

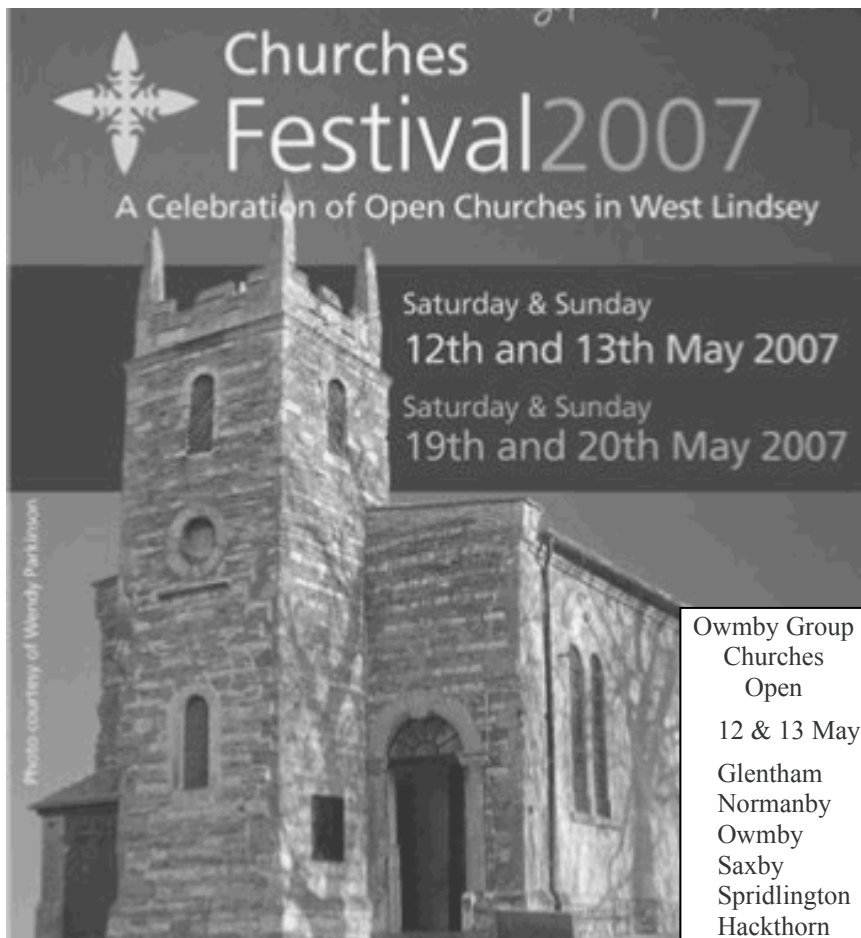
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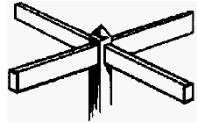
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RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Last month I gave advance notice that I expected to move house. This has now happened. My new address and phone number are on the Information page at the beginning of this and every issue of Signpost from now on, but just to be sure, here it is again.

The Rectory
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There are still some unresolved issues regarding the phone and email, but I expect to keep this number.

I am still Rector of the Owmby Group of Parishes, just as before. In other words, if you live in Glenthams, Caenby, Normanby, Owmby, East Firsby, Saxby, Spridlington, Hackthorn or Cold Hanworth, I am your rector or vicar. Your local church is the one at Glenthams, Owmby, Saxby, Spridlington or Hackthorn and I am the priest for that church.

When you move house you find things you thought you'd lost. Perhaps they were put away in the back of a cupboard last time. I rediscovered the little prayer book given to me when I was confirmed, in May 1960. It tells me how both the church and the world have changed. At that time, there were 30,000 clergymen in the Church of England. Nowadays there are about 9,000, and in fact over 2,000 of those aren't men at all.

But the Church of England is still here, on the ground, for everybody, unless you choose to be part of a different church. Our buildings are used, not just for Sunday services, but also for baptisms, weddings, funerals, and also newer services such as the Renewal of Marriage Vows, or Memorial Services, and also used for concerts, art displays etc. This month we have the West Lindsey Open Churches Festival, which is having a shot in the arm this year. I commend it to you, as I commend the sponsors who have made possible new publicity for this event.

Unfortunately I shall miss it, as I shall be on Sabbatical Leave. Now, this has been the cause of gossip up and down the parishes.

