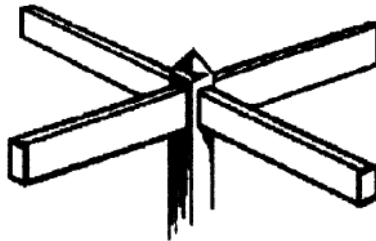


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## RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

### Organs and organists

Many people will know that playing the organ is one of my hobbies. In fact, at one time it was part of my living. I have a great fondness for the instrument and its music. And recently organs have made the news in two ways.

The first is a story put about by many of the papers that new EU regulations were about to make both the building of new organs and the restoring of old organs illegal, because organ pipes are made partly of lead (and have been for over 1,500 years), and organs are nowadays generally blown by electricity. There is indeed a new EU ruling, but it's been known about for more than a year, and the organ builders have made their objections known. The government has now definitively stated that this ruling will not apply to organs. Whew!

The other story is about a church in the South of England which cannot find an organist any more, & so has bought a black box (a "karaoke machine", as the papers put it) to play their hymns for them. Nothing new in this either. I purchased the organ in my garage from a church in Kent nearly 10 years ago so that they could afford to buy such a black box too. They hadn't had an organist of their own for 7 years.

And that concerns me a lot more, for two reasons.

Firstly, organists are rare people. We are very lucky to have at least five regular organists in the Owmby Group of Parishes, including one very talented teenager, our second organ scholar. But it's a pity we haven't more organists. Can you play a keyboard? Did you once have piano lessons? Would you like to have a go at playing the organ, even just for its own sake to start with?

If so, then do please get in touch with me.

The second point, is that to sing along in church to a mechanical black box is being dishonest, & we shouldn't be being dishonest in church. We are real people and we worship a real God, led by a real minister. Why should we introduce something false, something unreal, something "virtual", to use the modern term, into our worship?

If we haven't got an organist, then perhaps we should sing unaccompanied instead. It would be more true, more honest, more natural. We have had voices for longer than there have been organs, & certainly for longer than we've had karaoke machines. Why not just use them.

As a nation we've almost forgotten how to sing, and this is a bad thing. We live in a world where everybody takes pains to get the right sort of exercise, to keep our bodies in the best of health. This needs to include our voices, or we'll forget how to use them. And there is nothing quite as beautiful as the sound of unaccompanied singing.

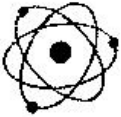
Actually, organs were originally put into churches to be played when people weren't singing, not when they were. But things have changed, and we have got used to the idea of the organ supporting our voices. Perhaps it's a bit like using the car instead of walking. Once upon a time there were only feet!

By the time you read this issue of Signpost, we hope to have put in a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant towards the restoration of the historic organ at Spridlington. Together with its neighbour at Hackthorn, they make quite a pair, two out of the only six listed organs in Lincolnshire.

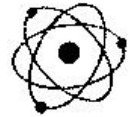
May they be played, and sung to, for many years to come. All to the glory of God. For there is nothing quite like the sound of a fine pipe organ.

God bless you all.

*Peter Godden*



## POWERHOUSE



*PRAYER IS THE FUEL THAT POWERS  
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The five parishes' combined prayer groups will meet at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at the home of David & Caroline Wilson, Rose Cottage, Hackthorn

**THE FOCUS FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS MONTH**

*'Give peace in our time, O Lord': we pray for an end to  
hatred and violence across the world.*

*Please remember in your prayers all students taking exams.*

*May God bless all who are getting married this summer.*

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

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

### FROM THE REGISTERS

Married at Spridlington on 13th May – James Carter & Allison Burge  
Funeral & burial at Saxby on 8th May – John Neave, aged 82



### Donations & Pots

Glentham Post Office	£19.80	Crown Inn	£3.45
Normanby Post Office	£22.00	Bottle & Glass	£5.56
Spridlington	£3.73	Saxby	£12.00

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Hackthorn	School	Wed	7th & 21st June	13.00 -1310
Normanby	Bottle & Glass Council Houses	Fri	2nd, 16th & 30th June	13.00-13.40 13.45-14.05



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## **Owmby & Normanby**

### **NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

Two Council meetings and the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting have been held.

It has been agreed to write to the Highways Department to ask for the road sign on the A15 to have “-by-Spital” added. Lewis Strange has said that the zigzag markings in front of the school and a 20mph sign are still in the pipeline. The financial reports had been received and approved – agreed to donate £100 to the Signpost and pay £750 to the Clerk.

Cllr Ken Green is in the process of producing a booklet which will contain useful information for new residents (£25 was paid to him for expenses).

Parking on the pavement by the new houses on Private Lane is causing problems – residents and their visitors are requested not to block the pavement.

