

SIGNPOST

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LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter the week after our group of parishes have joined with people across the country and indeed across the world on Remembrance Sunday to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of WW1. People gathered together to remember through words, music and silence. As November leads into December we look ahead to people coming together again in a variety of ways as we prepare for Christmas. Of course there is the shopping to do, gifts to buy, meals to prepare, visits to make. But for Christians and for the church there is much preparation to do as we ready ourselves for the season of Advent and Christmas and gather together to anticipate and celebrate the birth of Jesus through familiar readings, and singing familiar hymns and carols. The Christmas bookmark that accompanies Signpost will let you know what is going on and where in our churches throughout December. You are most welcome to join us.

In a few days I have the privilege of joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land where we journey in the footsteps of Jesus. We will be visiting the sites associated with Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection. This will be a first for me and I am not ever so sure what to expect. The Holy Land in the 21st century is a very different place from 2,000 years ago. Or is it?

At the time of Jesus' birth, it was under an occupying force, ruled by puppet kings, with an expectation among the religious that a new king was coming. It was a time of political intrigue and instability. Today it is a place of different cultures, faiths and countries and continues to be politically unstable. As part of the preparation for this pilgrimage an itinerary has been produced which will enable us to focus our thoughts on the places we will be visiting. It will be interesting to put some flesh on the places I have only ever read about and seen on the big screen.

But is it all going to be a bit too touristy as people from around the world make their pilgrimages? Christmas here can be a bit touristy too where the real reason Christmas is celebrated disappears under the trappings that have become part of the 'season to be jolly'.

Will the feeling of being where Jesus lived and died have an emotional and spiritual effect on us? How will we encounter God and Jesus in these places?

I shall look forward to sharing with you in the future some of the thoughts and encounters that will be experienced on the Pilgrimage.

After the Christmas rush things hopefully settle down as the new year and January appear. Resolutions are made in an attempt to be rid of excess Christmas dinner and I can hear some say 'how good to get back to normal.' Well I'm not sure that life is ever normal but perhaps back into a routine helps to give us a sense of normality. The normal pattern of Sunday services in the Owmbly Group has been in place for about twenty years. Over the intervening years one or two services have been lost which has resulted in the distribution of services becoming a little disjointed.

Starting on January 6th a new pattern of services is being introduced which spreads the services more evenly across the group. Please check the service rota in Signpost to make sure you get to the right place at the right time!

A blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year to all.

Sally Turnbull

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES			
Wednesday	8.30 am	Morning Prayer	Spridlington
Friday	4.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Spridlington

CHURCH SERVICES

DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	ST
<i>1st of Advent</i>	11.00 am	Advent Carol Service	Spridlington	ST
	6.00 pm	Advent Sunday Carol Service	Owmby	ST
Sunday 9th	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	ST
<i>2nd of Advent</i>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	JD
	10.30 am	Sunday Special (Sunday School)	Owmby	LH
	6.00 pm	Joint Carol Service	Glenthams	ST
Sunday 16th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmby	JH
<i>3rd of Advent</i>	11.00 am	Carol Service	Hackthorn	ST
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	ST
<i>4th of Advent</i>	11.00 am	Family Service with Baptism	Owmby	ST
	6.00 pm	Carol Service	Glenthams	BW
Monday 24th	4.00 pm	Christingle Service	Owmby	LH
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	Hackthorn	ST
Tuesday 25th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	ST
<i>Christmas Day</i>				
Sunday 30th	10.30 am	Joint Service with Springline Group	Fillingham	
<i>1st of Christmas</i>				

JANUARY

Sunday 6th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	ST
<i>Epiphany</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	ST
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmby	LH
Sunday 13th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	ST
<i>2nd of Epiphany</i>	10.30 am	Sunday Special (Sunday School)	Owmby	LH
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn Shirley Keyes	
At 6.00 pm Revd Sally will be preaching at the United Covenant Annual Service in Glenthams Chapel - all are welcome to attend				
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<i>4th of Epiphany</i>	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmby	ST

GLENTHAMS METHODIST CHAPEL

DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd	10.45 am	Family Church	Ian Hardcastle
Sunday 9th	6.00 pm	United Carol Service at the Parish Church	Rev Anne Coates
Sunday 16th	10.45 am	Messy Church & Christmas Party	
Sunday 23rd	8.45 am	Breakfast - Service at 9.30 am	
Sunday 30th	10.45 am	Service at Middle Rasen	

JANUARY

Sunday 6th	10.45 am	Service	Karen Elvidge
Sunday 13th	6.00 pm	United Covenant Service	Rev Anne Coates
Sunday 20th	10.45 am	Messy Church	
Sunday 27th	8.45 am	Breakfast - Service at 9.30 am	Dennis Lockwood

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN

November was a time of remembrance. The Feast of All Saints, the Feast of All Souls, and we also remembered the end of the First World War.