Sabbatical Leave is a time away from my parish duties for a combination of rest and study, to enable me to perform my duties better. The idea is that a priest should take such leave about every 12 years, to recharge their batteries and to come up to date with the latest developments in Christian thinking. Many of you know that my own interests include church music, and I shall be looking at this. I shall spend time in France, a country with different musical and liturgical traditions, to see how music works or does not work in churches there. I shall share the fruits of my study not just within our own parishes, but across the diocese, through the work of the Liturgical Committee, of which I am a member. And I shall spend time in Ireland with a man who probably is the cleverest mind in church music in today's world. I shall also make a retreat, a concentrated period of time with God. Every priest needs

to do this regularly, to feed their faith. Many other Christians find it a necessary part of their spiritual development.

So it's not just "the Rector's little holiday", as it has been described. I hope that, for the next five years, I shall be a better priest for the Owmbly Group of parishes, as a result.

A move to the different scenery of Hackthorn has already shown me how important it is to keep our horizons broad. I hope that this is something that everyone always wants to do. It keeps our faith lively. Narrow-mindedness is never a good thing.

God bless you all.

Peter Godden

OWMBY & NORMANBY MEMORIAL BOOK

Did you know that there is a Memorial Book in Owmbly Church which may be used to record the names of departed residents, relatives and friends of residents of the villages of Owmbly and Normanby? It is kept in a glass-topped case in Owmbly Church and the page is turned daily. If you would like someone remembered in this book, please have a word with the rector. A small donation is asked for.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

At Owmbly on 17th March –

Tatiana Pia Mercedes & Freddy Simon Baynes Martin

At Hackthorn on 18th March – Thomas David Wass

At Hackthorn on 8th April – Daisy Elizabeth Joyce

At Glenthams on 8th April – Ella Gracie Francis

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NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PC NEWS

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 9th May at 7.30pm. Do please come along to express your views and meet your Parish Councillors

The Housing Need Survey is being prepared and is likely to appear in the June Signpost. Roger Moors, the Senior Housing Enabler is arranging a date in the school hall to make himself available for all villagers to ask any questions they may have.

The continuing problem of dogs fouling the pavements is causing considerable distress to residents and pedestrians alike. Please, would the owners of the culprits respect other people and your village and clear up after your dog. There are a lot of dog bins around the village, please use them.

With Spring here already, would residents who have hedges or shrubs overhanging the pavement or road side please make sure they do not impede pedestrians or the visibility for motorists.

Nadine Fox
Clerk to the Parish Council

NORMANBY & OWMBY DECIDE ON HOUSING SURVEY

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To identify housing needs in your area, a parish wide survey (combining both Normanby and Owmbly) will be undertaken in early June. This is being organised jointly between myself (the County Rural Housing Enabler) and a steering group made up from representatives of your Parish Councils.

The survey helps to quantify the level of housing need and the type of property required. This might be low cost affordable housing for younger people living in the villages to bungalows or sheltered accommodation for the elderly. Until the survey is completed, there is no way of knowing the type or amount of need, if indeed there is one.

As an independent body, Community Lincs then produce an independent unbiased report to the parish councils detailing the findings of the survey. This can then be used to ensure that properties in your village are built to meet local need.

Questionnaires will be delivered to each of the homes very soon. For ease of return, there will be a prepaid envelope available for you to send it back. There will also be various places around the village where you can post your survey in special 'ballot boxes'. Please take this opportunity to let your Parish Council know your housing needs and opinions whatever your age or situation.

To help provide some more background to the survey, we shall be holding an open day in the village when you will be able to drop in, ask questions and seek advice.

In the meantime, look out for your May/June Signpost which will have your survey enclosed.

Roger H Moors
Senior Rural Housing Enabler
Community Lincs

VOICES OF '39

The project about the names on the Normanby by Spital War Memorial, which eventually emerged as the book "They Went to War" deliberately did not include very much about the war years of 1939-1945. This was mainly due to a need to keep the project to manageable proportions.

Now, however, I have taken the first steps in trying to provide some record of what those war years meant to the communities of Normanby and Owmbly. During conversation with those from the villages who have some direct memories of these years, a number of names emerged of local men and women who were understood to have served in the forces. Other than the names themselves, not very much is known and it would be extremely helpful if any relatives or friends could fill in the gaps so

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Owmbly

Bowness Lillian (WRAF), Bowness Stan (RAF?), Brocklesby Walter, Frankish Peter, Sankey Barbara (ATS), Sankey John A (Tony) (Army), Sankey Thomas (RAF), Simpson Ernest (Army), Taylor Reginald.

As the project progresses, I shall probably be making further requests for help on specific issues but in the meantime, if anyone has memories of life in Normanby or Owmbly during the Second World War, please contact me as it is very important that these are recorded and not lost to posterity as happened in respect of WWI.

