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MINISTRY LETTER FOR FEBRUARY 2026

How well do you know your neighbours?

Before coming to Lincolnshire we had, very much, been townies, growing up near shipyards and mines. It was an age when children played together outside and "everyone knew everyone!" Moving to a small village was a complete contrast.

When we moved to Spridlington about 30 years ago we were welcomed and acknowledged by local people. Our next door neighbours quickly introduced themselves over the garden fence. I became a worshipper at the village church, where our network of neighbours grew. The Village Hall was a regular meeting place. It was well supported and so it was easy to become acquainted with residents who lived beyond my "next door neighbours." It wasn't long before we knew most people who lived in the village and we quickly settled into the new environment and way of living. We live in rapidly changing times. New houses are quickly being built in towns and cities, what were once small villages are being expanded to meet a housing crisis. However, it seems that within these new environments little thought has been given to creating a neighbourhood. Where are the churches? the community halls? the playing fields and the shops? Who now is our neighbour if we rarely see or spend time with those around us?

The question "Who is my neighbour?" is at the heart of one of Jesus' most famous parables "The Good Samaritan". When a lawyer asked, "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus tells the Parable of the Good Samaritan redefining the concept of "neighbour" to one that goes beyond one's immediate community, ethnicity, or social circle.

(You will find the parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke's Gospel, Chapter 10 verses 25-37)

On **Friday March 6, at 4.00pm**, in St Hilary's Church, Spridlington we will hold a service to celebrate World Day of Prayer. We will join a great wave of prayer which encircles the globe, beginning in Samoa and ending, 146 countries later, in American Samoa, all praying with, and for, the country and people of Nigeria.

During the service we will hear life stories of different women from Nigeria each of them sharing experiences, hopes and challenges that are common to all of us.

To paraphrase the words of one of the women, Beatice.

"The day I lost my husband; I lost more than just my partner; I lost my place in society. Suddenly I was alone with three small children. But in my darkest moments, I found strength in my faith and in the community of other widows. It's not an easy path to follow but together as, friends and neighbours, we find the strength to carry on."

In today's troubled world we see and read daily reports about people throughout the world who need compassion, mercy, and help. In Jesus' view, being someone's neighbour is not just about being aware of the needs of those immediately around us but also of anyone who needs friendship and support. This is well expressed in the words of the popular hymn "When I needed a neighbour":

When I needed a neighbour

Were you there, were you there?

When I needed a neighbour were you there?

And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter,

Were you there?

Anne Hunter

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(International and Interdenominational)

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. It is not solely for women; everyone is welcome regardless of faith, gender, ethnicity or sexuality.



This year's Service has been prepared by the
Christian Women of Nigeria.



The theme for 2026 is
'I Will Give You Rest: Come'

The 2026 World Day of Prayer materials from Nigeria bring us a powerful invitation drawn from Matthew 11:28-30. At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.

Through their exploration of different kinds of burdens - shame, systemic oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair - the writers help us understand both the weight of human suffering and the depths of divine rest. Their work shows us that true rest isn't just about physical relief, but about transformation through God's grace and community support.

Owmbly Group Service to be held at
St Hilary's, Spridlington
Friday, March 5 at 4:00pm

By taking part we join a great wave of prayer which encircles the globe taking in
146 countries all praying this year for the country and people of Nigeria.

Come along to hear their stories and to enjoy some refreshments after the service.

Everyone welcome.

**Keleya, keleya, nobueze,
Give Him thanks, He is King**



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Thought for today (and everyday):

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters
compared to what lies within us. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

HACKTHORN & GOLD HANWORTH

HACKTHORN C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was another busy term at Hackthorn Primary School. Key Stage 2 pupils have been extremely busy with lots of exciting topics and trips. Their Art topic this term was paper and all the wonderful things that we can use it for in our artwork; specifically about how it can be used in 3D form.

The last project which has just been completed was papier mache paper bowls. Moulded on plastic cereal bowls, pupils considered colours and patterns and thought carefully about what they wanted the inside of the bowls to look like as well as the outside, as this would determine when particular colours were applied. The children worked carefully and patiently adding as many layers as they had time for, and there were some fantastic results! They enjoyed showing their beautiful creations in Friday Worship on the last day of term.

In Science, Years 5 and 6 were set the challenge to clean some muddy water. Over a few lessons, they were busy separating materials. Then the last challenge stumped everyone initially, as they had no idea how to get the water clearer without turning on the tap and pouring in fresh water. But with some sieves, filter paper and a bit of patience, everyone eventually achieved some amazing results. Of course, although the water might have been clearer and in some cases looked almost as clean as tap water, the children knew that it was not safe to drink and it would need to be boiled to clean it of germs and harmful bacteria invisible to the naked eye.