There was not a single family in Britain, France and Germany unacquainted with grief; nor a corner of life unaffected. I was in Boston Stump for a festival of remembrance that included several exhibits about the impact of the war on the lives of the people of Boston.

For me the most graphic image was a street map of Boston in 1918 on which a black dot had been placed on each house where a family member had died in that conflict. Boston was much smaller then, but there was hardly a house without one or more dots - 200 in all.

Rather than people returning to a land fit for heroes, the soldiers who returned came home to unemployment and to a nation that did not show gratitude to those who fought for it. We have begun to learn this lesson.

War also led us to understand the nature of God in a different way.

During the war itself and in the decades that followed we uncovered something new in our understanding of God. Put simply: if God is loving and all-powerful, how could evil be allowed to flourish on this devastating scale? And why would we continue to trust in a God indifferent to our fate?

One person who wrestled with these questions was Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy. He was an army chaplain who earned the nickname Woodbine Willie for handing out cigarettes to the troops at the same time as copies of the New Testament.

Woodbine Willie insisted on being on the front line with the troops whenever he could. Those battlefield experiences forced him to confront depths of evil and suffering which few of us will ever see.

Having entered the war with a secure faith in God and an abstract notion of evil, he ended it being absolutely certain of the existence of evil as a real force at work in the world. The challenge, then, was to find a way to reconcile all that he had seen in the trenches with the existence of a God who was worth believing in.

For Woodbine Willie, hope came with an understanding that God was no longer the almighty force of his pre-war understanding, able to prevent humans from harming one another if he so chose. Instead, God was present in the heat of battle, suffering along with humanity, in the intolerable conditions of the trenches, in the endless slaughter of young lives. God was characterised not by force and power, but by love; no longer remote from all that was going on, but intimately connected with it and suffering through it.

God has planted in each one of us the greatest potential for love; and yet, evil exists and because evil often expresses itself in violence it has to be confronted with force and violence, whether between nations or within a nation.

After the war, despite everything he had seen, Woodbine Willie was able to write, 'The universe is as an "unfinished movement" in which the underlying melody is love.'

The God we believe in brings love out of hate; light out of darkness; justice out of oppression; good out of evil; life out of death. This is our God, and his name is Love. Our acts of remembrance during November helped us to prepare for the season of advent as we remember the first coming of Christ and prepare for his second coming. To remember helps us to be mindful of what it means for Christ to be born in us today.

With every blessing,

Bishop Christopher

PRAYER FOCUS FOR DECEMBER

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and remember that he too was a refugee - we pray:
 Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
 look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry.
 Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
 and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of
 justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Royal British Legion Welton & District



The **Annual General Meeting** of Welton & District Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held on **Thursday 6th December 2018** at Welton Sports and Social Club at 7.30 p.m. prompt.
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HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH

HACKTHORN C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

This year saw the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice which marked the end of World War 1. Visiting the war memorial in Hackthorn and taking part in the service of remembrance, where our oldest and youngest pupils share in laying a wreath is one of the proud traditions of our school. This year, with the kind agreement of Rev Sally, something extra was added to the occasion as our pupils gave a rendition of two songs from the era - 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary', and 'Pack Up Your Troubles' - each sung separately and then simultaneously by two halves of the school. They gave a remarkable performance which will, no doubt, live long in the memories of all those in attendance at that special time.

The children have been further demonstrating their concern for the wider world by not only raising money for the poppy appeal, but also assembling a huge pile of Christmas boxes for the Samaritan's Purse charity. A stupendous total of 77 boxes were produced, a new record representing much more than 1 box for every pupil in the school, at this rate Mrs Rawson will be needing a bigger car next year! Year 5 and 6 pupils have also carried on their correspondence with the residents of Drovers Call Care Home. It is great to hear that the skills of traditional communication are being kept alive in the digital age.

