

SIGNPOST

The Owmbly Group of Parishes Magazine

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Ash Wednesday

The Owmbly Group are holding the annual Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at

**St Hilary's Church in Spridlington on
Wednesday 10th February at 9.30am.**

You are very welcome to join us at this service at which we are invited to receive the mark of the cross on our foreheads and to reflect on God's gracious love for us.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 4th MARCH 2016

The WWDP service this year is being held at

St Hilary's, Spridlington
Friday 4th March at 7:00 p.m.

The theme for this year is
'Receive children. Receive me'

We do hope you will be able to join us for this special service prepared by the Christian women of Cuba, when we join with people across the world in a wave of prayer.

LOST CAT NOT FOUND

I am so happy that Geoff and Maggie Middleton have had their cat, Chopin, found and returned to them. What a wonderful thing to happen.

Unfortunately our ginger tom, Buster, went missing three years ago on 8th November 2012 and has never been seen again.

I was told that someone took him. If he has found another home and is loved and happy, then I will let him stay but I have to know, please get in touch.

You can call Liz on 01673 878829 or if you prefer to remain anonymous, you can contact Steve on 07835 429439 where you can have a message passed on without revealing your name or any other details.

FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

In The Footsteps of Pilgrims

Anyone travelling into Lincoln by car can hardly avoid seeing awe inspiring views of the Cathedral. The view from the south of the city is breath taking as you see the size and scale of a building which has stood on the same site since 1072. When approaching Lincoln from the West the Cathedral has a completely different aspect. From this vantage point the three towers, which represent the Holy Trinity, are aligned and so the Cathedral appears two dimensional but never the less is an impressive sight. During long, dark, winter nights, the illuminated building stands as a beacon of light to welcome travellers. The beauty of this holy place on the horizon is there for all to see, whether they have a personal faith or none. The Very Revd Philip Buckler, Dean of Lincoln, writes: "its towers can be seen for many miles around, encouraging pilgrims on their way and assuring the people of Lincolnshire of God's continuing presence in the world.

Lincoln Cathedral draws in thousands of visitors every year. They come from far and wide each one wanting to see and experience what the Cathedral has to offer. On entry to the Cathedral visitors are offered a guided tour and so follow in the footsteps of Saints and sinners, Kings and Queens, rich and poor. Mainly it is the history, architecture and stories of people from the past that they seek. What we do not know is what spiritual impact their visit has made on them.

After the death and canonisation of St Hugh of Lincoln in 1220 the numbers of pilgrims visiting Lincoln were at their greatest. For over 200 years, until The Reformation, Lincoln Cathedral was second only to Canterbury Cathedral as a place of pilgrimage. Evidence of the many pilgrims who visited St Hugh's Shrine can be seen at the foot of the Head Shrine where the stone floor is worn away by the impression of thousands of knees bent in prayer and seeking that inspiration of God's presence.

During the medieval period Lincoln Cathedral, as "The Mother Church", was the ultimate destination for local pilgrims as they travelled many miles to offer penitence, seek absolution for their sins, to hope for miracles and to offer prayers of intercession. A pilgrimage is different from a tour in that for a pilgrim it is the journey as well as the destination which is important. Pilgrims are seeking something which every day activities cannot give. To undertake a pilgrimage is an invitation from God to leave behind the daily grind and to learn more about Him. A successful pilgrimage is one where there has been a change of heart.

Today, people coming to take a tour of this Holy Place will follow in the footsteps of medieval pilgrims and as a result may experience changes in themselves which are most unexpected.

PRAYER FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY

We pray for those who have been recently affected by the floods in the UK.

