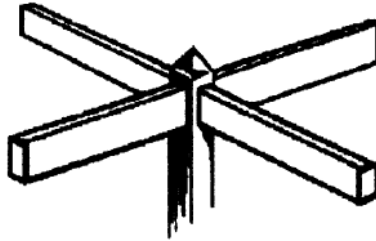


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RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

What have you given up for Lent?

It does seem to be back in fashion. Not just a good thing to cut down on a few luxuries (especially in a world where the few have so much & the majority almost nothing), but also as a test of our own self-will. The moment I give something up, I suddenly find I really want it. Human nature.

Our Lent study course continues, at Spridlington Church on Wednesday mornings at 10.00 am. The subject is entitled "Going to Church", but ask those who take part what they think. We have spread our sights somewhat. Come along and find out.

March 29 th	Session 4 – Me & God
April 5 th	Session 5 – Hearts and hands and voices
April 12 th	Session 6 – Is your Christianity a spectator sport?

And this means that the Lent Course runs into ...

... Holy Week

I think most people have forgotten what Holy Week is about, which isn't surprising if we are no longer a Christian society. Jesus came into the city of Jerusalem one Sunday, spent the week teaching there, & had been betrayed, tried & killed by Friday afternoon.

The Bishop of Lincoln is coming into the Deanery of Lawres (the area from Stainton & Reepham up to Fillingham & Glentham) on the Monday of Holy Week, & will visit churches in all parts up to Friday afternoon.

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 Service, beginning at St. Edward Sudbrooke, moving on for 1.30 pm to St. Germain Scothern

Anyone who has heard Bishop John, either in church or elsewhere, will know what a stimulating speaker he is. Come and join people from across the whole area to hear him.

As in recent years, we shall also have a service with music on Good Friday evening. This year it will be held at Saxby, at 7.30 pm, and will take the form of **Stations of the Cross**, to include the music **Stabat Mater** by **Pergolesi**. Some very beautiful and moving music has been written for this season. Pergolesi's Stabat Mater is among the best.

Easter

For many people, what happened after Good Friday is difficult to take on board. Easter celebrates the truth that death is not the end. What does this actually mean? This Easter Sunday we shall hear in church the end of St. Mark's Gospel, which is the most open-ended of the four gospels. Come and hear it, & discover where it leaves you.

Mission Area Planning Group

To plan for very changing circumstances across the Deanery, the Mission Area Planning Group (MAPG) meets regularly to set our strategy. Dorothy Elliott has had to

stand down as the Owmbly Group representative on this group, but Robert Rowe from Glenthams has taken her place. Read an update from Robert on the latest meeting, elsewhere in this Signpost.

Hackthorn Millennium Bells

The bells should be in by the time you read this. The Bishop of Lincoln will dedicate them on Sunday April 23rd at 11.00 am. Many congratulations to all those who have worked so hard over several years to make this a reality.

Thursday mornings

I much regret that the Thursday morning Holy Communion will cease for the time being after Easter. The last local service will be on April 6th. On April 13th we are with the Bishop at Nettleham.

A lot is going on. More, perhaps, than we think. God bless us, & help us not to forget his love, his care and his continued and life-giving presence among us, as we lead such busy lives.

Peter Godden

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptised at Owmbly on 26th February – Charles Luke Wilson Clinch

Ashes interred at Saxby on 1st March – George Baines

Funeral at Hackthorn, cremation & interment of ashes on March 10th, Madge Taylor



Owmbly Group Charity Coffee Evening

Monday 24th April 2006

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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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The Signpost is now on-line, so if you know any expats who would be interested in news from the group, please tell them that it can be found at:

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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Power House

There will not be a Power House meeting in April.

Lawres Mission Area Planning Group

Dorothy Elliott has, until recently, been the representative for the Owmbly Group of Parishes on the MAP Group. She has now decided to stand down and the new representative is Robert Rowe of Glenthams. If you have any views, opinions or queries he can be contacted on e-mail robert@owmblygroup.co.uk or tel no. 01673 878717.



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OWMBY PARISH COUNCIL.

Notes from the last meeting held on the 6th March.

Public participation :-

PCSO Wooll-Rivers :-

- Residents were asked to report any incidents of anti social behaviour.
- To help in this a confidential report box will be placed in the Normanby Post office.
- Had visited Normanby School to talk to the children about anti social behaviour.
- Speeding the police will be present in the village soon with a speed detection gun.
- At the conclusion of the meeting councillors:-
- Backed the Polices request to report anti social behaviour incidents.
- Residents not to park on the pavements / verges and to please keep to the speed limits.