If you are still wondering where to send your child to school next September but haven't managed to get to any of our activity afternoons so far, don't worry, as we are holding our Christmas Arts Afternoon for pre-schoolers on 17th December from 1:30-2:30pm. Please get in touch with us to secure a place, as these events are always very popular

Our Carol Service will be held in the Church on Thursday 20th December at 2pm. All are welcome but get there early if you want a seat, as it's always a busy one.

This year's Key Stage 1 Nativity will be on the afternoon of the 13th December, with a special performance for the village at 11am on the 12th. Call us if you'd like to come and see it.

Contact the school on 01673 860295 to arrange a visit, request a School Brochure or you can contact us via the website www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk

HACKTHORN AND COLD HANWORTH SOCIAL CLUB

Christmas Draw

Hackthorn Village Hall

Friday, 21st December – Bar open from 8pm

**The bar will be open to Club members –
Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 8pm**

Normal Club opening – Friday 28th December

HACKTHORN AND COLD HANWORTH PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Present: Councillors Hobohm (Chair), Bright, Finney, Cracroft-Eley, Marsden

At the last meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th November 2018 members discussed:

Neighbourhood Development Plan - the community was invited to a short presentation with a view to becoming involved in developing a plan for our community. The session was well attended and there was sufficient interest to form a steering group. The Parish Council will move to the first step in the process and request designation of the area. If you would like to be involved, then please contact the clerk at the email address below. Everyone welcome.

Broadband - The Council are looking to request a quotation from Openreach to bring fibre into Hackthorn under the community fibre scheme. This needs us to indicate what level of interest there is to do this - If you would like to register interest in this potential project (the more the better!), then please forward your name, address, landline number and email to the clerk at the email address below. Registering does not commit you to anything - at this stage we are seeking to understand costs, and there will be grants available.

Highways - Passing place signs were discussed. It was agreed to monitor how the passing places are used and report back to the next meeting.

Planning Matters - Neighbourhood Plan. Members discussed the informal drop in session that was well attended. Five people have put their names forward as having an interest in taking the plan forward. The Parish Council have put plans into place to start the designation of the area. 138242 - Poultry breeding units at Rookery Farm Cold Hanworth. The Parish Council supports this application.

Next meeting to be held Thursday 10th January 2019 at 7.30pm in Hackthorn Village Hall

Maria Wass, Clerk to the Parish Council

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SPRIDLINGTON

St Hilary's Church Christmas Coffee Morning

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St Hilary's Church Carol Service for Advent Sunday 2nd December 11.00 am

You are most welcome to come along and join us
for this special Service as we prepare for the Christmas season.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.



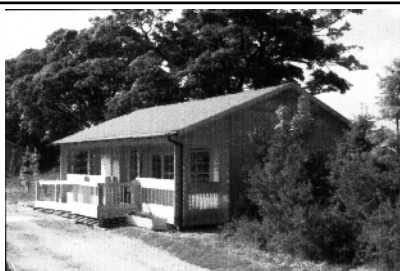
St Hilary's Church - Roving Lunch

We are once again arranging this popular event on

Sunday 24th February 2019

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More info in the February Signpost.



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NORMANBY & OWMBY

NORMANBY BY SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Over 80 people attended the Remembrance Day service, held in Normanby Church and taken by Rev. Sally Turnbull on Sunday November 11th . I am sorry there were not enough Order of Service sheets, or room for everyone to sit. Fenn Whitehead read a reading and Ian Elliott read a poem inside the church. Outside, Cllr David Barton-Smith read out the names of those on the memorial and Mark Whitehead read "They shall not grow old" The Chair of Normanby Parish Council - Cllr Roy Bellamy - laid the wreath. Thank you everyone who was there to remember all the fallen.

Unfortunately, I have to remind dog owners who take their dogs into the cemetery to please keep them on leads and if they do foul, please clear it up. One lady told me that twice dog mess was on her husband's grave - not nice.

Drivers who ignored the road closed signs in our village a while ago risked lives by moving barriers - either by hand or with their car. They left part of the hole exposed and used someone's drive to squeeze by. I know the diversion signs were farcical, but common sense would have directed you to the A15 quicker than following the sign and caused less aggravation.

Would all motorists, both residents and visitors to the school please consider other road users and home owners. A lot of commercial vehicles and farmers with large vehicles all need to get past parked cars as does the school bus and the mobile library (which calls once a month). When parking, no matter for how long, please consider where you park, think if a lorry can pass or if someone can get in and out of their property.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Nadine Fox (Clerk)



**St. Peter & St. Paul Sunday Special Children
invite you to their
CHRISTINGLE & CAROL SERVICE**

**Monday 24th December
at 4.00 pm.**

Children should arrive by 3.15 pm to make their Christingles

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Retiring collection proceeds to go to The Church and the Children's Society.