Jim Connor - 01673 878252

james.connor3@tesco.net

 Whist Drive Results 4th April 2007			
1st Lady	Avril Harrison	1st Gent	Eric Lee
2nd Lady	Jean Cowperthwaite	2nd Gent	Ken Green
Low Score	Rita Picksley Richard Harrison	Near Score	Avril Harrison Brian James
Miniature	Tina Harrison Brian James	Raffle	Neville James Avril Harrison Tina Harrison
<p><i>nyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive, it will be held at the home of Don & Jean Cowperthwaite Normanby by Spital on the 2nd May 2007 at 7.30pm. We are always pleased to see new faces, and it is always a very light hearted evening.</i></p>			

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Why bother? This gives you, rather than others (such as local councils), the chance to say what you want. A plan will be produced putting forward the Parish's views which will have to be taken into account by local authorities in their decision-making processes. The plan will also provide evidence of local need which will help to secure funding to make things happen.

Many thanks for those who took time out from the Duck Races to look at the display and for adding to the list of comments.

Other forthcoming events include: a barbecue for 12 to 18-year-olds, a magician and bouncy castle for the under 12s, and a wine-tasting evening.

ST PETER'S GUILD

Yet another pleasant coffee morning was enjoyed at the home of Mrs Jane Rose.

There was the usual splendid show of daffodils which are always such a welcoming sight at Jane's home. The raffle and bring and buy helped swell the takings.

GLENTHAM VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Despite a disappointing turnout of only 8 people from a population of over 200 a good job was done. To the surprise of the helpers Glenthams is in fact by large quite a tidy village although there are pockets of untidiness. Unfortunately one of the

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worst areas' was Little Hill, a right of way used mainly by residents. Not only is the amount of dog faeces (pooh) excessive but also the amount of litter thrown into the hedgerow. Would the kind person who combines both activities (dog pooh in a plastic bag) Please take it home with them. You know who you are!.

Thanks to Geoff Wiseman, Colin Rainer, Gary & Suzanne Fox, Peter & Di Saunders, Terry & Merv.

DRY STONE WALLING

Fancy trying your hand ? After many attempts at getting a wall of the Glenthams Churchyard on Church Lane repaired by the 'experts', it has been decided to try a bit of D.I.Y. Please come along on Saturday 12th May or/and 13th May at 10.00.a.m. and have a go.

GLENTHAM SINGERS

South Kelsey Methodist Church was the venue on Good Friday for the latest engagement of the Glenthams Singers. Wearing their new uniform for the second time, the singers gave a varied, Easter themed programme which was well received by the congregation who also took part in the singing of two specially chosen hymns.

Rehearsals are now under way for the summer concert on June 28th in the Village Hall.

If you would like to join the Glenthams Singers you will be very welcome. Please phone Margaret on 878845 for details.

GLENTHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENERS CLUB.



The speaker at the April meeting was Mt Geoff Trinder of Belton who showed slides and told of the making of his 2-acre wild life garden. Numerous Rockeries, several ponds and wild flower meadows attract all kinds of animals, birds and insects, his love of which shone through in his often-humorous talk.

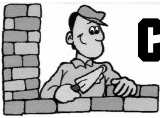
Instead of the usual meeting, May 8th will be a visit to the Hosta Gardens at Somersby leaving the Village Hall at 6pm.

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AUDREY DIXON

It is with great sadness that I write about my very good friend Audrey Dixon. She lived in Glenthams for a long time before moving to Market Rasen in 1998. She then married Rev. Michael Cartwright, the Vicar of Market Rasen.

During her time in Glenthams she was on the Village Hall Committee and was a great asset to the village. She also drove the school bus, such a small lady!! We wondered how she managed it. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. She was my best friend and I miss her lots.

Mary Cooper



St. Peter's Guild
COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 15th May at 10.30 am
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VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We hope you all enjoyed the **Duck Race**. Perfect weather helped to make this a very enjoyable event and thanks go to Peter and Vanessa Smith and all other helpers. If you had also come to the **Race Night** you would have had an exciting evening which could even have been profitable but absence was very conspicuous. So many said in their questionnaire that they valued having a Village Hall so **please do support the events!**

Future happenings: May sees the **Annual General Meeting** at 7.30pm on **Thursday, 17th**. Come and hear the year's report, progress towards a new hall

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(things have been happening!) ask questions and show the hard-working committee that you support their efforts. But if you don't, join the committee and let's hear from you!

The Molly Grimes Fun Run is on **Sunday, 17th June** so don't forget to start training. There will also be an **Illustrated Talk from Peter Smith** on a relevant Green topic so look out for posters later and also for details in next month's Signpost.

55+ CLUB

The next meeting will be held in Glenthams Village Hall on Monday 14th May at 2.00p.m.. Please feel free to join us.

