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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

SEPTEMBER'S PASTORAL LETTER

This month, our letter is from Revd Richard Crossland, Rural Dean of Lawres.

Dear friends,

Do you find change, or the prospect of change, horrible or exciting? We are certainly all facing a good deal of change at the moment.

Revd Sally's term as your Parish Priest is coming to an end, and we are all immensely grateful for everything she has done over recent years, and wish her a time of reduced pressure, space to be her creative self, and happiness in retirement. I don't imagine we've seen the last of her, but she won't be where the buck stops! I've really appreciated her as a colleague and friend. So all change for Sally and Geoff.

That means change and more than usual uncertainty for the parishes of the Owmbly Group. From the end of October we will be in what is usually called vacancy, and there is a well-trodden path, albeit sometimes longer than is comfortable, to appoint a successor and arrangements for the short term. I will become your default clergy person as Rural Dean, and the wardens take on specific interim roles. However, this is the first vacancy in Lawres Deanery since it became clear that the pattern of ministry would have to change as part of Time to Change Together. This is the new way of making fewer resources go further to allow flourishing and growth in Lincolnshire's churches, adopted earlier this year by Diocesan Synod.

Contrary to the huge changes being adopted in some other dioceses, and somewhat castigated in the national press, our hope in Lincoln Diocese for turning the tide of decline, getting in touch with a wider range of people, sharing the good news, proclaiming the Christian message of love, justice and care, and making something both affordable and exciting to hand to future generations, is placed on a commitment to the local church. We are making many of the changes at the centre - a sharp slimming down of central posts and costs, disposing of unused and expensive-to-maintain property including Edward King House, a transfer of some historic assets into investments with higher return. A new system to encourage churches to support their own ministry costs and those of others through a covenant not a thoughtlessly imposed calculation - Owmbly Group will very much welcome that! - should make the church more sustainable in the future.

Our changes are huge, though far from centralising - reducing the number of stipends from 150 (on paper) to 100 or fewer, creating ministry teams of lay and ordained ministers to work together collegially and prayerfully to support churches across much larger areas called Local Mission Partnerships, focusing resources for flourishing, growth and mission onto those churches that identify they are called by God to provide the fullest range of worship, teaching, outreach and pastoral care, whilst finding a really rich future for every church whatever its "type", makes sense both practically and economically, and in terms of creating spiritual wells to which many may be attracted and from which all can drink.

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POST OFFICE OPENING TIMES		
Glenthams	Monday	09:00 - 11:30
	Thursday	14:00 - 16:00
Normanby & Owmbly 01673 878353	Monday - Friday	07:30 - 19:30
	Saturday	08:30 - 19:30
	Sunday	09:00 - 16:00
The deadline for entries to the October 2021 Signpost is Wednesday the 15th of September at 6:00 p.m.		

Pastoral Letter cont'd...

What does this mean for the five churches of the Owmbly Group? You are all invited to think and pray about what your churches believe they can offer to this brave new way of being church. This is not about buildings, though they are important and must be cared for and used - no one is asking any church to close, just to identify realistically how you can best survive, maybe flourish, even grow, and what you need to make that happen. I've been seconded part time onto a team, leading the initiative to help make that happen. This is about church communities. This is about wanting to worship, wanting a spiritually enriching way of life, this is about mutual support and care for those outside the church, this is about sharing the good news. For the time being it may be about circling the wagons and building up our strength. For a few it may be about giving up the fight to keep a building going and finding somewhere else to be cared for spiritually.

The church type exercise, for individual churches to make their opening statement, will be done by the end of September. The exercise to create 8 or 9 Deanery partnerships as a framework for future planning - ours will be West Lindsey and consist of Lawres, West Wold and Corringham - will be in place this autumn. We will be inviting conversations with all licensed ministers starting in October, mainly finished by the end of January, exploring with members of Bishops' Staff how they see their ministry in the new picture. We shall be establishing Local Mission Partnerships - a bit like a group or a large benefice - by next June. Lawres is very likely to be one, and we will need to work together to see how our churches - Festival Churches, Community Churches, Local and Key Mission Churches, fit together, and how our ministry may best serve them.