OWMBY PCC MONTHLY DRAW

1st	2nd	3rd
Danny Mellor	Emma Pinder	Penny Gledhill

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 6th December at 10:30 a.m.

Owmy Church

Coffee/sherry, mince pies & shortbread

Please note: There will be no coffee morning in January

Bring & Buy stall. Cakes. Raffle. Everyone welcome**Proceeds to Ss. Peter & Paul Church funds**

Thank you to all who came to the school and showed support for the project. We now have, thanks to the 'Smiley' face stickers, a much clearer vision of what is important to the community and will strive to meet the aspirations. The Gazebo and the Zip Wire proved the most popular.

The entry kerb has been lowered and the area covered in tarmac. The gates are due to be installed on the 19th November (weather permitting). We have received a substantial donation for the gates, from an anonymous donor which we are very grateful.

The next stage is to prepare the ground for seeding in the spring and continuing to raise funds to allow the purchase of the aspired equipment.

If you would like to contribute either financially or physically please contact Keith on 01673 878947 or by e mail bloodytower@hotmail.com

**LATEST WHIST DRIVE RESULTS**

1st Lady	Sara Carter	2nd Lady	Shirley James
1st Gent	Neville James	2nd Gent	Anne Turnbull
Low Score	June Kettlewell Brian James	Near Score	Dawn Cowperthwaite Anne Turnbull
Miniature	Brian Jois Dawn Cowperthwaite	Raffle	Brian James Neville James

On **Wednesday 12th December** we will be at the home of Lois and Ken Green
Lindum House, Private Lane, Normanby. We start at 7:30 p.m.

On **Wednesday 9th January**, Sara and Bernard Carter will host at The Bungalow, Saxby Road, Owmy.

If you would like to join us, please contact 01673 878525. You would be most welcome.

NORMANBY BY SPITAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

We've had yet another busy term at Normanby School. Children from Years 4,5 & 6 spent 2 days, 2 nights, outdoors pushing themselves through boundaries they didn't think they were capable of. The children represented Normanby School very well . Well done. Thank you Dearne Valley for planning a fun packed few days for them.

Thank you to the generosity of the parents/carers of the school we were able to donate a large amount of produce to The Trussell Trust following our Harvest Festival. Many thanks to the members of FoNS who organised a fun Halloween afternoon of games, puzzles and dancing.

We are now looking forward to start celebrating Christmas. We have a jam packed calendar of events including a carol concert in Normanby Church on Monday 17th December 2.30pm, our annual Christmas fayre on Tuesday 18th December 3.00pm in the school hall and our delicious Christmas Dinner day on Friday 14th December. We will also be supporting Christmas Jumper Day on this day to get us into the festive spirit. All members of the community are invited to join us for our carol concert and our Christmas Fayre if you would like to.

It is that time of year when parents of pre school children are starting to look at schools for their children to attend from September 2019. If you would like to visit the school, please don't hesitate to contact Jacqui in the office and she will be happy to arrange a convenient time for you to come and have a look around. We also have a few places left in our pre school for children following the term they turn 3.

MOBILE LIBRARY

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Hackthorn	School	13:30 - 14:00	
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GLENTHAM & CAENBY

St Peter's Guild

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 18th December at 10:30 a.m.

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The proceeds will be in aid of Glentham Church

All Welcome



PRESENCE PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Inter-denominational - Praying for our Communities

Thursdays 13th December and 10th & 24th January at 7:00 p.m.

at Tilsit, Bishop Norton Road, Glentham.

Contact Jenny or Peter on 01673 878806

GLENTHAM & CAENBY TAPESTRY GROUP

The next group meeting will be on

Tuesday 4th December at 7.30 p.m.

Trapp House, Glentham

All old and new members are welcome.

Sugar & Spice

Saturday 19th January at 9.30am

Ladies if you would like to join us at **The Willows** for coffee, cake, friendship & informal discussion about some of the 'big questions' in life, please contact Anne 01673 843362,

Janet 01673 818718 or Jenny 01673 878806 for further information

Organised by members of Glentham Methodist Chapel

Christmas Rose Bowl Quiz



Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm

Glentham Village Hall

£4.00 per person

Bring your own drinks



No sandwiches, but mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles will be available

KNIT & KNATTER

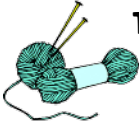
Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 4th December 1:00p.m.