Council Meeting, the main items of business were:-

- The Mill Lane cemetery, the hedges West Lindsey was still being chased to carry out the works
- Footpath 13 (by the Church) The PC to write to Lincs CC asking them to resolve the matter urgently.
- Footpath 8 across the Cricket Pitch and Golf Course to Saxby Lane, FP blocked by Heras fencing at the Cricket Pitch + no public access notices. The PC has contacted Lincs CC to have the restrictions removed and to improve the FP way markers. The PC strongly encourage residents to use all the

village footpaths, use them responsibly, keep to the path, dogs on leads and take your litter home.

- Complaints of residents letting their dogs out which then foul on other people's property. Also a dangerous dog running free; this was reported to the Police.
- Litter on Normanby Road was again commented upon, residents particularly in cars not to drop litter.
- Village Hall Trust Fund was recorded as £8,902. (From the sale of the Old Village Hall)
- Parish Council elections are due in May so all councillors were given forms to complete.
- The Chairman attended a meeting on the Normanby War Memorial joint project with the 2 villages. This is to document information of residents that took part in the world wars. A lot of work has already been carried out by James Conor (the PC wants to express its thanks) External funding is required to carry out further research and printing. Anyone with information, photos etc please contact Jim or your PC. The PC approved of the project and will be sending a letter of support.

Councillor Summers has been asked to pursue the following on behalf of the PC:-

- Why had the restriction on the wall opposite the Manor on Fen Road been lifted, in the local plan changes? (NB this was the only change)
- Dog bins to be installed on Fen Road, Green Lane and Mill Lane. Also lift the one on Normanby Road.
- When and where does the road sweeper appear?
- The PC Chairman met in the village with the Highways Officer to discuss complains from residents concerning.
- The dangerous egress from The Paddocks. Erosion of road edges and drainage issues on stretch adjacent to Carter Transport. Additional kerbing on that corner. Footpath cleaning on Normanby Road, reconstruction on Fen Road and Owby Cliff Road

NB. Full Council minutes are on the Parish Notice Board by the Surgery.

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

The next meeting will be May 15th in the Church at 7.30pm

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| • Achievements and standards | GOOD | Grade 2 |
| • Personal and well-being | OUTSTANDING | Grade 1 |
| • Teaching and learning | GOOD | Grade 2 |
| • Quality of the curriculum | OUTSTANDING | Grade 1 |
| • Care and guidance | OUTSTANDING | Grade 1 |
| • Leadership and management | OUTSTANDING | Grade 1 |
| • Overall effectiveness | OUTSTANDING | Grade 1 |

This is a fantastic result for our school and has confirmed the excellent work that goes on from day to day. There are so many groups of people within our community who contribute to the teaching and learning of our children and deserve a mention.

We have many parents who work in school on a voluntary, timetabled basis, supporting the children and the staff. This is a real boost and we all appreciate their support and weekly commitment to us.

Friends of Normanby School (FoNS) continue their hard work, raising funds for the school – they have raised £5000 over the past years – and are currently managing the development of our new playgrounds and environmental area. The work has included: funding two new tarmac play areas, building a pond, erecting fences, painting sheds and benches, and purchasing large play equipment. The list is never ending and our pupils have been fully involved in the project right from the planning stage.

The governors too are extremely supportive. They also come into school on a regular basis to work with the children and staff, volunteering their valued professional and manual skills. They attend educational trips with us and support extra-curricular activities.

Many members of our local community also work with our children, to provide a more exciting curriculum and I thank them for their continuing support.

Last, but not least, I thank my wonderful team of staff who make Normanby School not only a very professional and forward moving organisation, but also a very happy and safe environment where our children can learn and enjoy.

Congratulations to us all for being recognised as an outstanding school.

Hazel Wheatley MA Headteacher

Jumble Sale

Jenny Bell would like to thank everyone who supported her Jumble Sale. A fantastic £193 was raised for Church Funds

Open Churches

We intend to hold our annual exhibition of art and crafts in Normanby Parish Church during open churches week in May. Anyone wishing to submit work please contact Dorothy Elliott. 878383. Painting, drawing, embroidery, patch work, woodwork, sculpture, bring it along, let us celebrate the talent in our villages.