So you could see this as an obstacle in your path towards normality and certainty. But that would only be true if all you wanted to do was remain the same and have your local church see you out. I've spoken to some of you, and I don't think that is how most of you see it. The present way is not really working, and most people recognise it is a time to change. So, with your vacancy, you may be at the forefront of what we are needing to achieve across the diocese. Let us talk, and plan and pray together and try to make this not an obstacle, but an open door. God bless you all

Richard

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EARLY WARNING

There will be no Signpost Magazine in January.

Regular contributors to the Signpost magazine will be aware of this, but newcomers to the area will not. The January Signpost is combined with the December edition, so if you have an event scheduled for January 2022, please send it to the editor **before the 15th of November** to ensure it is published.

Deadline for entries for the November Signpost is October 15th.

For inclusion to the December/January Signpost; deadline date is November 15th
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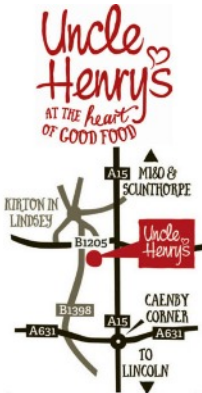
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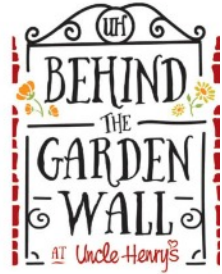


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There were no events sent in concerning Spridlington for this issue. If you have news, an article or story, or are holding an event you feel would be of interest to other local residents for future Signposts, please contact Steve, the editor.

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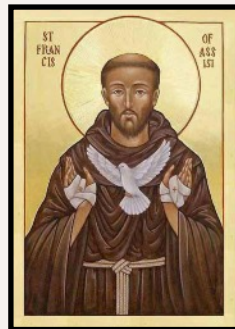
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 Where there is doubt, faith,
 Where there is despair, hope,
 Where there is darkness, light,
 Where there is sadness, joy,
 O Master, grant me not so much to be consoled as to console;
 Not so much to be loved as to love;
 Not so much to be understood as to understand;
 For it is in giving that I am pardoned;
 It is in dying that I am born to eternal life.



Prayer Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

FROM THE REGISTERS

We welcome into the family of the Church by baptism:

Baptised at Hackthorn on Saturday 17th July - Olivia Rose Lancaster

Baptised at Hackthorn on Sunday 25th July - Alfred Robert Clarke

We share in the joy of blessing a marriage:

Robert and Carly Lancaster at Hackthorn Hall on Saturday 17th July



VISITING THE CATHEDRAL THIS SUMMER?

The Owmbly Group has two complimentary passes for Lincoln Cathedral.

If you would like to borrow them please contact Sally on 07549 522494

ST PETER'S CHURCH, GLENTHAM

Once again a big thank you to all who support St Peter's Church through the West Lindsey Community Lottery. Since it began in November last year £753 has been raised for the church. There have been Lottery 68 winners in total in the four weeks up to the 14th of August so wishing the best of luck for all in the month ahead.

Robert Rowe, Churchwarden.

Owmbly Group Website

owmblygroup.co.uk

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You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

John Chapter 15. Verse 16

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

Sunday 5th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	ST
<i>14th after Trinity</i>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmbly	ST
Sunday 12th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	ST/SK
<i>15th after Trinity</i>				
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	ST
<i>16th after Trinity</i>				
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Owmbly	ST
<i>17th after Trinity</i>	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Glenthams	LH

On the 2nd Sunday in each month a Sunday Special (Sunday School) is held at Owmbly at 11.00am.

Although Covid restrictions have been relaxed there may still be the need to take some precautions when attending services. If you have any concerns please contact the relevant churchwarden or see other announcements on church Notice Boards.