Tuesday 15th January 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Glentham Village Hall

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Everyone Welcome



Glentham Village Hall

COFFEE MORNINGS

Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

December 5th, 12th & 19th

January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th

All welcome

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds

'The Bottle & Glass' at Normanby Men's Breakfast (cost is £6.00)

**Saturdays 8th December and
12th January at 9:00am**

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

Please Phone Peter Atkinson on 01673 878806 to reserve a place

Organised by Glentham Methodist Chapel



Owmby & Normanby WI

Glentham Village Hall

Thursday, 13th December, at 7:30pm

Music at Christmas

Competition: A plate of Christmas treats

Thursday, 10th January, at 7:30pm

Tai Chi Session with Chris Liddle

We look forward to seeing you all.

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of the Glenthams Playground.

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that YOU, the playground users,
want to see installed.

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Thurs 13	Scampton Youth Club	6:00 p.m.
Sat 15	Welton Methodist Church	10:30 a.m.
Wed 19	Glentham Village Hall	10:00 a.m.
Thurs 20	Park House, Welton	9:30 a.m.
Thurs 20	St Mary's Church, Welton	10:30 a.m.
Fri 21	Fillingham Village Hall	10:00 a.m.

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Wednesday 12th December 2018 6.00 pm - 7.00 pm



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Welton Pre-School is full of swing with the new children having settled in beautifully, already forming good friendship.



We started the term with the scary theme of Halloween where the children came dressed as wizards, witches, ghouls and skeletons, making magic potions in the witches cavern. The children enjoyed decorating apples with melted chocolate, then dipping them in sprinkles. We had a great time at our Halloween party, apple bobbin and trying very hard to stick the spider in the middle of his web, wearing a blindfold, this was followed with hotdogs for supper before playing musical statues and bumps. A great time was had by all.

The children made spectacular firework paintings using tooth brushes and cardboard tubes which have made a splendid display in the classroom.

During Amnesty week we learnt through play and listening to stories about why we wear poppies, remembering the brave men and women who fought in the war, we also paid tribute to the horses and dogs who were also used during this time. A wreath of red and purple poppies was made, which we placed on the memorial cross at St Mary's church. The role play area became an army field camp where we enjoyed singing songs around our campfire and toasting marshmallows.

Miss Alice told the story about Rama and Sita using puppets as we celebrated Diwali. The children made diva lamps and traditional foods which they enjoyed at snack time. We drew mendi patterns on each other's hands, dancing to Hindu music with scarves and lighting up the garden with brightly coloured chalk pictures.

The children will be making decorations to hang on our Christmas tree. This will be on display at St Mary's tree festival on the weekend commencing Friday 30th November, so do pop along and have a look.

We do have some spaces available, but these are filling fast.

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WELTON VILLAGE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB

Many thanks to those of you who are continuing to support our Community Hub events, the first three have been well supported exceeding our expectations. There is no event planned for December, we will restart in the new year and I will confirm the details in the next Signpost.

Turning to library books, we hope to see many of you during December as you plan your reading over the Christmas and New Year period. It is important to note that due to the days the holidays fall this year coinciding with the early part of the week we are normally open there will be special arrangements for borrowers. The last day the library will be open in 2018 will be **Wednesday 19th December** and it will re-open in 2019 on **Monday 7th January**. During December there will therefore be extended borrowing periods to avoid any issues with the normal 3 week period being exceeded due to the library not being open. When you borrow any book that would normally be due for return during the closure period the date will automatically be adjusted and one of our volunteers will ensure the corrected date is shown by date stamp in the book. In addition, as many of you will know, there is also the option to renew books on line using your library card number and pin should you wish to extend dates further. If you are unsure about how to do that please ask a volunteer.

Wishing you all Happy Christmas reading and best wishes for 2019 from the library team of volunteers.

Mike Hubbert - Library Volunteer

WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

The PDA Autumn Fayre took place on Saturday 20th October and raised a total of £2229 after deduction of expenses. The raffle made up £1208 of this amount and thanks must go to all who helped in any way, buying and selling tickets, donating prizes etc. A list of prize winners is on the PDA notice board in the Health Centre. The teddy bear was called Boris, the cake weighed 4lb 8ozs, there were 540 sweets in the jar and the suitcase contained a calendar, diary and a scratch card. Many thanks to all who supported this event which is our main fund raiser of the year.

We have had a couple of cancellations for the Christmas lunch on 7th December. If anyone is still interested in joining us, please give me a call asap (862570) we provide transport for those not able to get themselves to Welton village hall. A reminder to those who already have tickets to be seated by 11.30am ready for the children of St Mary's School Choir who are going to entertain us. There will be the usual raffle, cake stall, book stall and Christmas cards for sale.

Could I remind patients booking transport to medical appointments to give as much notice as possible please? On 31st October I received my 1st 2019 booking for 3rd January!

The PDA Committee would like to wish all patients and friends a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

Dates for 2019

Spring Lunch - 5th April 2019

Autumn Fayre - 26th October 2019

Christmas Lunch - 6th December 2019

If you require any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call (862570).

Janet Goddard

WELTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

DNA - In October we had 21 patients fail to attend for their GP appointments and 103 patients fail to attend for their nursing appointments. This amounts to 20.5 hours of appointments this month that have been wasted. If all of these patients had attended this would have given us an extra 5 bookable appointments EACH DAY! Please sign up for our text messaging service so we can send you reminders before your appointment.

'FLU VACCINATION CLINICS - As was the case last month, again we would like to apologise for anyone that had to wait at our second drop in 'flu clinic. We have no way of predicting how many patients will attend for the drop-in vaccination clinic and we are grateful to those patients that were happy to wait to be seen. We are trying to vaccinate as many patients as possible which has been complicated by a new regime of vaccines this year. We have reflected on this and improvements will be made for the clinics in 2019. We would also like to thank all the staff that have given up their weekends to provide this service for patients this year; they all do an excellent job of keeping us 'flu free!

CLEANER VACANCY - We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner in the Practice. The role is for two hours each evening, Monday to Friday. If you would like more information or an application form, please contact the surgery.

DR ANDREW BARBER - We are extremely sad to report that Dr Andrew Barber is very poorly with a rare and complicated lung condition which means he is not well enough to work.

As you would expect, this news has come as a shock to the Practice and for the second time this year we find ourselves in an unexpected position. The staff and the doctors at the surgery are working extremely hard to maintain our usual level of service and we appreciate the support of the patients and the PDA whilst we work through this. As always we will not tolerate any form of abuse or rudeness towards our staff who are only trying their best in the circumstances.

Some patients have kindly asked how they can help the practice at this difficult time:

- We would be grateful if patients would consider using the most appropriate resource when attending the surgery. There will be some information leaflets in and around the practice detailing who is the most appropriate source of help, which may include GPs, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Healthcare assistants, Pharmacists at local chemists etc. This helps us make the best possible use of the resources available to us.
- We would be grateful if patients try to understand that the Acute Illness clinic will be busy. As we are now in the middle of our busiest period of the year we notice that patients attend the Acute Illness clinic

when in fact some of these could have sought initial advice from a pharmacist. Please see our leaflets and posters for more information. Our Reception staff will soon be undertaking further training to be able to advise you on this.

- Patients that are waiting for outpatient appointments or information from hospitals or other providers, could we ask you to please contact the hospitals directly. Telephone numbers are usually available on your correspondence or online.
- Patients can also support us by giving us positive feedback wherever possible and appropriate - this may be via the friends and family test surveys, on the NHS choices website, compliment and concern forms, letters to the Practice or a simple word to the staff when you attend. Your support and encouragement are very much appreciated during these difficult times.

EMERGENCY CARE - The Practice is not fully equipped to deal with emergency care and in these situations we would advise you call 999 or attend A&E immediately. Recently we have seen an increase in patients with chest pain, potential broken bones or shortness of breath coming down to the surgery and as a result had to telephone the ambulance. Patients should not come down to the surgery in these cases as it may delay the most appropriate care for your condition.

ACUTE ILLNESS CLINIC - The Acute illness clinic will continue to run each weekday in the Practice. From 1st December 2018 we will ask all patients to arrive at the surgery before 9.30am so that we are able to manage the number of patients seen. You may be seen by a GP or Nurse Practitioner in this clinic.