"Comfort, Lord those who have been devastated by the recent floods. Give them a place to live whilst their homes are being repaired and may they find your love with them through the kindness of others"

DAILY CHURCH SERVICES

Monday	8.30 am	Morning Prayer	Burton (<i>Note change of venue</i>)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Scampton
Tuesday	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Spridlington
Thursday	8.30 am	Morning Prayer	Burton
Friday	4.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Spridlington
Saturday	8.30 am	Morning Prayer	Burton

OWMBY GROUP CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	JD
<i>Next before Lent</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	BW
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmbly	LH
Wednesday 10th	9.30 am	Holy Communion with Ashing	Spridlington	ST
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>				
Sunday 14th	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	JH
<i>1st of Lent</i>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	JH
Sunday 21st	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	JH
<i>2nd of Lent</i>	11.00 am	Family Service with Baptism	Hackthorn	ST
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Spridlington	ST
Sunday 28th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	ST
<i>3rd of Lent</i>	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmbly	LH
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Glentham	AH

SPRINGLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Ingham	BW
<i>Next before Lent</i>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Burton	LH
	10.15 am	Family Service	Scampton	SD & TEAM
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	North Carlton	JH
Wednesday 10th	7.00 pm	Holy Communion with Ashing	Cammeringham	JH
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>				
Sunday 14th	9.00 am	Holy Communion	Cammeringham	SD
<i>1st of Lent</i>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Burton	NH
	10.30 am	Family Service	Ingham	CM/BE
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	South Carlton	SD
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Scampton	SD
Sunday 21st	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Ingham	JH
<i>2nd of Lent</i>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Scampton	SD
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Burton	NH
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	North Carlton	NH
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Fillingham	JH
Saturday 27th	4.00 pm	Café Church at Barnes Wallis Community Centre, Scampton Camp		
Sunday 28th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Burton	JH
<i>3rd of Lent</i>	10.30 am	Joint Service	Ingham Church	NH
	10.30 am	Morning Prayer	South Carlton	JH
	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Brattleby	SD

GLENTHAM METHODIST CHAPEL

Sunday 7th	10.45 am	Family Church	Ian Hardcastle
Sunday 14th	6.00 pm		Rev Sarah Parkin
Sunday 21st	10.45 am	Messy Church	
Sunday 28th	8.45 am	Breakfast at 9.30 am	Rev Anne Coates

BISHOP OF GRANTHAM'S LETTER

Dear friends,

This letter comes with my prayers for you and for us all as this month we enter the season of Lent and begin to look towards Easter. This year I can genuinely say that Lent has come very quickly, because Easter 2016 is almost as early as it is possible for it to be.

I hope that in the 2016 rush into Lent we don't overlook the very special time that comes at the end of Epiphany and just before Ash Wednesday. The day in the Church's year that marks this time is the Presentation of Christ, February 2nd. On this day, we remember Jesus' parents taking him to the Temple and being greeted by Simeon and Anna. Old meet young in a holy place and St Luke records what happens in words of great beauty.

I invite you to find this passage and to read it for yourselves: Luke 2.22-40. Truth is spoken and recognised and there is a palpable sense of wonder and of joy. Old peoples' faithfulness is validated, as is the courage of Jesus' parents and his own coming role in the salvation of the world. I particularly like the prayer that ends the service in church on the Feast of the Presentation. The minister makes three statements: 'We stand near the place of new birth'; 'We turn from the crib to the cross'; 'We go to carry his light'; to each of which the people reply: 'Let us shine with the light of your love'.

To me, this prayer draws us into the turn that happens as we look away from the Christmas crib and towards the Easter cross. As Christ lived and died for us, so our life is now illuminated by his life - we who follow him radiate the light of his love in the world. We are no longer onlookers but participants with a purpose.

I am very much looking forward to my first Lent and Easter in the Diocese of Lincoln. I have been humbled and moved by peoples' kindness as I have taken up my responsibilities as Bishop of Grantham, and I am savouring the prospect of visiting parishes, schools and other organisations just as quickly as I can.

But in looking forward, I don't want, as it were, simply to get 'caught up in the rush' and forget what it is that I am doing and why I am doing it. And I very much hope that we might all be able to resist similar pressure whenever it occurs for each of us. We always need to remember that we are people with a purpose, the loved children of God, illuminated with the light of Christ, and not just those who rush from one thing to another, aimlessly.

My particular responsibility in the diocese is for ministry. This is a big and slippery word, and one that can regrettably sometimes be used rather bluntly. As I understand it, however, all Christians share in the ministry of the Church, by virtue of who we are, baptised followers of Jesus. In our daily lives, at work, with those whom we love, in our leisure, we are His people. If we can see this, and acknowledge the light that we all carry, then we will indeed be the disciples that Jesus would have us be.

May God bless you this month as we turn from the crib to the cross, shining with the light of Christ in the world.

+Nicholas

**The latest date for entries to the March 2016 Signpost
is Monday the 15th of February at 6:00 p.m.**

**Always pray to have eyes that see the best, a heart that forgives the worst, a
mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith.**

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Welton & District Royal British Legion




The meeting day for Welton & District Royal British Legion is to be changed in the new year. The monthly meetings will be at the **Sports and Social Club, Welton at 7.45 p.m. on the second Monday of the month.** Please make a note in your diary.

The first meeting of the New Year will therefore be

MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2016

POPPY APPEAL 2015

Total raised in HCG25 area for the year 2015 was **£6,937.14** - an increase of £1,935 on the 2014 total. This was an absolutely magnificent effort by everyone

Thank you to all village collectors, schools, shops etc. For a superb result and to all who donate so generously. I look forward to working with you all again in **2016**.

Don Moore, Poppy Appeal Organiser HCG25 - Tel: 01673 860732

Welton Kids Club



February holiday club is open Monday 15th to Friday 19th February, 7.30am to 6.30pm. We offer half day bookings too.

Based at the new school hall at Welton St Mary's Academy, we are also open term time Monday to Friday: Breakfast club 7.30am to 9am (£4.10) and Afterschool club 3.30pm to 6.30pm (£7.20). We offer a 10% discount for a second child. We cater for allergies within our food menus (breakfast and afternoon snacks).

VACANCY- Playworker required for busy Before/After School and holiday Club based at Welton Primary Academy, Welton. Hours are 27.5 per week Monday to Friday. For more information please contact Roxy Seagrief on 07824762779

If you would like to book a place or would like more information for Welton Kids Club please ring 07748 432428 (7.30 am to 6.30 pm) or call Roxy on 07824 762779 out of hours. Information can also be found on our website - weltonkidsclub.co.uk

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CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Appeal in aid of West Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service. A special thank you goes to those who volunteered to act as village contacts. We received large amounts of toiletries, toys and children's nightwear, so much, that it took several drivers and cars to take the gifts to Gainsborough and Lincoln. Your response was overwhelming. Everyone who donated gifts has been so generous.

We have received the following thank you letter from WLDAS which we thought you would appreciate.

"We were absolutely delighted to receive the Christmas donations to our local refuges and outreach families. Christmas can be a very stressful time for the families we work with and your donations will truly help to raise their spirits at this special time of year. Please thank the members of the Owmbly Group of Churches for their fantastic support of our charity".

Many Thanks to you all

Owmbly Group of Parishes and Springline Parish Ministry Team

If you have news, event, an article or a story you feel would be of interest to other readers, please contact Steve, the editor. His telephone number is on the contacts page towards the back of this month's edition. Full details are on the Owmbly Group web site.



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HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH

HACKTHORN C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

New year - new reasons to be cheerful at Hackthorn, not least because the Friends of Hackthorn School have been busy organising more events. There is another film night to look forward to as well as 'Bangers and Bingo'.

Happiness is not entirely attained by fun and frivolity, though. We have one pupil who is extremely pleased because their reading age has advanced by over a year since September, something which doesn't happen by accident. It takes dedicated hard work, as well as encouragement from those around you, at home as well as school, to make that kind of progress.

We felt it was important to give the children a sense of pride in their achievements, so at the first 'good works' assembly of the term, Mrs Appleby unveiled the new Pride Cups, one for each Key Stage, which will be awarded every week to the pupils who have shown consistency, or great improvement in their work. It was very quickly evident that this (non-government) initiative had hit the target - from the eager anticipation of the results, to the joy on the faces of the first recipients. The children also have a say in who they think deserves recognition each week for their efforts, which helps to promote that all-important self-esteem.

The children received another unexpected bonus too as a result of their exemplary performance during the apple picking day at Hackthorn Hall, the gardening club has been invited to tend its own plot in the walled garden this year under the guidance of Keith the gardener! Living proof that you reap what you sow.

Contact the school on 01673 860295 to arrange a visit or to request a School Brochure or visit our website at www.hackthorn.lincs.sch.uk

HACKTHORN GARDENING CLUB

Hackthorn Village Hall
Thursday February 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Steffie Shields

"Capability Brown in Lincolnshire"

New members always welcome



HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Thursday, 25th February at 7:00
Hackthorn Village Hall

There will be a meeting of the local History Group at which will be a talk about the history of Hackthorn Church. Members may be able to add to the knowledge already held so please join us at this meeting.

There will be coffee and biscuits.

History Group website is at www.hackthornhistorygroup.org.uk

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SPRIDLINGTON & FIRSBY

SPRIDLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the meeting held on 12th January. Councillors Marris, Clough and Smith were present. A vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council, if you are interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council, please contact Maria Wass (Clerk, contact information below) for details.

Members received notification of various planning training events at WLDC during the forthcoming year.

Highways - the Parish Council are obtaining more information regarding the possible placing of a convex mirror on Hackthorn Road/Cliff Road junction to help with road safety at the junction. The vehicle activated sign on Cliff Road has been damaged. It is currently away for repair or renewal. Costings for a second camera have been sought, but unfortunately is out of the Parish Council's budget at present. WLDC have been asked to go through the Parish with the road sweeper to clear up the leaf debris.

Members discussed the overhanging branches over the highway and footpaths after a meeting held with WLDC in November.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7.30pm in Spridlington Village Hall.

Maria Wass, Clerk to Parish Council.
mariawass@live.co.uk



Happy Chinese New Year on the 8th February 2016 from Spridlington Village Hall Committee.

2016 is the **Year of the Monkey** and, according to Chinese tradition, the monkey is **witty, intelligent, with a magnetic personality** (but rather **naughty**.) Is this you? If so, these qualities make you an ideal person for our Village Hall Committee - rather less of the naughty might be helpful,

however, though a sense of fun will be good to help with planning entertaining events for the year. Equally, if you're not the monkey type, but would still like to make a contribution to village life in a friendly group of people, please contact us on a number below.

The Village Hall has its own unique personality, which could provide the perfect venue for your own events. Whether for a special birthday party for your own little monkey, for a family celebration or for a group event/club - the Village Hall has excellent facilities, with its period charm and its up-to-date kitchen.

For information and booking ring:

Joey Howard: 01673 862015 or Susan Thornalley: 01673 863013

On Friday 13th November Rod Ginsplint's 'World Tour' raised £287 for Spridlington Village Hall.

Our talented local musician and his wonderful group treated us to a fab evening of music and fun, as he took us on a musical voyage around the continents.

Supper was also well appreciated.

Thanks to the musicians, to everyone who came and to the cooks and helpers.

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 17th February at 10:30 a.m.

Spridlington House

Hosted by **Angie Hayes**

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NORMANBY & OWMBY

NORMANBY BY SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL

At our last meeting held on 2nd December, Mrs Linda Houtby was welcomed to the council.

Highways have been asked twice to sort out the verges on the road leading to Caenby as the road is becoming narrow due to the verge encroaching onto the road.

The report arrived regarding the church wall and it is indeed in need of repair. WLDC should start the work this Spring but it could take up to 4 years to restore all of it.

It was agreed to nominate the Bottle and Glass as a Community Asset in case it should come up for sale. A Community Assets just means that the Parish Council would have up to 6 months to raise the money, though it would be owned by a Co-operative.

Due to some people being very inconsiderate, Mr Mansfield has, with regret, had to close the little footpath at the junction of Mill Lane/Green Lane as the gates have been left open and the horses in the field could (and have) escaped. Hopefully it may be reopened at some time, but it really is so much of the Country Code that gates must be closed, I am amazed that they were left open. Apparently someone managed to open the gate and once again left it open, please make sure you close any gate once you have gone through.

Nadine Fox (Clerk)

OWMBY PCC MONTHLY DRAW

	1st	2nd	3rd
December	Ian Elliott	Nadine Fox	Mary Storr
January	Shirley James	Elaine Gibbon	Aderyn Walker

COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 4th February at 10:30 a.m.

Moat House, Field Lane, Normanby

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Whist Drive Results



1st Lady	Shirley James	2nd Lady	Anne Turnbull
1st Gent	Ken Green	2nd Gent	Richard Harrison
Low Score	Marlene James Brian James	Near Score	Marlene James Richard Harrison
Miniature	Marlene James Neville James	Raffle	Brian James Brian Jois

Anyone wishing to join us at the next event at 7.30pm on Wed 10th Feb will be most welcome. It is always a light-hearted evening and we would be very pleased to see some new faces. Our hosts will be Shirley & Neville James of Kippen, Front Street, Normanby.

NORMANBY BY SPITAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year from all at Normanby by Spital Primary School. A new start for us all here as Mrs Emma Negus-Hill joins us as Headteacher. Mrs Negus-Hill has made a positive start to the school year but it's also great to hear that the children, staff and members of the community have made her feel so welcome.

The children have quickly got into the mode of working again and getting stuck into their topics and themes this term of Space, Digging up the Past and Science Fiction. We look forward to seeing the work they produce over the coming weeks.

All the work the children do and activities that take place can now be viewed on our school Twitter account. Take a look at @normanbyspital and see for yourself the fun learning that takes place.

As always, if you have a child of pre-school age or just moved into the area please feel free to arrange a time to visit and see what Normanby by Spital School has to offer. Children are eligible for up to 15 hours of free childcare per week once they turn 3 years old.

Our phone number is 01673 878216 - further contact details can be found on our website at www.normanbyprimary.org.uk

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Owmby & Normanby WI

Thursday, 4th February, at 7:30pm
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GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES ON COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th JANUARY 2016

The majority of the Council were in attendance. Updates on Council matters are as follows:

Childrens' Playground - following on from comments in the last newsletter the Council is pleased to report that the Playground repairs were carried out successfully. Further works are scheduled for March 2016 and the Playground will be closed for a minimum period of a week - a sign will be displayed to ensure that it is not used.

Nature Project - following the donation from the Gardening Club, parishioners are invited to contact the Council will ideas for locations for the planting of wildflowers and bulbs in the parish, and volunteers will be warmly welcomed to help with the planting. Please contact the Clerk if you have a particular spot in mind and/or would like to help

Memorial Stone - this item was deferred to the March Council meeting.

Precept Setting - the Council agreed to raise the Precept from £5891 to £6500 - this is to ensure that appropriate funds will be available for projects for the next financial year

Date of next meeting - the next meeting will be Thursday 3rd March 2016 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall - all welcome.

Parish Council contact details

The Councillors:-

Mick Brand

Sarah Shaw

Rowena Summers

Adam Shaw

Peter Smith

Vanessa Smith

Jeff Summers

The Councillors can be contacted via the Parish Clerk as follows:-

Jo Trotter - 01673 838690 - Email: clerk@glenthams.org.uk

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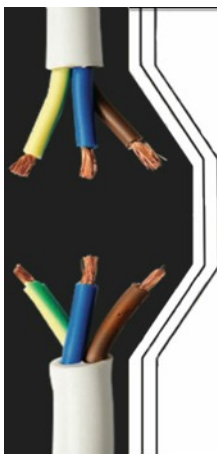
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It has been suggested that there may still be people out there who don't know what or who the PDA are. I have now given us our full title and can I give you a little bit more information?

2016 is the 25th anniversary of the PDA. It was originally formed to promote communication, liaison and mutual support between patients and staff of the Health Centre. This is still something we aim to do as we assist the practice with the patient surveys they carry out and we also help to provide equipment, through fund raising and donations, for items not covered by the NHS budget. If any patient has a complaint or compliment (it's a pity those words are very similar as we wouldn't want to get them confused!) they can always speak to a member of the PDA Committee. We have a notice board inside the waiting room and all Committee members are listed there.

