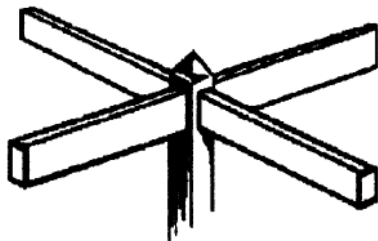


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## RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

A few years ago I wrote a Signpost letter which many people read as making a political point. It wasn't, but I can understand that people took it that way.

I'm about to do something similar.

It's about free speech.

As I write (early July), a story is circulating about market traders being charged with harassment for displaying for sale t-shirts with a certain slogan on them. It isn't illegal to sell the t-shirts, it isn't illegal to wear them (I'm quite surprised that I haven't seen any!), but it appears to be illegal to display them for sale.

I wonder why? I certainly cannot see who is "harassing" whom.

And I wonder why even more when I observe that the slogan is derogatory of a certain very powerful person. I then wonder who is leaning on whom.

So it's all about the exercise of power. Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely, as Lord Acton observed.

Power is important in certain quarters, especially among those who have it. It must be retained, almost at all costs. Those who have power cling on to it, do not wish to let it go.

The Christian approach to power is very different. I do not wish to preach, any more than I wish to make a political point, in Signpost, but I am reminded of a couple of remarks in one of our recent Sunday bible readings & which we might all take to heart.

The first is that "power is made perfect in weakness". Most of us out in the country live our lives on a homely, intimate, individual, personal level. We do not believe ourselves to be particularly influential, either in great matters or even necessarily in local ones. We're not the powerful ones. And yet one of the characteristics I value so much in the people I know in our villages is integrity.

Now, there is true power for you. Integrity is about transparency, about honesty, about compassion, about respect, about truth. Integrity is not easily knocked.

To suggest a court prosecution for this spurious offence doesn't seem to me to show a lot of integrity.

And the other remark from the Bible, which follows on, is quite a gob-smacker.

"When I am weak, I am strong".

Yes, I know that Christianity renounces the values of the world for the values of somewhere else. I'll talk about that in church. But living in the world rather than in the church, I'll just remark how supportive that saying is of the small man and woman, those of us who sometimes feel that other people are taking control of areas of our common life which they may have no right to control.

The shape of the world has changed in recent years, beyond all expectation. Political and economic arrangements which we couldn't have dreamt of not so long ago now hold sway. And religion has also come back into the equation in a new and unexpected way.

Power is now exercised very differently from how it used to be.

The British way has always been for checks and balance to make sure that no-one is able to exercise absolute power. Agencies must co-operate. That is why, for example, we have two houses of parliament. In the Church of England there is something similar. Nobody has absolute power.

But what they might have is authority. Now, that is something you earn.

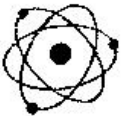
Do our leaders have it? Do they show it?

God bless us, and them. We all need it.

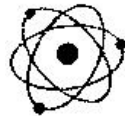
*Peter Godden*

## FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral at Lincoln Crematorium on 28 June – Anita Johnson



# POWERHOUSE



*PRAYER IS THE FUEL THAT POWERS  
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The five parishes' combined prayer groups will meet at 7.30 p.m. on Monday  
14<sup>th</sup> August at the home of Dorothy Elliott, 3 The Paddocks, Owmbly

THE FOCUS FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS MONTH

*This may be your last chance to say fare well to Caroline and David.  
Please join with us in praying for an end to hatred and violence across the  
world.*

*And God's blessing on all getting married in our group this summer.*

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR PRAYERS WITH US DAILY THROUGHOUT THIS MONTH.  
YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US AT OUR WEEKLY VILLAGE PRAYER  
MEETINGS AND IN OUR MONTHLY GROUP MEETING.**

For information on your local prayer group please contact the Rector or local Churchwardens

## Donations & Pots

Glenthams Post Office	£25.50	Normanby Post Office	£30.22
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Hackthorn Village Hall	£50.00	Hackthorn PO	£0.13

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### Mobile Library Service

VILLAGE	STOP	DAY	DATE	TIME
Glenthams Owmbys	Village Hall Council Houses	Tue	8th & 22nd August	11.30-11.40 11.50-12.00
Hackthorn	School	Wed	2nd, 16th & 30th August	13.00 -13.10
Normanby	Bottle & Glass Council Houses	Fri	11th & 25th August	13.00-13.40 13.45-14.05

## Owmbys & Normanby

### OWMBY PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE.

No meeting this past month or so but information of interest.