GLENTHAM & CAENBY TAPESTRY GROUP

The group will meet at The Trap House Glenthams on 1st May at 7.30p.m. Members new and old welcome.

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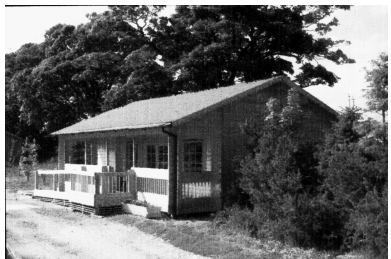
HACKTHORN C.OF.E PRIMARY SCHOOL

We had a very busy and enjoyable day at the beginning of April. The attendance at our Easter Activity day for pre-school children was tremendous, and while they busied themselves making all sorts of Easter creations, there was time for their parents and even grandparents, who had come along with them, to get to know one another over cups of tea and coffee. We were very pleased, as it is this kind of involvement of parents which is at the heart of the very special 'family atmosphere' which exists at Hackthorn School.

Just in case there were any worries about the lasting effects of overenthusiastic Easter egg eating, we have organised Interschool Netball and Football matches with Scampton Village school. These will provide a useful warm-up for the start of the tennis coaching and dance workshops (for the older children) which we have organised as additional lunchtime activities

The weekly swimming lessons should help to complete the education of minds and bodies. We take the Whole School, because – as with all things – we believe the earlier they learn, the better. Just in case anyone has energy to spare, we are also taking part in the 'Chance to Shine' project, which will see qualified cricket coaches working in the school.

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**The Club will meet in
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Mrs Linda Sykes will give a talk on the
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St Michael's Church, Hackthorn, Outreach Group

**Saturday Morning
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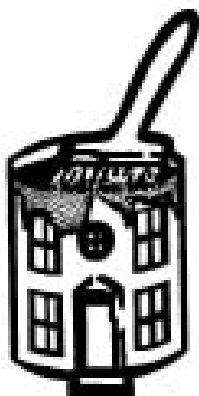


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HACKTHORN VILLAGE HALL

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Hackthorn Village Hall Committee will be held on Thursday 24th May 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend as we welcome ideas for future events and functions. For further details please call Maria (861847)

Spridlington

ST. HILARY'S CHURCH COFFEE MORNING

The recent coffee morning held at Claire's home raised the splendid sum of £155.30. for St.Hilary's Church Fund. Thank you to everyone who attended.

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION

The Flower Demonstration held on 27~ March turned out to be a tremendous success. Everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and a splendid sum of over £515.00 was raised to start off the much needed fund for building toilets for St. Hilary's Church. I would like to say a very big thank you to the Fund Raising Committee here in Spridlington who gave generously of their time and money to produce a superb display of wine and refreshments and especially to Claire and Diana who supported me in more ways than one, particularly right at the last minute when I bowed out because of family commitments. Finally none of this would have been possible without you all out there who paid your money and came along on the night. Thanks a lot. Judith

LITTER PICK

Thank you to everyone who helped on the litter pick, it was a splendid effort.

Diana

**SPRIDLINGTON VILLAGE HALL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 8th May 2007
7.30p.m.**

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16	18	D.Goodchild	50	J.Brader

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOBBIES BEAT

POLICE SURVEY RESULTS



As many of you will recall, in March I conducted a survey of residents living on the area asking for your thoughts, concerns and what you expect from the Police Service. The notice was printed in all five Parish Magazines with posters in some local shops. Newspapers articles also appeared in the Gainsborough Standard and twice in the Lincolnshire Echo.

Out of a catchments area of 25 villages and approximately 10,000 residents, the survey line received 19 (nineteen) calls – 20 if we include the kind remark that we should take the low number as a positive sign. This represents 0.0019%.

Broken down as follows;

Faldingworth (4) – Speed and assorted items.

Spridlington (2) – More Police patrols

Newtoft (2) – Youths (Anti-Social warning letters have been issued to a number of youths by the ASBO team)

Waddingham (1) – Speed

Welton (3) – Seat belts, dogs, speeding and Co-op parking

Dunholme (2) Speed and parking

Snitterby (2) – Police Officers not PCSO's and more officers walking

Snarford (1) – Speed

Wickenby (1) Better flow of information

Caenby (1) Quad bikes

It will be understood that from the low results together with no response from 15 villages it is difficult to identify an overall Policing strategy. What I would say is we will try and address the identified problems for which people have taken the time to call in with.