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Having read this you will appreciate the need for constant fund raising which leads me on to say that our next 3 events are:-

Spring Lunch 29th April (tickets available early March but may be reserved by phone)

Autumn Fayre 22nd October

Christmas Lunch 9th December

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May I start by wishing all our patients a very happy and healthy new year and we are pleased to announce that both due babies have arrived - Dr Porter has a baby boy and Nadina Prestedge a baby girl - all doing very well. A great start to the new year ! Dr Gomez will also be starting her maternity leave in March and Dr Nellist has asked me to pass on her thanks to those patients who wished her well on her move to York. She was very sad to be leaving us and we wish her and her family all the very best. We are very pleased to advise that Dr David Bletcher and Dr Kathryn Fickling will be working full time with us to help cover absences over the next twelve months.

Many will be aware that Norovirus, the winter vomiting bug is causing severe disruption, particularly in Lincoln Hospital at the present time. The Health Protection Team have asked that we remind patients :

- diarrhoea and vomiting are best treated AT HOME !
- Washing hands with soap and warm water will prevent spread.
- There is restricted visiting access across all ULHT site - no small children allowed.

Much has been written in the press recently about the effects of antibiotic prescribing and general advice issued to ensure that they are only used where they are of definite proven benefit. We would urge patients to look at the www.antibioticguardian.com website and encourage not to request antibiotics for coughs colds and 'flu symptoms but firstly to seek advice re: over the counter preparations and also to take antibiotics as prescribed and not miss doses or share with others.

Some will be aware that we are experiencing unavoidable staffing shortages at the present time, especially in the dispensary and we are closing the hatch for two hours per day 12.30 - 2.30pm until further notice in order to cope with the workload. We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but hope patients will bear with us as we try and manage the ever increasing demands under difficult circumstances. We would however remind patients that we will not tolerate verbal abuse of our staff who are only trying to do their job - if you have a complaint please ask to speak to the appropriate person and we will endeavour to deal with this. It is also much appreciated if patients could use the online prescription request facility or leave a message using our dispensary option on the answerphone and not ring in via the reception option.

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Wed 10	Gentham Village Hall	10:00 a.m.
Wed 10	Bishop Norton Village Hall	12:00 p.m.
Thurs 18	St Mary's Church, Welton	10:00 a.m.
Sat 20	Methodist Church, Welton	10:30 a.m.
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Day / Date		Time	Function	Venue
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Tues	2	7:30 p.m.	Glenthams & Caenby Tapestry Group	Trap House, Glenthams
Wed	3	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Thurs	4	10:30 a.m.	Ss Peter & Paul Coffee Morning	Moat House, Normanby
Thurs	4	7:30 p.m.	Owmby and Normanby WI	Normanby Primary School
Mon	8	2:00 p.m.	Glenthams 55+ Club	Glenthams Village Hall
Wed	10	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Wed	10	7:30 p.m.	Whist Drive	Kippen, Normanby
Thurs	11	7:00 p.m.	Presence Prayer & Bible Study Group	Tilsit, Glenthams
Sat	13	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	The Crown, Glenthams
Sun	14	1:00 p.m.	Snowdrop Sunday	Hackthorn Hall

The latest date for entries to the March 2016 Signpost is Monday the 15th of February at 6:00 p.m.

Tues	16	10:30 a.m.	St Peter's Coffee Morning	Prospect House, Glenthams
Tues	16	2:00 p.m.	Computer Group	Glenthams Village Hall
Tues	16	2:00 p.m.	Knit & Knatter	Glenthams Village Hall
Wed	17	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Wed	17	10:30 a.m.	St Hilary's Coffee Morning	Spridlington House
Thurs	18	7:30 p.m.	Rose Bowl Quiz	Glenthams Village Hall
Sat	20	9:30 a.m.	Sugar & Spice	The Willows, Glenthams
Wed	24	10:00 a.m.	Glenthams Village Hall Coffee Morning	Glenthams Village Hall
Thurs	25	7:00 p.m.	Hackthorn History Group	Hackthorn Village Hall
Thurs	25	7:00 p.m.	Presence Prayer & Bible Study Group	Tilsit, Glenthams
Thurs	25	7:30 p.m.	Hackthorn Gardening Club	Hackthorn Village Hall

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