NURSE PRACTITIONERS - As some of you will be aware, Becky Jones and Lottie Cody have been increasing their training and competencies to become Nurse Practitioners. As a result they will be seeing patients in the acute illness clinic for patients with appropriate conditions. Reception may ask you some questions to enable them to direct you to the most appropriate clinician. As with all staff within the Practice, we are bound by confidentiality rules and so anything you tell Reception staff will remain private and confidential. It is important that we are able to do this to maximise the use of appointments we have available and to ensure that all patients are being seen by the most appropriate person.

STAFF TRAINING - The surgery will be closed for staff training from 1pm on Tuesday 18th December 2018 until 8am on Wednesday 19th December 2018. When considering the staff training afternoon, please could we ask that you order any medication with as much notice as possible to enable us to meet the tight deadlines that we face. A minimum of two working days' notice is required please. For those that don't already use the service, we have facilities to order your medication online at any time, please see Dispensary for more details.

CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Monday 24th December	Open as normal	Saturday 29th December	Closed
Tuesday 25th December	Closed	Sunday 30th December	Closed
Wednesday 26th December	Closed	Monday 31st December	Open as normal
Thursday 27th December	Open as normal	Tuesday 1st January 2019	Closed
Friday 28th December	Open as normal	Wednesday 2nd January 2019	Open as normal

Please note - extended access appointments will be available via the IMP Federation throughout the Christmas period (including Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, weekday evenings and weekends) for routine, pre-booked conditions. Please contact reception for more details on those.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our patients, staff and colleagues a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2019.

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Leaves are falling from trees and shrubs. Not only do they look unsightly and create a slip hazard, they are a great place for pests and diseases to hide. Clear them up regularly and collect as they will rot down to make great leaf mould to use next year. We have a great range of tools at Emerald Garden & Country Supplies to make the job so much easier. From rakes to wheelbarrows and trugs, there is sure to be something you will need.

It's the ideal time to be planting Spring flowering bulbs, either in the ground or into pots and containers for some much needed colour early next year. Give your bulbs the best start by incorporating some fresh compost into the soil and using new compost for planting in pots. This will help prevent the build-up of pests and diseases and ensure fantastic blooms for years to come. Incorporate some general purpose fertiliser to encourage a strong root system and healthy growth.

Roses need to be pruned to stop damage to roots from winter winds. Cut out any diseased, damaged or dead wood and reduce the size of the roses by one third. If there are any crossing branches, remove these too, the aim is to create an open goblet shape. Make a sloped cut directly above a bud. This stops the winter snow and rain sitting on fresh cuts and inviting disease. We have a great range of pruning equipment and gloves suited for this job.

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What's On Guide

Day / Date		Time	Function	Venue
DECEMBER				
Tues	4	2:00 p.m.	Knit & Knatter	Glenthams Village Hall
Tues	4	7:30 p.m.	Glenthams & Caenby Tapestry Group	Trapp House, Glenthams
Wed	5	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Thurs	6	10:30 a.m.	Ss Peter & Paul Christmas Coffee Morning	Owmy Church
Sat	8	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Bottle & Glass, Normanby
Sat	8	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Playground Development Talk	Glenthams Village Hall
Wed	12	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Wed	12	10:30 a.m.	St Hilary's Coffee Morning	Paddock House
Wed	12	7:30 p.m.	Whist Drive	Lindum House, Normanby
Thurs	13	7:00 p.m.	Presence Prayer & Bible Study	Tilsit, Glenthams
Thurs	13	7:30 p.m.	Owmy & Normanby WI	Glenthams Village Hall
Tues	18	10:30 a.m.	St Peter's Guild Coffee Morning	South View, Caenby Road
Wed	19	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Thurs	20	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Rose Bowl Quiz	Glenthams Village Hall
Fri	21	8:00 p.m.	H & CH Social Club Christmas Draw	Hackthorn Village Hall
JANUARY				
Wed	2	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Wed	9	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Wed	9	7:30 p.m.	Whist Drive	Lindum House, Normanby
Thurs	10	7:00 p.m.	Presence Prayer & Bible Study	Tilsit, Glenthams
Thurs	10	7:30 p.m.	Owmy & Normanby WI	Glenthams Village Hall
Sat	12	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	Bottle & Glass, Normanby
Tues	15	2:00 p.m.	Knit & Knatter	Glenthams Village Hall
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Wed	16	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Sat	19	9:30 a.m.	Sugar & Spice	The Willows, Glenthams
Wed	23	10:30 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Thurs	24	7:00 p.m.	Presence Prayer & Bible Study	Tilsit, Glenthams
Wed	30	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall

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