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GENERAL REMINDER- “Bogus Callers” There has been a case recently concerning a bogus caller, this time a water meter reader gaining access to a property causing a great deal of distress to the occupier. It has been said many time in this Police File, but it does no harm in repeating it again – DO NOT LET ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME UNLESS YOU ARE COMPLETELY SURE AND HAPPY WITH THEIR IDENTITY – Keep your door CLOSED and LOCKED if necessary. Call a relative, friend, neighbour or the Police to come to your home and check the person out. If the caller is genuine they will not mind a bit of delay and inconvenience.

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WELTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWSLETTER

Many patients took part in a survey towards the end of 2006 which asked for views on our services and systems and we are pleased to report back that we have discussed the findings with our Patient Group and that in general the feedback was very good. Thank you to all those .

We asked about opening times and whilst thirty eight per cent were happy with present arrangements, twenty six per cent asked for evening opening and we are responding to this by offering a late night opening from 1st May on a Tuesday

until 8pm with one doctor (on a rota basis) for a three months trial period to assess the response. We hope this will assist some patients who find it difficult to attend routine appointments during working hours. Appointments for this surgery will be bookable for up to two weeks in advance. This service is not intended to replace the out of hours emergency service which takes over at 6.30pm each weekday and requests for urgent medical attention without a booked appointment on these evenings will still be directed there.

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That's what he did, checking carefully as he edged forward. Just as he thought the tree was low enough to reach the kitten, the rope broke. The tree sprang back and the kitten went flying through the air and disappeared out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible and went all around the neighbourhood asking parishioners if they had seen his kitten - all to no avail. Finally, he prayed "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping" and went about his business.

A few days later he was at the village shop and met one of his regular churchgoers. Knowing that she hated cats he was amazed to find her buying cat food. He asked her, "Why are you buying cat food, I thought you hated cats?" She replied, "You won't believe this" and told him how her little girl had been begging for a cat. She finally said to her daughter, "If God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it." She told the pastor, "I watched her go into the back garden, kneel down and pray to God for a cat. Really pastor you won't believe this but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of a blue sky, paws outspread and landed right in front of her!"-

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SERVICES Owmbly Group of Parishes – May 2007

	Time	Service	Place	By
Sunday May 6	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	J Duckett
Easter 5	11.00 am	Family Service	Spridlington	S Turnbull
	11.00 am	Family Serv/Baptism	Owmbly	P Godden
Sunday May 13	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	C Todd
Easter 6	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Glenthams	R Thornton
Thursday May 17	7.00pm	Lawres Deanery	St Mary’s	S Darlison
Ascension Day		Holy Communion	Welton	
Sunday May 20	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	C Zotov
Easter 7	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn	A O’Hare
Sunday May 27	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	M Chapman
Pentecost	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmbly	S Turnbull

Glenthams Methodist Chapel -May 2007

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LED BY
6	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	Rev Liz Smith
13	6.00p.m.	Evening Service	Mr Colin Hare
20	10.45p.m.	Family Service	Mrs Jane Cram
27	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	Rev Liz Smith

WHAT'S ON DIARY

Day/ Date	Time	Function	Venue
Tue 1	1.30p.m.	P&Q Open Day	Glenthams VH
Tue 1	7.30p.m.	Tapestry Group	Trap House Glenthams
Wed 2	7.30p.m.	Whist Drive	Normanby
Thur 3	10.30a.m.	Coffee Morning	Cliff House Owmbys
Tue 8	6.00p.m.	Glenthams Garden Club	Visit to Somersby
Tue 8	7.30p.m.	Village Hall AGM	Spridlington VH
Thur 10	10.00a.m.	VH Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Sat 12	10.00a.m.	Open Churches	Owmbys Group
Sat 12	10.00a.m.	Children's Mosaic Workshop	St. Peter's Glenthams
Sun 13	10.00a.m.	Open Churches	Owmbys Group
Sat 13	9.00a.m.	Plant Sale	Glenthams VH
Mon 14	2.00p.m.	55+ Club	Glenthams VH
Tue 15	10.30a.m.	St. Peter's Guild	Glenthams

Deadline for June Signpost Tuesday 15th May 6.00 p.m.

Thur 17	10.00p.m.	VH Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Sun 17	2.00p.m.	Open Gardens	Saxby
Thur 17	7.30p.m.	Village Hall AGM	Glenthams VH
Sat 19	10.00a.m.	Keep me Happy Club	Hackthorn VH
Wed 19	7.30p.m.	Hackthorn Garden Club	Hackthorn VH
Thur 24	10.00a.m.	VH Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Thur 24	7.30p.m.	Village Hall AGM	Hackthorn VH
Wed 24	7.30p.m.	Cabra Singers	St. Helen's, Saxby
Thur 31	10.00a.m.	VH Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH