rushed round to the Clarks and they sent for help. Sadly it was too late, she had suffered a massive stroke and died later in hospital.

To end on a happier note...

A lady at Spridlington who was housekeeper for retired farmer Mr Albone spotted my obvious distress, one morning during that freak summer of 1976. I was not a hat wearer and was experiencing the effects of the unusually hot weather. I was feeling really groggy.

"Mr Albone has several straw hats," she said, "I will get you one."

It literally saved my life. I often wondered, when Mr Albone saw me wearing it did he know it was his or did he think, "Oh I have one just the same as that."



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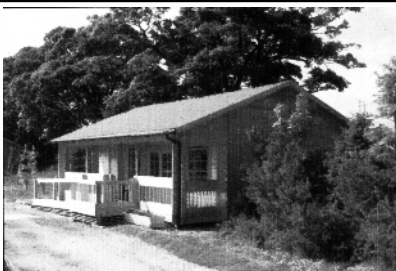
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## WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

Hello all!

I mentioned last month that the PDA transport scheme was being kept very busy taking patients, who have no other means of transport, up to the showground for their Covid injections. To date we have safely delivered over 60 patients to the Showground with a further 63 booked in for the coming weeks. The number of drivers available is greatly depleted due to some drivers own medical conditions which means that the few who are still driving at the moment have at times been stretched to the limit!

If you are struggling to get to the Showground please don't hesitate to give me a call and I will find a driver for you.

I confess I have 'jumped on the band wagon' of those selling jigsaw puzzle as a lockdown passtime and have been selling on Facebook market place on behalf of the PDA. To say they are selling like hot cakes is an understatement. This week 7th - 13th Feb has been a bumper week with £105 added to PDA funds. All collections are of course done 'Covid safe' with masks worn by both parties and money dropped in a pot.

We have taken a chance and, looking ahead, have made a provisional booking of Welton Village Hall for our Autumn Fayre and Christmas Lunch. Whether or not they will go ahead is anyone's guess but we have to remain optimistic! More details of dates nearer the time.

Hopefully when the weather improves our sales tables will appear again and we are already looking forward to selling plants later in the year.

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

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### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

**OP RABON** - Due to the rise in theft and attempt theft of Land Rovers/Range Rovers and Ford Transits we are working with communities and conducting Hi-Vis patrols to reduce this.

**ASB** - Despite not being a local priority we are continuing active engagements with Schools and other youth groups and Hi-Vis patrols of parks, community centres and hot spot locations. Despite Government Lockdown we are still seeing groups of young adults congregating.

**COVID-19 Regulations** - Currently we are kept very busy with reports of breach of COVID-19 regulations. We would urge all community members to ensure they are aware of the latest Government Guidelines by logging onto [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

**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
3. OPP RABON - reducing vehicle crime

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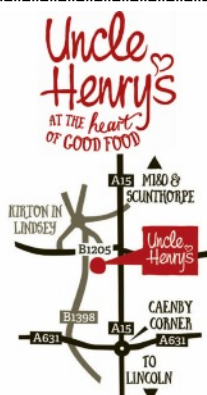
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