GLENTHAMS CHAPEL (PART OF THE WOLDS & TRENT CIRCUIT)

Sunday 5th	10.30 am	Ian Hardcastle
Sunday 19th	10.30 am	Harvest Celebration

In addition to the above, a Circuit Zoom Service is being held each Sunday at 4:00pm.

Please contact Jenny Atkinson by email (jennymarian8@gmail.com) or by telephone (01673 878806) for the meeting ID and passcode for our weekly Zoom services. I look forward to hearing from you. God bless.

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 Grebbly - 01673 878578 & Connie Hurd - 01427 668959

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Ministers for Wolds and Trent Circuit:

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

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GLENTHAM & CAENBY

GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Glentham Parish Council has three vacancies and is looking to co-opt new councillors at its future meetings. These are usually held on the first Thursday every other month ie January, March, May, July, September and November in the Village Hall.

You are eligible to be co-opted if you live within three miles of the parish, work or own property/a business in Glentham.

For more information, please read the article. If you are interested and want to find out more, contact the clerk via helenspitman@gmail.com

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On junctions or bends overgrown hedges may obstruct sightlines and the clear view of motorists. They may also obscure traffic signs or streetlights, increasing the risk of accidents. Check your own trees and hedges. Are they overhanging the footpath or boundary of your property? Overhanging shrubbery can also be an obstacle to routine road maintenance work such as sweeping, grass cutting, litter picking and resurfacing because machinery cannot get to the edge of the highway.

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Helen Pitman, Clerk to the Parish Council

St Peter's Guild

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MEMORIAL SERVICE

At 2pm on Saturday the 25 September 2021 a memorial service for Ian Pilcher will be held in Glentham Village Hall

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THIRTEEN EXCUSES FOR NOT JOINING THE PARISH COUNCIL



1. *"I'm too young."*

If you are eighteen (the age limit dropped from 21 to 18 way back in 2007) you are old enough (and see point 5 below.)

2. *"What's the point of just joining a talking shop, they don't do anything."*

Have you ever been to a meeting? Basing your judgement on watching 'The Vicar of Dibley' is definitely not valid.

3. *"I haven't got any planning applications in at the moment."*

Putting in for planning permission has got nothing to do with sitting on the council, whatever may have happened years ago. In fact, if your own application is discussed by the council, you would have to follow the council's Code of Conduct and national ethical standards, and the restrictions on participating in such circumstances

4. *"I'm too busy, and couldn't commit to attending every single meeting."*

Meetings are rarely more frequent than one evening a month, and missing the occasional one is acceptable. Most meetings only take a couple of hours.

5. *"I'm concentrating on finding a job or furthering my career."*

Being a local councillor is a definite plus point to add to a CV - it shows you can make decisions, work in a team, are community minded and proactive. Prospective employers will be impressed.

6. *"I haven't lived here very long and don't know the area well."*

If you are a Commonwealth/EU citizen and have lived or worked in the parish for a year or already have your name on the electoral roll, you are eligible... Your views as an 'incomer' should be welcomed, as you will probably see things more objectively.

7. *"I'm worried that I won't get many votes, and look silly."*

Even if you are not voted on this time, you may well be approached if a vacancy occurs in the future and have to opportunity to be co-opted to the council.

8. *"Our parish council is full of old fogeys."*

Join up and change it then.

9. *"I'd look a fool because I won't know what's going on."*

You will be eased in gently; there is help, advice and training available. The clerk is the officer of the council, and he or she will be able to explain the rules.

10. *"I'll have to sign that code of conduct thing that the press keep on about."*

The code of conduct is nowhere near as onerous as made out in the press - and is there to protect you - i.e. the code stops situations like the planning one above.

11. *"I'll have to let everyone know all about my business and personal affairs."*

The declaration of interest form completed at the outset asks you to list business interests within the parish area, to guard against bias when parish issues are debated. As for personal affairs, get real, everyone knows about those already!

12. *"I'm too lazy, and not interested in my community."*

An excellent reason for not joining.

13. *"I prefer to let others do the work, and then criticize from the sidelines afterwards."*

Also a valid reason for not joining, but do bear in mind, that expounding your views in the pub, rather than the council chamber, will not change a thing in your parish - and if you can't be bothered, does that mean it's fair game to criticize those who do make the effort?



Owmby, Normanby & District WI Glenthall Village Hall

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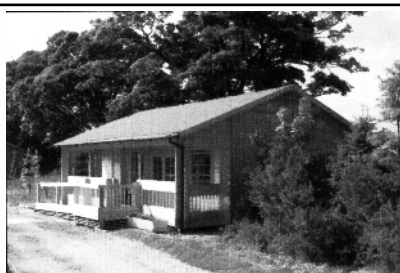
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WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

Hello all!

We are planning to go ahead with the Autumn Fayre on Saturday 30th October but with fewer tables to allow people to keep at a safe distance. As in previous years we are hiring out tables for £10 each for people to sell their own items of craft etc but please no food stalls. There will be the usual bric a brac, books, puzzles, tombola, cake stall and café. The main raffle which has previously been drawn at the Autumn Fayre will be a Christmas raffle this year. More details later but if anyone owning a business or with good contacts who would be willing to offer a raffle prize, please let me know.

The raffle tickets are now printed and available to buy. All PDA drivers have some to sell and Welton Paper shop and Pet Food shop have kindly agreed to sell tickets for us. The top prize is an Apple 10.2" 32gb iPad which was very kindly donated by Simon Carter of SCIS computer services. Other prizes so far include a 2-night hotel stay for 2 people donated by Chestnut Homes, a 4-ball round of golf donated by Market Rasen Golf Club, a Christmas hamper and there will be many more prizes added! Tickets are £1 a book and you have to be in it to win it!

We are hoping to go ahead with the Christmas Lunch on Friday 3rd December. We would like to make everyone hoping to attend aware that social distancing will not be possible although we are limiting ticket sales to 80 this year instead of the usual 100. If anyone isn't comfortable with this arrangement perhaps it would be better to wait for the Spring lunch but obviously the decision is yours.

Tickets will be priced £7 for the meal which will comprise orange juice, roast turkey with all the usual trimmings, a choice of Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or trifle and followed by tea or coffee and mints. We also hope to have Christmas crackers to add to the festive atmosphere. Does anyone have access to reasonably priced crackers? If so, please let me know!

Tickets will be sold on a 1st come; 1st served basis so please give me a call if you would like to join us. There will be a cake stall (donated cakes appreciated) a raffle and again prizes gratefully accepted, a table selling books and Christmas cards and a fruit cake for auction.

Could I remind everyone needing to transport to request it via the Health Centre please.? There is a driver each day allocated to Health Centre appointments. Ask when you make your appointment and you will be added to the transport list. All other requests are sent through to me via a secure database for me to allocate a driver.

Finally, I still need to recruit 2 or 3 new drivers who could commit to a minimum 1 day a month to drive patients to the h/c. There is scope for as much or as little as you like with no fixed commitment. There are currently 23 drivers 'on the books' but pre covid there were 32. 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



u3a Lindsey had its first meeting, for 18 months, on Thursday 5 August 2021. The "informal meeting" was very successful & attended by many members together with numerous potential new members.

Our first General Meeting with a speaker is taking place on Thursday 2 September 2021 when we will be entertained by a talk on "The Bentley Boys". The meeting will start at 10.30am with tea & coffee available from 9.45am. We usually finish at about 11.45am, so why not come along and enjoy a social morning with this friendly group.

Our General Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month and you will find full details on our website www.lindseyu3a.org.uk along with lots of information about individual groups.

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For clarity that means that our opening hours when all facilities are available are as follows: Monday 12 noon to 5pm, Tuesday 9.30am to 2:30pm, Wednesday 10am to 12noon.

On Monday 27th September from 2pm we will be organising an afternoon tea in aid of MacMillan, as well as coffee, teacakes we will be providing stories and craft activities for children and a tombola. We will provide more details and publicity around the village, on our Facebook page and on the Welton News and Parish Council websites. Donations for the tombola can be left at the Parish Office. We hope that as many people as possible will join us to support this excellent charitable cause and if you have not been along to the library, which is based at Manor Park on Hackthorn Road, this will be a good opportunity to find out what we can offer to you.

Mike Hubbert - Library Volunteer Coordinator

ALL OUR SCHOOL DAYS

By Tony Trevor

When I wrote a series of articles for the Signpost, on my time spent during the 70s, delivering milk in the villages covered by this magazine, I mentioned a former Normanby resident, Mrs Staniland who taught me at Middle Rasen Primary School. That led me to thinking that many youngsters from the locality would have taken their senior education in Market Rasen. De-Aston grammar school is beyond my remit; my memories are of the modern school. So in the interests of fair play, I have asked my wife Caroline and her friends to recall memories of William Farr secondary modern at Welton, where kids from the Hackthorn area would have attended.

My secondary education began in 1957 and ended in 1961. And I remember that slightly scary first morning in early September, when the comfortable feeling of being one of the 'bigguns' at the junior school, was replaced by the raw feeling of being one of the the new kids on the block! Everything seemed so much more imposing, the relatively small world of the primary classroom was gone, and to prove it, we were assembled in the hall; a large high-ceilinged building with a stage at one end and at the other a stack of gym equipment I had never seen the like of before, vaulting horses, coconut matting, and climbing ropes dangling from the ceiling. We didn't require our plimsolls and shorts on this occasion. We were to be placed in our respective classes, where most of us would remain for the next four years.

Is there anyone who remembers the block that incorporated the domestic science room, a staff room, two classrooms one of which doubled as a library? My new classmates and I were the first to occupy the annexe. The paint was barely dry when we took one of the classrooms as our base.

It was a kind of 'Billy no mates' situation as it was a fair distance from the rest of the school. The library/classroom set up was a bad idea according to a teacher I was chatting to many years later.

"Some of the boys would slip unnoticed behind the bookcases," she told me, "and remain out of sight until the end of the lesson."

Is there anyone reading this who were guilty of such a thing?

The school first opened its doors to 245 pupils from the town and 12 surrounding villages on September 6th 1937, named the SENIOR COUNCIL SCHOOL. After the Balfour act in 1945 it finally became MARKET RASEN SECONDARY MODERN. Those who were not under the watchful eye of headmaster Steve B Vickers BSC would have been there during the tenure of Mr R O Powell, who was in charge through the final decade from 1964 up to 1974, when comprehensive education took over.

I was fortunate to be handed some recordings made by Dick Allison, who apart from a short period, seeing off Hitler, taught there for all of the 37 years. He formed a life-long friendship with another long serving teacher John Houlton, and one day while working on the preparation leading up to the opening, they headed off into town to partake of some refreshment.

They made their way to the now extinct Greyhound pub. (Local folklore suggests that some of Wellington's troops did the same on the way to Waterloo.) The atmosphere in the bar was relaxed and informal. Closing time had passed them by. But not so, a local Bobby! A sense of foreboding came over the hapless pair as he approached the bar; this would not look good, two new teachers with suitcases barely unpacked, fined for drinking after hours. The policeman was not there to enforce the law; as he was ordering a pint of best, John leaned forward and whispered to Dick, "this is the place for us."

POETRY*Warning by Jenny Joseph (1932).*

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
 With a red hat which doesn't go, and doesn't suit me.
 And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
 And satin sandals, and say we've no money for butter.

I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
 And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
 And run my stick along the public railings
 And make up for the sobriety of my youth.

I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
 And pick flowers in other people's gardens
 And learn to spit.

You can wear terrible shirts and grow more fat
 And eat three pounds of sausages at a go
 Or only bread and pickle for a week
 And hoard pens and pencils and beer mats and things in boxes.

But now we must have clothes that keep us dry
 And pay our rent and not swear in the street
 And set a good example for the children.
 We must have friends to dinner and read the papers.

But maybe I ought to practise a little now?
 So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
 When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple.



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