New dog bins on Bakery Corner and at the entrance to the Grave yard on Mill Lane. Please use them, we are still chasing for one to go on Fen Road towards Carters Corner.

Mill Lane Grave Yard has had a Tarmac turn in and new gates installed. Hopefully the new fencing will be installed by now.

A new Blue metal Police information box is sitting on the counter in the Post office and it is being used. Any items of concern please let our men and women in Blue know. Thanks to all concerned.

I attended the Glenthams open meeting last month, where residents were asked to consider what they wanted for the village in the future etc. At each Parish Council meeting we have an open session where any questions / matters are raised and questions answered. However if you feel that a meeting to discuss the "village aspirations over the next 5 years" would be of use please let me know.

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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.

Chairman OPC Graham Crompton-Howe Tel 878 386.

### **OWMBY CHURCH SUMMER FARYE**

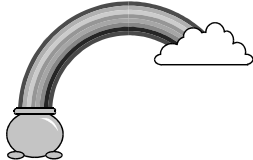
The Summer Fayre was very kindly held at the home of Guy and Sally Mundys at Normanby, we chose a fine part of the day, (it rained before and after!) so we were able to sit outside and enjoy the lovely fresh air, for our tea and cakes. Along with all the variety of goods to buy and trying your hand on the tombola stall, and finding the right nail to win some money! It was a very successful afternoon, and £422.50 was raised towards the Church Funds. We wish to thank everyone who came along to share the afternoon with us and also a big thank you to all that helped to make it possible.

Thanks Avril

### **ST. BARNABAS HOSPICE COFFEE EVENING**

Rita Cottingham would like to thank everyone who supported her coffee evening in aid of the Hospice, which made a magnificent £715.

<b>OWMBY CHURCH MONTHLY DRAW</b>		
<b>June &amp; July</b>		
1st	<b>Owmbly PO Stephanie Mellor</b>	2nd <b>Marg Balasz Alexis Connor</b>
		3rd <b>Stephanie Mellor Lucy Roberts</b>

	<h2><b>RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP</b></h2> <p><b>Monday 7th August at 2.00p.m.</b>  <b>Dorum, Chapel Lane, Normanby</b></p> <p>Dorothy will be speaking about and reading some of her poetry.</p> <p><b>NEW MEMBERS WELCOME</b></p>
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<b>Low Score</b>	Ken Green Lois Green	<b>Near Score</b>	Eric Lee Jean Cowperthwaite
<b>Miniature</b>	Marlene James Eric Lee	<b>Raffle</b>	Jean Cowperthwaite Tina Harrison
Anyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive it will be held at the home of .Victor & Avril Harrison, Owmbly-by-Spital on Wednesday 23rd August at 7.30 p.m. We are always pleased to see new faces, and it is always a very light hearted evening.			

## Glenthams & Caenby

### GLENTHAM & DISTRICT GARDENERS CLUB



A very enjoyable Summer Party was held by the gardening club in Glenthams Village Hall on Tuesday 11th July. Many thanks to the Committee and their helpers for organising the event especially the Ladies for their excellent catering. Also thank you to the Glenthams Junior Football Team for cancelling their training session 'Ta Lads'.

Will all Garden Show trophy holders please return them to Jill Robinson, Chimney Pots, Washdyke Lane by 3rd September

#### Dead-head verbascums

Summer flowering verbascums are very popular at the moment and there are some lovely pastel colours available. The plants are sold as perennials, but many are short-lived. To prolong the life of the plant, it's a good idea to cut off the tall flowering spikes as soon as the blooms fade. This helps the plant build up a strong rosette of foliage for next year. Also keep an eye out for fat caterpillars on verbascums, as the plants are targeted by several moths.

#### Supply water for birds

While the weather is dry, spare a thought for the birds in your garden and make sure there's a constant supply of clean water for them. If you have a garden pond, that's fine, but if not a shallow bowl topped up daily with water will be greatly appreciated

### **55+ CLUB**

Our next meetings will be on 31st July & 28th August in Glenthams Village Hall at 2.00p.m. Do come and join us for a convivial afternoon.

### **ST PETER'S GUILD**

Due to a variety of reasons there were fewer people at the June coffee morning but a very warm welcome was extended to everyone by Irene Pickering. Again the garden was put to full use due to the very nice weather and the total raised was equally divided between St Peters' and Glenthams Chapel.

### **ROSE BOWL QUIZ**

Another good time was had by all under Question Master Colin Rainer. The '3 Little Maids plus 1' (with an additional little maid) seemed to be romping away to victory when they were 'nobbled' in the last round by 'The Mafia'. Coming in 3rd with a late charge were 'The Mulberries'. The 'Blow Ins' made an extra effort to successfully take home the wooden spoon. Come along and have a go the more the merrier.

### **GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Eleven parishioners attended the Parish Council meeting on 13 July 2006. The Chairman, Cllr G Wiseman, introduced the new Clerk, Mrs Di Millward. He thanked the retiring Clerk, Mrs G Tuxworth for all her past hard work. (The new clerk is especially grateful for all the help during the transition period!).

Several issues were minuted to be reported to Highways. These included: Footpaths on Little Hill, Big Hill and end of Highfield Terrace; Washdyke Lane signs; New Village signs; Advice re speed restriction; Removal of Prospect Lane triangle; Flooding on Washdyke Lane; Bank on Washdyke Lane; Overgrown Hedge.

A major concern brought to the Council was speeding vehicles on Barff Lane. This problem could result in a serious accident, especially with the onset of the summer holidays. Motorists please be considerate on this stretch of road and be aware that there could be children, animals or the elderly walking along this lane. It is not always easy to get out of the way of traffic, especially if pushing a pram or wheelchair.

With the school holidays looming there is the problem of children roaming near dykes and ponds, also playing in fields and near farm machinery. Every parent should be aware of the Countryside Code and the Council are approaching Countryside Commission to obtain information leaflets explaining the dangers in rural areas.

There will be a Village litter pick on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00a.m.. The Council will provide the equipment and it is hoped everyone will join in. Litter

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Several complaints have been received with regard to the grass cutting and the Council are to follow these up.

There is a great need in Glenthams for a field where children can play football and maybe a cricket team could be formed. Any ideas?

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September in The Village Hall at 7.30pm. As usual there will be a public forum from 7.30pm to 7.45pm where concerns ideas can be raised.

Diane Millward (Clerk to Glenthams PC)

### VILLAGE HALL NEWS

#### Coming Events.

Line Dance Evening    Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm.    £2.00,    Children 50p.

This event is aimed at the beginner, though experts are welcome! Bring your own drinks and kick up your heels. Tea and coffee provided.    Yeeh- Haaaaaaaah!

We hope to have a **Barn Dance in September.** Look out for posters.

John Baxter Productions are planning the second

## **Glenthams Murder Mystery**

for October so watch this space. You must not miss it!

#### New Hall-hire Charges.

Hourly rates of hire with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2006 are as follows:--  
**Regular users..... £5 per hour    Hire for parties.....£7 per hour**  
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Sunday 20th August  
10.00 - 2.00p.m.**

**Anyone wishing to sell craft items, please bring  
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10% of proceeds are to be given to the Church  
For details phone Brita on 878038  
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## CAENBY PARISH MEETING

Lincolnshire County Council Conservation Service have offered the Parish free trees and shrubs. Species are native and must be planted in view of either footpath or road. Applications for residents of Caenby to Dennis Wood 01673 878999 before 16th August.



Glenthams Chapel

## **COFFEE MORNING**

Tuesday 15th August at 10.30 am  
2 Greenfields, Bishop Norton Road Glenthams  
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All Welcome

## GLENTHAM & CAENBY TAPESTRY GROUP

At our meeting on 4th July we had a small party in St Peter's Church to celebrate our 10th anniversary. The evening was well attended and a good time was had by all.

We will not be meeting in August or September so watch out in Signpost for the October date.

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The runners and walkers turned to follow the old tradition of the Molly Grimes Fun Run. Firstly I would once again like to say a BIG thank you to John Green and James Barton, who kindly gave us permission to cross their land. It was just the right temperature this year for the morning run and walk, un-like the previous day for setting-up the course in temp. over 25 degrees, I would like to say another Big thanks for the help from John Green and Joffey Rose, in the layout of the route.

Now the runners and walkers, it was nice to see a welcome return for some from the previous year, plus newcomers. I am happy to say all arrived safely back.

**Winners** ..... For some came in very close together.....

<b>1st Female</b>	Jane Thackary ( for the 2nd yr running )	0.51 mins
<b>1st Male</b>	Fred Cogger	0.74 mins(
( you will have speed-up next year Fred, Michael will be in the adults )		
1st Child ( under 16)	Michael Cooling (for the 2nd yr running)	0.50 mins

Thanks to all runners and walkers for the huge effort, and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Photos available online @ <http://mulberry.smugmug.com/gallery/1611019>

## == Hackthorn & Cold Hanworth ==

### HACKTHORN POST OFFICE & VILLAGE SHOP RE-OPENS

#### **Help Us To Keep It Open!**

After several months of being closed. Hackthorn Post Office & Village Shop re-opened on 3rd July. under new Management.

The Post Office hours been altered to four mornings per week to allow greater flexibility and accessibility for residents, and the shop has been supplied by Tesco's of Market Rasen - allowing prices to remain competitive whilst still retaining quality.

Fresh Bread and cakes are delivered twice a week by Starbucks Bakery and confectionery is supplied by Sweets For Life, which donates profits to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

There are also newspapers and magazines available to buy from the shop or delivered to your home.

The shop is designed to provide a service for the community of Hackthorn. It is not designed to make vast amounts of money (indeed, both managers also have other employment), but it does have to be viable in order to continue.

We don't expect you to do your weekly shopping with us, but please, if you buy a newspaper or a loaf of bread - buy it from us! It won't cost you any more money and you will be helping to keep the village shop going.

If we don't use this shop, we will lose it — and that would be a huge inconvenience to the community — especially those unable to travel to Welton.

If you would like to order Newspapers. Fresh Bread or Cakes. please call into the, or contact us on 01673 866389 (shop open, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00a.m. to 4.00p.m.)

Jane & Geoff Sanderson

### **HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

At the last meeting of the Parish Council, Councillor Valma Child was elected as Chairman and Councillor Bridget Cracroft-Eley was elected as Vice-Chairman.

Items on the agenda included: Neighbourhood Watch – if this important voluntary service is to continue a co-ordinator and members are very much needed. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Maria Wass.

It was brought to the Council's attention that some dogs have been walked along the village and their mess had been left behind. If your dog does make a mess, please pick it up and take it away.

The Council agreed to give a donation of £100 to the Signpost Magazine.

Highways – parking on Main Street, Hackthorn. After receiving complaints we have been advised by the Police that it is an offence to park facing the wrong way on the highway. Therefore, we ask a polite request to drivers to park the correct way along the highway, as this makes life much safer for other drivers, especially at night. Also if you have a drive way, it would be much appreciated if at all possible, you are able to park there rather than on the highway.

The County Council is once again offering "Free Trees for Parishes". If you know of a spot in the village suitable for a tree, please speak to Maria

Maria Wass Clerk to Hackthorn PC

### **HACKTHORN VINTAGE TRACTOR RUN.**

Brian and Sue would like to thank every one who took pad in the Tractor run on the 11 June, we had over 40 tractors taking pad and raised £400.00 for the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

Many thanks see you all next year.

Brian & Sue Graves.

### **FRIENDS OF HACKTHORN SCHOOL**

The "Friends" would like to thank everyone who supported our Summer Fair. The weather couldn't have been nicer for us, and everyone enjoyed the fun, games and strawberry teas. So a big thank you goes to everyone who helped raise over £200 for the school.