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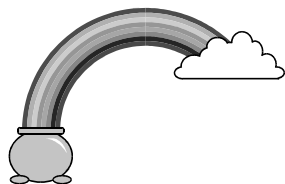


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Anyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive it will be held at the home of .Victor & Avril Harrison, Owmbly on Wednesday 5th April 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

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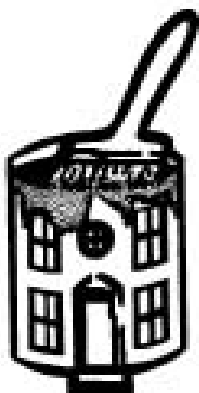
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Take Dahlia Cuttings. If you started dahlia tubers into growth in February, they may have shoots that you can use for cuttings now. This will give you lots more plants than you would have if you just grew one plant from the tuber.

Cut the shoots off with a sharp knife when they're 10 cm (4 inches) long. Dip them into hormone rooting powder if you like.

Put your new cuttings into pots of gritty compost immediately, before they have a chance to wilt. Then water and put them in a warm, humid propagator or cover the pot with a clear polythene bag

55 + Club

The next meeting is on 10th April at 2.00 pm in Glenthams Village Hall.

St. Peter's Guild

Over £80 was raised at the home of Reg and Janet Lilley of Caenby at a very successful Coffee morning. The usual raffle and bring and buy took place in a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The conservatory was an ideal place to soak up the very warm sunshine. The next coffee morning will be held at the home of Alan & Brita Lakeman on Tuesday 18th April.

Rosebowl Quiz

The next quiz will be held in Glenthams Village Hall on 13th April at 8 pm.

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GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the meeting of Glenthams Parish Council held on Thursday 9th March 2006 are displayed in the notice board, either next to the Village Shop or at the Village Hall.

It was agreed by the Council that the Planning Application for the New Village Hall would be funded by the Council providing a bid to secure funding was placed before 31st January 2007. If no bid for funding has been placed by this date the money will be returned to the Parish Council

The bench on the corner of Highfield Terrace and Bishop Norton Road will be dedicated to the memory of Dennis Knight on Saturday 8th April at 3 pm by the Rev. Peter Godden. Everyone is invited to the ceremony and for refreshments afterwards at the Crown Inn.

The Parish Council elections will take place on Thursday 4th May and Election Nomination forms are available from the Clerk or West Lindsey District Council.

If you would like an informal chat or more information about the role of the Parish Councillor please contact the clerk on 01673 878639

Excuses for not joining the Parish Council.

1) "I'm too young"

If you are 21 or over you are old enough (and see point 5 below)

2) "What's the point of 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 has 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 must leave the room.

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

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

If you have lived or worked in the parish for a year, you are eligible. Your views as an "incomer" will be welcomed, as you probably see things more objectively.

7) "Our Parish Council is full of old fogies"

Join up and change it then

8) "I'd prefer to let others do the work, and then criticize from the sidelines afterwards"

A valid reason for not joining, but remember, expounding your views in the pub, rather than the council chamber, will not change anything in the parish.

Gill Tuxworth Clerk

What is the role of a Parish Councillor?

The main thing is that you and your fellow Councillors have an active interest and concern for your local community. You will represent local people and, if necessary, work in partnership with them and others. Collectively you will want to facilitate the provision of local services and facilities and take decisions which form the policy of the Council.

Why me?

As a new Councillor you will bring to the Council fresh enthusiasm and new ideas, a care for your community, and a willingness to learn. Initially you may have little knowledge of Council work but this, together with experience and confidence, will follow.

If you want to do more for your community

If you want to spend your time productively

If you can think, listen and act locally

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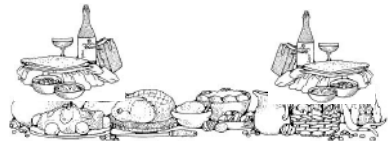
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Friday 19th May

Members £5 Non-members £6 Under 14's £2.50

More details in the May signpost

Hackthorn Garden Club

The guest speaker at Hackthorn Gardening Club on the 26th April will be Mr. John Moss. His talk will be on Glebe Farm Nursery starting at 7.30 pm and visitors will be most welcome.

Spridlington

LITTER PICK

The litter pick was held on Tuesday 7th March and was very successful. Thirty bags of rubbish were collected plus a bedspring, two road signs, a television, a computer keyboard and a plastic drum. My thanks to Denis M. and Denis B. Alfredo, George, Joan, Penny, Margaret and David. Cliff Road was not completed and we also now need to tackle Owmbly Road so another pick is to be held on Tuesday 4th April so if anyone else would like to offer their services I will be very grateful. Once again many thanks to those who helped on 7th.

Diana

COFFEE MORNING



Wednesday 19th April
10.30 am
Hosted by Claire Marris

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Shelly

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOBBIES BEAT



Vehicle Crime. Occasionally we suffer thefts of, and thefts from vehicles on our area. However these are small in number. There are simple precautions we can all take to prevent thefts. The most obvious are to keep all our possessions out of site in the car. Use the glove box and boot. Items such as laptops, wallets, purses, shopping should all be out of site. Don't think, " I'll only be a couple of minutes nipping in to the shop, they will be safe on the back seat" It only takes a couple of seconds to break in and steal. And the way the car is broken into is not always neat and tidy; a crowbar against a window is just as effective. If possible park in well lit areas and car parks protected by CCTV. Use a steering lock, which can be bought from any car accessories shop and are not that expensive, certainly not as expensive as a stolen laptop or increased insurance premiums. Always lock the car! Obvious I know but it's worth saying. When you get home and park your car on the drive - lock it. Maybe when you read this in April the weather will be a bit warmer. But recently when I've walked to work I am amazed to see cars on peoples drives and on the road with the engines running to defrost the window!!! Crime is a 24-hour business and offenders do not start their day at 9 am. Your insurance company would be very slow in writing a cheque. If your radio is removable - remove it! Then don't just put it under the front seat, put it in the boot. Remember items can be security post coded as well. It all comes down to one word - THINK. Is my car as safe as I can make it? Are my possessions as safe as I can make them?

Crime in your area - 17/02 Theft from vehicle Glenham. 25/02 Burglary Glenham. 02/03 Criminal Damage Glenham. 07/03 Cruelty to animal Normanby. 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.
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The Trust is a registered charity with low administration costs. Recently, due to a drop in donations but a large increase in abandoned cats coming to it, the Trust nearly folded.

Please help the Trust continue with its valuable work. Contact Jain Kidd on 844628.

WELTON & DISTRICT PDA

Spring Lunch For various reasons our Spring Lunch is a few weeks later than normal but we are sure this will not affect your appetite or your enjoyment in attending this social event on Friday 12th. May. The venue is Welton Village Hall and the doors will open at 11.45am. with lunch being served promptly at 12.15pm. The menu is a glass of orange juice, roast pork with all the appropriate trimmings to be followed by Bakewell tart or trifle and tea or coffee. The price is £3.50 and the bar will be open for those who wish to partake of liquid refreshment.

We are also planning the usual raffle and cake stall and all proceeds from this event will go to PDA funds which are used to purchase equipment or services for the Welton Health Centre which will be of benefit to us the patients.

Tickets will be available from The Dispensary @ Welton Health Centre, Mrs Olive Sharland 860174, The Spar Shop, Dunholme 860129 and me.

Only 100 tickets available so how about a full house? Looking forward to seeing you on the day.

Roy Minnitt 860980

St Michael's Church, Hackthorn, Outreach Group

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.

Saturday 29th April, 10.00 am to 12 noon
in Hackthorn Village Hall.

At this meeting Joseph and James from the Lincoln-based charity Christian Partners in Africa will be telling and showing us something about their work with children from St Paul's Primary School in Rukungiri in Uganda. There will be an opportunity to take part in African craftwork, sample African music, and possibly enjoy some African snacks.

To book a place, or for further details, please contact Roxy Seagrief at Hackthorn School, or Judy Hill at Normanby School, or else ring Caroline Wilson on 01673 861821

WELTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

Telephone system

We expected some teething problems and we were not disappointed ! However we believe that the system has been tweaked several times now as a result of various suggestions and would like to thank everyone for their patience.

We would like to confirm that we are advised that the new number (0844 4773072) is a lo-call number which is charged at the same rate as a local STD code and we anticipate that in many cases the actual call time will be reduced as the caller is directed to the actual extension who can deal with the query rather than be passed around the system.

Patients can now speak directly to the dispensary staff, go through directly to the district nursing team, health visitors or secretaries telephones, cancel appointments or request repeat prescriptions without the need to speak to an operator. Please listen to the options available which are clearly stated to ensure that the correct option is chosen. In the event of any confusion the caller will automatically be transferred to speak to an operator.

When the surgery is closed the option list is shortened and if no option chosen the call will go direct to the out of hours emergency service, thus saving the need to hang up and re-dial.

One of the biggest criticisms from users of our previous system was getting the engaged tone constantly, especially in a morning. We hope by introducing a queuing system the caller is able to make an informed decision whether to stay on the line, knowing where they are in the queue or hang up and ring back later when the lines are quieter. If the queue currently reaches more than twenty those callers will automatically be advised to ring back later. We are now able to view call statistics clearly and noted that in the first hour of work on one typical Monday morning we are experienced around 125 calls with an average duration of 0.51 of a minute and no calls were lost.

Please continue to feed back your views to us so that we can further refine the system if needed and apologies to those who do not like the changes recently introduced.

Change of Dispensary opening hours

From April our dispensary will be increasing choice to be open when we unlock the doors in a morning from at 8.30 am instead of 9.00 am and we hope this will be useful. We would also like to remind patients of the need to allow us forty eight working hours (ie between Monday and Friday) to process repeat prescription requests.

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	Time	Service	Place	By
Sunday April 2	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	PG
Lent 5	11.00 am	Family Service	Spridlington	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmbly	PG
Thursday April 6	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
	2.00 pm	Space for Healing	Owmbly	DE
Sunday April 9	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
Palm Sunday	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Saxby	AOH
	6.00 pm	Joint service with Methodists	Glenthams	PG/LS
Monday April 10	7.30pm	Evening Prayer	Scampton	+ John
Tuesday April 11	7.30pm	Evening Prayer	Fiskerton	+ John
Wednesday April 12	7.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Spridlington	+ John
Thursday April 13	7.30pm	The Last Supper	Nettleham	+ John
Friday April 14				
Good Friday	12 noon	The Three Hours (walk between the 2)	Sudbrooke to Scothern	+ John
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross	Saxby	PG
Sunday April 16	5.00 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	PG+Team
Easter Day	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	PG
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
	6.00 pm	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
Sunday April 23	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	PG
Easter 2	11.00 am	Dedication of Bells	Hackthorn	+ John
Sunday April 30	10.00 am	Group Communion	Glenthams	PG+Team
Easter 3				

Glenthams Methodist Chapel - April 2006

<i>Date</i>	Time	Service
2nd	9.30 am	Morning Service
9th	6.00 pm	United at Parish Church
16th	10.45 am	Easter Day Family Service
23rd	9.30 am	Morning Service
30th	2.30 pm	At Faldingworth Chapel

WHAT'S ON DIARY FOR APRIL

Day	Date	Time	Function	Place
Mon	2	2.p.	Rainbow Fellowship	Normanby
Tues	4	7.30pm	Tapestry Group	Glentham
Tues	4	9.30am	Litter Pick	Spridlington
Thur	6	10.30am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.
Sat	8	8.pm	Barn Dance	G.V.H.
Sat.	8	2.pm	Jumble Sale	G.V.H.
Mon	10	2.pm	55 Club	G.V.H.
Mon	13	8.pm	Rose Bowl Quiz	G.V.H.
Thur	13	10.30am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.

Deadline for May Signpost Saturday 15th April 6pm

Sun	16	2.pm	Duck Races	Glentham
Tues	18	10.30am	St. Peters Guild.	Glentham
Wed	19	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Spridlington
Thur	20	10.30am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.
Frid	21	7.30pm	Quiz Night	H.V.H.
Mon	24	7.pm	Group Coffee Evening	The Manor Normanby
Wed	26	7.30pm	Hackthorn Garden Club	H.V.H.
Thur	27	10.30am	Coffee Morning	G.V.H.
Fri	28	7.30pm	Family Night	H.V.H.
Sat	29	10.am	Childrens Workshop	H.V.H.

Blond & Chimps

A Blonde lady motorist was about two hours from San Diego when she was flagged down by a man whose truck had broken down.

The man walked up to the car and asked, "Are you going to San Diego?"

"Sure," answered the blonde, "do you need a lift?"

"Not for me. I'll be spending the next three hours fixing my truck. My problem is I've got two chimpanzees in the back which have to be taken to the San Diego Zoo. They're a bit stressed already so I don't want to keep them on the road all day. Could you possibly take them to the zoo for me? I'll give you \$100 for your trouble."

"I'd be happy to," said the blonde. So the two chimpanzees were ushered into the back seat of the blonde's car and carefully strapped into their seat belts. Off they went.

Five hours later, the truck driver was driving through the heart of San Diego when suddenly he was horrified!! There was the blonde walking down the street and holding hands with the two chimps, much to the amusement of a big crowd. With a screech of brakes he pulled off the road and ran over to the blonde. "What in the world are you doing here?" he demanded, "I gave you \$100 to take these chimpanzees to the zoo."

"Yes, I know you did," said the blonde, "but we had money left over--so now we're going to Sea World!"