On the last week of term, Key Stage 2 children took part in their biannual trip to Young Voices at Sheffield Arena. The children (and staff!) have been busy rehearsing songs since September, along with dance moves. Everyone was very excited as they boarded the bus and began the journey. On arrival at the venue there was a little wait for the arena to open but at least we were one of the first in the car park and in a good spot for a quick getaway at the end of the night.

Lunch was eaten in our seats. Once again, we had great seats and were about as high up the arena as you could get. There were three hours of rehearsals in the afternoon. It was tiring but great fun - the children got to meet the artists they would be performing with and listen to, and they watched some great performances.

The concert started at 7pm. It was exciting for the children to watch their parents arrive, especially when they spotted the parent banner, made a few years ago, being waved high in the air! Our children got involved with the whole experience, singing and dancing all night long. It was, once again, a fantastic night. We can't wait for Young Voices 2028.

Mrs Woods had the privilege of taking four children to this month's community lunch at Hackthorn Village Hall. To start off with, the four boys in question were a little nervous and unsure of what to expect, but some lovely villagers soon put them at ease as they sat on bar stools to eat their lunch while waiting for residents to arrive.

Our children took orders for soup and kept water jugs filled before chatting with the diners. The adults shared stories of their time at school while our children filled them in about all of the latest activities, including their art work and recent trip to Young Voices. One child offered to wash up and soon they were busy taking orders for dessert, sharing the washing up and growing in confidence. It was such a lovely way to spend a lunch break. We are looking forward to our next visit in May.

In Reception, the children combined their learning in maths with a fun and tasty activity. As part of their work on the composition of the number 5 and exploring repeated patterns, they made colourful fruit kebabs. The children carefully selected different fruits and worked out ways to make combinations that totalled five pieces. They also created repeating patterns using a variety of fruits, thinking carefully about order and sequence. The classroom was filled with excitement as the children threaded their fruit onto skewers, and even more excitement when it was time to taste them. The fruit kebabs were a big hit and a wonderful way to bring maths to life.

Meanwhile, Key Stage 1 pupils have been learning about a balanced diet in their science lessons. To put their knowledge into practice, they made vibrant rainbow pasta dishes, choosing ingredients to represent different food groups. The children demonstrated excellent food preparation skills, including cutting, grating, slicing and chopping safely and carefully. They were very proud of their colourful creations - and agreed they were absolutely delicious!

We have also recently finished our gymnastics sessions at Witham Hill. Over six wonderful weeks, the children developed confidence and learned new skills using a wide range of equipment. It has been fantastic to see their progress and teamwork throughout the programme.

If you would like to visit our school please ring the school office 01673 860295 to make an appointment.



Hackthorn Gardening Club & Village Hall Committee

Invite you to our
Coffee Morning

Saturday March 7th, 10.30 - 12.00

Please come along and enjoy good company with a bacon butty, tea, filter coffee and biscuits.
A raffle will be held on the day.
Everyone most welcome.



Hackthorn and Cold Hanworth Village Hall LN2 3PQ.

HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH VILLAGE HALL

Easter Family Bingo Night with Pie and Peas

**Saturday 28th March from 5pm for children's bingo;
6pm for main bingo session and 7pm for supper.**

Please join us for an evening of good fun and good food.



£12 per head to include: 6 games of bingo with Easter themed prizes; choice of chicken or beef pie plus vegetarian option; mushy peas and gravy.

(£6 for children 5-16 years - under 5s free)

Licensed bar

Tickets available from Hackthorn Social Club on Friday evenings or by calling Elaine on 07969 597937



Hackthorn Gardening Club

Tuesday March 17th - 7:30pm

Guest Speaker

Don Witton

"Once Seen, Never Forgotten"

An entertaining look at images Don has collected on his travels in the UK & further afield.

The meeting will be held at Hackthorn Village Hall LN2 3PQ.

New members always welcome!

Hackthorn Lunch Club

The next Lunch Club at Hackthorn Village Hall will be on
Wednesday 11th March at 12.00pm for 12.30pm..

Soup and a roll will be provided, followed by a pudding and hot drink.

All welcome, no age restriction. Donation pot - any donations gratefully received for St Michael & All Angels' Church.



If you would like to come, please contact Anne (01673 861821) or Cathy (01673 861058) just so we have an idea of numbers to cater for. Thank you.

SPRIDLINGTON

First Friday Club

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

Our next get together will be on **March 6th**

Villagers, if you wish to join us, you would be most welcome. Please bring a bottle, some nibbles and a small cash donation to cover hire costs.

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Next event is on March 7th

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

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

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

MOBILE LIBRARY

Normanby by Spital	Council Houses	11:45 - 12:15	Wednesday March 25th Wednesday April 22nd
Hackthorn	School	15:15 - 15:45	

Full details, enquiries and renewals: 01522 782010



LATEST WHIST DRIVE RESULTS



1st Lady	Jane Coulson	2nd Lady	Jean Wilson
1st Gent	Jane Tingle	2nd Gent	Anne Turnbull
Low Score	Janet Andrew Carol Haycocks	Near Score	Jean Wilson Liz Baxter
Miniature	David Coulson Dummy	Raffle	Carol Haycocks Jane Tingle

If you would like to join us, our next Whist Drive will be at the home of Lois Green in Normanby on Wednesday 18th March 2026, starting at 7:00pm.

New players welcome. Enquiries to Janet on 07818 031823

Normanby Educational Charity

We are pleased to welcome Emma Pindar and Bhumi Kuchhadiya as Trustees of the Charity. They are replacing Tilden Watson and Jennifer Surfleet who are thanked for their much appreciated input over many years.

I once convinced myself that I couldn't start a project until everything felt "right." I needed the perfect plan, the perfect mood, and ideally a sign from the universe. So I cleaned my desk, reorganized files from 2014, watched three motivational videos, and made a coffee strong enough to legally qualify as a cry for help. After all that, I finally started... and finished the task in under an hour. The world didn't end. Lightning didn't strike. The universe did not care. What I learned was simple and annoying: progress doesn't wait for confidence, motivation, or permission. It waits for action. Most of the things we're afraid of aren't hard - they're just unfamiliar. And once you begin, that fear usually packs up and leaves, embarrassed it made such a fuss in the first place.

REFLECTION & PRAYER FOR MARCH

Reflection:

March teaches us that renewal takes time. God does not ask for perfection, but for honesty of heart. As the earth slowly awakens, so do we - invited to return to God, to release what no longer gives life, and to trust that new growth is already beginning, even when we cannot yet see it.

Prayer:

Gracious and merciful God,

As this new month unfolds, we come before You with open hearts.

Strip away what is hardened within us - fear, distraction, pride, and weariness - and plant again the seeds of faith, humility, and love.

Teach us to return to You daily, not in empty words, but with lives shaped by compassion and truth. When the path feels uncertain, remind us that You are slow to anger and rich in mercy.

May this month be a season of quiet growth, where unseen roots grow deep and Your Spirit brings new life within us. We place our trust in You, today and always.

Amen.

**The deadline for entries to the April 2026 Signpost
is Sunday the 15th of March at 6:00 p.m.**

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 Officers:

Glenthams Chapel and Church - Sheena Grebby - 01673 878578

Owmbly Church - Liz Harris - 01673 878829

Spridlington & Hackthorn - Revd Lynne Hawkins - 01673 565022

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer:

Jack Redeyoff - 07885 999907 - safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org

Barton, Brigg and Wolds Circuit Safeguarding Representative:

Pam McCartney - 01652 632770

District Safeguarding Officer (Safeguarding in Lincolnshire):

Howard Smedley - 07758 239286 or 01773 475942

TOILET TWINNING

Clean sanitation is still seen as a privilege in many places of the world. There is a way we can partner with our global brothers and sisters to increase access to toilets worldwide.

Almost 1:3 people in the world don't have access to a safe place to go to the toilet. There are 1000's of deaths each year due to poor sanitation - diseases such as cholera.

So twin your church toilet or one nearby with one given to a community who are in need. The money you raise not only funds a toilet but also helps support community education and sanitation programmes. Each toilet is £60. The project is organised and run by Tearfund.

In each of our churches there is a collection box - please donate what you wish.

A framed photo of 'your' toilet is sent to your church and can be displayed either in church or by toilet.

SERVICES IN MARCH 2026

OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

Sunday 1st	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington
<i>2nd of Lent</i>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmbly
Sunday 8th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn
<i>3rd of Lent</i>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Glenthams
Sunday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly
<i>Mothering Sunday</i>			
Sunday 22nd	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn
<i>5th of Lent</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams
	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmbly
Sunday 29th	11.00 am	Group Holy Communion	Spridlington
<i>Palm Sunday</i>			

On the **second Sunday** of each month, Liz Harris holds a 'Sunday Special' Sunday School at Owmbly at 10.30 am. Please note, this is **not** a Service. Contact Liz for further details. (Info is on the back cover).

GLENTHAM METHODIST CHAPEL

Sunday 8th	10.30 am	Rev John Schofield
Sunday 22nd	10.30 am	Kate Marr

ST PETER'S CHURCH, GLENTHAM

Continuing thanks for those supporting the church through the West Lindsey community lottery. There were 46 winners in the 4 weeks up to the 14th February and 6 of those are supporters of St Peter's Church. A random draw takes place each month. On the 28th February a prize of a Luxury City Break or £1,000 cash was won. There is a guaranteed special prize every month. Church services are now back to their normal pattern of Evening Prayer on the 2nd Sunday and Holy Communion on the 4th Sunday of the month. The special services this month are Mothering Sunday on the 15th March and Palm Sunday on the 29th March..

Robert Rowe, Churchwarden, St Peter's Church.

VISITING LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

The Owmbly Group have two complimentary passes for Lincoln Cathedral.
If you would like to borrow them please contact Cathy Andrews on 01673 861058

LOCAL MINISTRY TEAM CONTACTS

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

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

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)

GLENTHAM & CAENBY

Jigsaw Swap

Saturday 28th March from 10am-12noon

Please come for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and borrow a jigsaw to challenge the grey cells (or just come for a chat)

We would love to see you!

For further information, contact Sheena on 878578

Organised by members of Glentham Methodist Chapel



'Nags Head' at Middle Rasen

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 14th March at 9:00am

An opportunity for men to meet and chat over a delicious full English breakfast!

Please Phone Trevor Faulkner on 01673 818718 to reserve a place

Organised by Glentham Methodist Chapel



St Peter's Guild

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 10th March at 10:30 a.m.

South View, Caenby Road

by kind invitation of Anne & Howard Turnbull

The proceeds will be in aid of Glentham Church

All Welcome



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the recent Cream Tea fundraiser, in aid of The Leprosy Mission, in Glentham Village Hall. Because of your amazing generosity the final amount raised for The Leprosy Mission, including donations, was **£735.00** and we couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you, Jenny & Peter Atkinson

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Newsletter for March 2026

March is the month when we can't decide if we need sunscreen or a snow shovel because in March we can experience all four seasons before lunch! However for Lindsey u3a members it's time for our Annual General Meeting when we review the past year and make plans for the next.. We are lucky that apart from a couple of changes the present committee, with the support of group leaders and helpers, is happy to continue to provide stability and lots of enthusiasm to keep the show on the road.

Times change, people move on and we're always looking for volunteers to help with the smooth running of our organisation. Just by offering to make a cup of tea or put chairs out for a meeting anyone can make a difference. Sometimes just a welcoming smile is enough.

Lindsey u3a is local, friendly, informative, low cost and open to those of retirement age not in full time employment. Our A-Z of interest groups includes where and when they meet plus visits of local interest, theatre visits, lunches and holidays run by members for members. Check our website to find out what's on and give it a go!

We meet at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month so our next meeting will be on **5th March**. You are invited with no obligation to one of our meetings. Doors open at 9.30am for tea/coffee and an opportunity to chat to interest group leaders in the Welton Room followed by a speaker in the hall at 10.30am. If you decide to come along for a look, tell someone on reception you are new and one of our friendly greeters will show you round and answer any questions.

On 5th March our short AGM will start at 10.15am followed by Kenneth Moore, a speaker we've invited back to hear more amusing anecdotes from his life in the RAF. In his talk "You'll Fly Laughing-volume 2". he presents a humorous look at his life in the R.A.F. where he was a navigator for thirty four years. He will amuse us with tales of the workings of ejector seats and what the best dressed combat aviator wears to work these days!

On **2nd April** an inspirational speaker, Emma Sheardown, will give a talk entitled "*There's no such word as CAN'T*". She was born with cerebral palsy and against all odds has achieved so much in her life. Prepare to be amazed by what this lady has accomplished.

We aim to have a variety of speakers over the course of the year so there is something for everyone. u3a members can also join various online talks, workshops and courses. You can find out more from www.u3a.org.uk

If you can't come to one of our general meetings you could join us at the 'Gardeners' Retreat' tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of the month. The next coffee morning will take place on **26th March, 2026**. Whether you're a newcomer wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or if you're already a member and just fancy a cuppa, maybe a scone and a chat, do come along. Everyone is welcome.

Everything you need to know about us can be found on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk. Should you require any further information please contact:

Luke Pickering - Email: lukep@lahestates.co.uk - Mobile: 07774 251197

Bishop Norton Village Hall on Saturday 28th March at 7:30 p.m.

CLUSTERS LAST BAND

Rock & Roll at its finest

Tickets £12.50 per person to include supper - Please bring your own drinks.

To book tickets please ring Karen on 01673 818798/07516 289365 or Ros on 07523 108043

BISHOP NORTON WEDNESDAY LUNCHES

Two course home-cooked meal with tea or coffee served in the village hall at 12 Noon

The dates for the next lunches are 11th March & 8th April.

£6.00 PER PERSON - EVERYONE WELCOME!

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

Karen 01673 818798

WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

The next PDA event will be the Spring lunch to be held on 10th April. The menu will comprise orange juice, beef pie with mashed potatoes and veg followed by apple crumble and custard or trifle, tea or coffee and chocolate. Tickets priced £8 will have to be strictly on a 1st come 1st served basis, limited to 100 and will go on sale on Monday 2nd March. The Christmas lunch was fully sold out leaving no tickets for the health centre staff but I will ensure 4 tickets are set aside for them for the Spring lunch.

We will have the usual cake stall (any cake donations gratefully accepted and we can collect!) There will also be a raffle, greetings cards for sale priced £1 each and a free quiz to keep you entertained until lunch is served.

We have been offered a stall at the Welton May Fair on Welton Village Green on 4th May. We will be selling both flower and vegetable plants and shrubs (in fact anything donated!) so please come along and support us. As in previous years, if anyone has any plants they could offer us either from your garden or maybe you could grow a few extra to donate to the PDA please get in touch? We can arrange collection prior to the day.

As I mentioned in the February news, from the 1st April, the cost per mile for transport to medical appointments will be 45p. The cost for transport to the Health Centre will remain the same as it currently is.

We are hoping that our new self-booking form for transport, linked to the Welton Health Centre webpage, will be fully working by 1st April. If this is successful it will prevent long waits on the phone to get through to the health centre and will free up their phone lines for patients booking appointments etc.

Full details of how to access this new service, provided by the PDA, will be in the April magazine. I have already had many positive comments from patients that I have spoken to and we will undertake to demonstrate how to use this service to anyone who is unsure.

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

Janet Goddard

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WELTON VILLAGE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

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

Monday 12noon to 5pm, Tuesday 9:30am to 2:30pm, Wednesday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon

Hopefully March will bring a host of golden daffodils; beside the lake, beneath the trees, fluttering and dancing in the breeze. William Wordsworth's famous words may or may not be an accurate forecast of what we may witness this month, however in the library we hope that as continuous as the stars that shine we can provide some jocund company.

Indeed what better way to reflect upon the bursting of spring flowers than to invite children aged between 4 and 11 to come along and craft colourful Mother's Day flower baskets from paper and card. **Saturday 14th March at 10:30am** is the time, all we ask is that the children are accompanied by an adult.

The definition of jocund, for those unaware, is cheerful and light hearted; not something we would associate with the modern risks we all face around fraud. On **Tuesday 17th March at 2pm** we have Sharon Hall the Fraud Protect for Lincolnshire Police coming along to give a 45-minute talk about how to recognise fraud, reject fraud, explaining how fraudsters engage with their potential victims and what to do in those situations. Hopefully after hearing that you will feel much better informed and even slightly more cheerful, this free talk is open to all with a retiring collection at the end for those who wish to make any small donation to library and hub funds.

And there is cheerful competitive fun on **Saturday 22nd March** at anytime between 10:15am and 11:45am as we invite young and old to join us for some board games. We have a good selection or you are welcome to bring your own, children 12 and under need to be accompanied please.

And then our heart with pleasure fills **every Tuesday** morning at 9:30am for around half an hour with a storytime for pre school children, a good chance for young families to meet up and of course grandparents and other carers are also very welcome.

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Mike - Welton Library Volunteer

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Snitterby, opp Royal Oak Inn	09:33	Ermine West, adj Ruckland Avenue	13:37
Bishop Norton, opp St Peter's Church	09:38	Hackthorn, adj War Memorial	13:55
Glenthams, opp The Old Parsonage	09:43	Spridlington, opp Bus Shelter	14:03
Normanby by Spital, opp Church	09:48	Owmbly by Spital, opp Surgery	14:10
Owmbly by Spital, adj Surgery	09:52	Normanby by Spital, adj Church	14:12
Spridlington, at Bus Shelter	09:57	Glenthams, adj The Old Parsonage	14:17
Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	10:05	Bishop Norton, adj St Peter's Church	14:22
Ermine West, opp Ruckland Avenue	10:18	Snitterby, adj Royal Oak Inn	14:27
Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay N)	10:30	Waddingham, opp Marquis Of Granby PH	14:30

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