### **GARAGE SALE**

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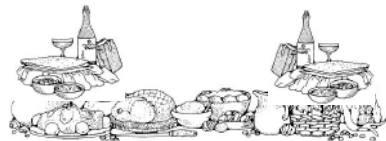
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## 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Evening

Don and Rosemary Moore would like to thank everyone who helped at the Anniversary Evening at Lea Cottage, Hackthorn on 7<sup>th</sup> July. Special thanks to Barry, Kevin and Colin for their help in the afternoon; to the three Christines working in the kitchen; to the young ladies who helped serve coffee and to all who supported and contributed to a very enjoyable and successful evening when £448.34 was raised for Legion funds.

### Spridlington

#### SPRIDLINGTON VILLAGE HALL BARBECUE

Many thanks to all those who attended the village hall barbecue and participated in the fun and games on Saturday 8th July. Thanks also to all those who helped. the work done by volunteers before, during and after the event was much appreciated. A total of £400.00 was made for village hall funds.

#### Forthcoming Events:

Quiz Night on Friday 15 September

Race Night in October.

Watch out for more information in Signpost

#### INDONESIAN EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The concert by the Cabra Singers held in Spridlington Church on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup> was a great success, raising £350 for the appeal.

Despite the short notice the concert was well attended. Thanks to all who “jumped to”, especially those at Spridlington Church who hosted the event.

A big thanks to the Cabra Singers for a most entertaining & enjoyable concert.

#### SERVICE BY REV. IVAN HOWETT

There will be a service by Rev Ivan Howett at St. Hilary’s Church on Thursday 17th August at 3.00p.m. All welcome.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

A Book of Remembrance is to be installed in St Hilary's Church, Spridlington in October.

It will be available to include the names of those who have been cremated/buried in Spridlington churchyard or who have been resident in the village of Spridlington.

If you would like the names of any of your late relatives to be included in the book, please contact Ann Crossland, The Old Rectory, Spridlington (Tel: 01673-861624) as soon as possible.

There is no charge for entries, but donations are always gratefully received for church funds.

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# BOBBIES BEAT



Many of you that are old enough (me included!!) will remember old George Dixon of Dock Green. Wouldn't it be great if we could go back to those days? The sad reality is that we cannot. We must accept we are living in 2006, not 1956. We can no longer have a Police Officer living in every village, and a car is a necessity to cover the distances between villages.

Lincolnshire Police receives on average 2000 calls a day, +/- 200 of which are 999's. It goes without saying the 999's are immediately dealt with, but in doing so may tie up Officer's at a scene for many hours, thereby reducing the number of Officer's available to attend to other non-urgent calls. Ask any Police Officer if he or she wants to visit every caller or victim of a crime, and the answer is most defiantly yes we do. Would we like to attend every meeting, for instance Parish Council meetings, again the answer is yes. But we can't. Decisions were made some time ago, again by others, that we must filter and prioritise calls. So it maybe that when you call to report a crime, you may only get to speak to an Officer over the phone, or we will call you back.

So what can we do? Well the Lincs Police are committed to reducing crime and the fear of crime. We do this by way of prevention as well as reaction to incidents. We analyse crime trends and patens, high volume calls made, for example at the weekend, and adjusting our manning according to when they are most needed, and in the areas where they are most needed. Reducing paperwork would be nice! We are also employing more PCSO's to provide a higher visibility in the area.

What can you do? Well firstly let me stress every call to the Police will be dealt with appropriately, and if you feel that you need to call then do. However, is your call really necessary? Could another agency deal with the matter, i.e. Parish Council, highways, environmental health, WLDC for example. Have you spoken to your neighbours yourself about the football coming in your garden, or the loud noise?

Should you first call be to the Police? We cannot guarantee driving past your particular property at the time someone is making off with your property, so have a look at home security. We will always give advise on this. Be a good neighbour, and help one another like and talk to each other, just like they did in George's day. This way the number of calls will reduce, allowing more time for the Officers to be around your area more than now. I thing Sgt Dixon used to finish with "good night all", so "good night all"

General Reminder – Readers are reminded to be aware of bogus callers, officials, window cleaners and the like. Please refer to previous articles. Basically do not let anyone in or on your property, or hand over any money to anyone unless you are 100% sure who they are. If in doubt call the Police or a neighbour.

Crime in your area – 28/06 Theft, Hackthorn, 05/07 Theft of garden ornaments, 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 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. Any crimes should be reported directly to Force Headquarters.

PC David Oakes – Community Beat Manager.  
PCSO Wooll-Rivers.

## **WELTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE NEWSLETTER**

### **Returning unwanted medication**

Due to changes in European legislation we are advised that sadly we can no longer continue our practice of collecting returned unwanted medication for forwarding on to Third World countries. We would appreciate patients returning unwanted medication to the dispensary or chemist from where it was dispensed wherever possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made to destroy it.

### **Telephone costs**

Some patients have made us aware of the fact that calls to our new telephone system are marked as "premium rate" on their bills. We have taken this up with our supplier who advise us that they comply with Ofcom recommendations which state that no 0844 number should cost more than 5p per minute inclusive of VAT. They have a policy of charging the same rates as BT ( who also comply with this recommendation ) but inform us that not all telephone providers do comply and therefore some may charge more for connecting to this number than BT or themselves. Unfortunately there is nothing we can do to change this situation but hope that this answers some of the queries raised in recent times.

### **Training dates:**

Please note that the surgery will be closed from 12.30pm for training purposes on the following dates:

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## ***SERVICES Owmbly Group of Parishes – August 2006***

	Time	Service	Place
Sunday August 6	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham
Trinity 8	11.00 am	Family Service	Spridlington
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Owmbly
Sunday August 13	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington
Trinity 9	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Saxby
	6.00 p.m.	Joint Service Methodists	Glentham Chapel
Thursday August 17	3.00pm	Service by Rev Ivan Howett	Spridlington
Sunday August 20	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham
Trinity 10	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Spridlington
Saturday August 26	4.00 pm	Wedding	Glentham
Sunday August 27	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn
Trinity 11	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby
	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmbly

## ***Glentham Methodist Chapel -August 2006***

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	BY
6	10.45 am	Holiday Club Family Service	
13	6.00 pm	Evening United Service	Rev. Liz Smith
20	10.45 am	Family Service	Mr. Colin Hare
27	9.30 am	Morning Service	Rev. Liz Smith

## WHAT'S ON DIARY FOR AUGUST

Day	Date	Time	Function	Place
Thur	3	10.00a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Thur	3	10.30a.m.	Coffee Morning	Normanby
Sun	6	2.00p.m.	Open Garden	Holbeach
Sun	6	2.30p.m.	Afternoon Tea	Spridlington House
Thur	10	10.00a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Fri	11	7.30p.m.	Line Dance	Glenthams VH
Sat	12	10.00a.m.	Litter Pick	Glenthams
Mon	14	7.30p.m.	Powerhouse	Owmbly
Tue	15	10.30a.m.	Chapel Coffee Morning	Glenthams

### Deadline for September Signpost Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August 6p.m.

Thur	17	10.00a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Sun	20	10.00a.m.	St. Peter's Crafts	St. Peter's Glenthams
Wed	23	7.30p.m.	Whist Drive	Owmbly
Thur	24	10.00a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Sun	27	2.00p.m.	Open Garden	Kexby
Mon	28	2.00p.m.	55 Plus Club	Glenthams
Thur	31	10.00a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH

### LOOKING FOR AN INTERESTING PART TIME JOB

Welton Village Hall Trust are looking for a new Licensee to run the bar facilities at the Village Hall. ARE YOU INTERESTED

The ideal person would need to have experience in the licensing trade and be a personal license holder.

The task is not onerous and entails the management of the bar itself plus a small bar staff. The bar is only open as and when required for functions and mainly at weekends.

Anyone who is interested in this position, which is NOT full-time, should contact Welton Village Hall Trust, in writing only, c/o 29 Ryland Road, Welton or 20 Hackthorn Road, Welton enclosing a CV giving details of Experience, Qualifications, Age plus two referees, one of which must be from current or last employer.