The stone wall surrounding the church is due to be repaired and the Main Street road sign will be replaced.

Councillor Jeff Summers gave a resume on what WLDC has achieved this year and what they hope to achieve in the future.

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One of our Councillors – Alexis Rago has decided to step down and thanks were recorded for his input during his tenure in office, so at the co-option meeting - Cllr. Adam Carter (due to a clitch) was re-elected into office along with David Kelsey of Sandlewood, Private Lane.


At the Annual Parish Meeting, held on Wednesday 10th May in the School Hall, 6 members of the public attended and all Councillors were present. The chance of finding land for a play area still looks unlikely. The financial report was received by the meeting. Cllr Adele Crowther is going to do a website for Normanby. The Chairman's report was received by the meeting. It was noted that criminal damage has occurred in the school playing field and although the graffiti which appeared around our village and Owmbly the other day was cleaned up quickly – the persons responsible have been reported to the Police. It was suggested that these culprits be "named and shamed". Parents, who bring their children to school by car and use the pub car park are turning off Main Street much too quickly and cutting the corner. Children and the elderly are likely to be hit by a car if this practice continues. Parents are asked to take care when turning in. Once again speeding traffic through the village was mentioned, some overgrown hedges and trees are causing a problem for pedestrians (traffic can not see far enough ahead). More dog bins are to be requested and Lewis Strange to be asked to try to get the zigzag lines painted on the road by the school as soon as possible.

The really good news was to hear that £3,750 has been awarded to the Parish Council. This is due to the hard work that Jim Connors has put into obtaining this grant so he can produce a book, with detailed information about the fallen hero's whose names appear on the War Memorial. All this money will go into producing this book.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting which followed Cllr. Roy Bellamy was re-elected Chairman for the forthcoming year and Cllr Mrs Adele Crowther was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

Next Parish Council meeting to be held Wednesday 9th August 2006 in the B&G.

Nadine Fox - Clerk

 <b>Whist Drive Results</b> May 2006			
<b>1st Lady</b>	Shirley James	<b>1st Gent</b>	Neville James
<b>2nd Lady</b>	Marlene James	<b>2nd Gent</b>	Ken Green
<b>Low Score</b>	Richard Harrison Tina Harrison	<b>Near Score</b>	Marlene James Ken Green
<b>Miniature</b>	Shirley James Neville James	<b>Raffle</b>	Ken Green Richard Harrison
Anyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive it will be held at the home of Victor & Avril Harrison, Owmbly-by-Spital on Wednesday 31st May at 7.30 p.m. We are always pleased to see new faces, and it is always a very light hearted evening.			



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## **OWMBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Owmby Annual Parish meeting** was held in the school with 9 members of the public in attendance.

Chairman reported on the years events in particular.

- Chairman thanked his fellow councillors for help in the year and welcomed residents to the meeting.
- Drainage and footpath problems that had been solved and those remaining, particularly on Spridlington Road.
- Less fly tipping but urged residents to report any incidents.
- Precept to remain the same as last year £1400.
- Vandalism seems to be increasing in the village, 2 recent incidents where some sad person attacked the oak trees planted by the children on Normanby Road and more recently a similar individual spray painted the bench, bins, road walls etc. Thankfully in the last case the police caught the culprits.
- If you see any incidents like this taking place or know who is responsibly please ring the police or myself. It's our village, our environment we all live here and we must act to keep it so.
- Very few changes to the local plan, wall on Fen Road only.

### **Open Meeting.**

- Complaints were received concerning obstructed footpaths and a resident turning back children from walking on footpath 8. These incidents will be reported to the Footpath officer LCC.
- Poor way markers to the footpath across the cricket pitch and golf course were also reported this is already in hand.
- Footpath 13 by the church a long and sad saga which has had restricted access for years, we are still chasing this. Residents are encouraged particularly now the sun is here to use all the village footpaths but always in a responsible manner.

### **Council Meeting.**

Officers were elected as follows:- Chairman Graham Crompton-Howe, Vice Chair Denise Leah, and Treasurer Shirley Sanderson. Janet Buckley who continues on council. Chairman welcomed new councillor, Dagmar Levin.

- Councillors proposed a litter picking day later in the summer.
- Chairman to liaise with West Lindsey Community Council over land / affordable housing tied in with a playing field.

NB. Full Council minutes are on the Parish Notice Board by the Surgery. Councillors are always glad to receive constructive comments on village life / facilities so please come to the meetings or phone.

**The next meeting will be on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July in Owmby Church at 7.30pm.**

Chairman OPC Graham Crompton-Howe Tel 878 386.

<b>OWMBY CHURCH MONTHLY DRAW - May 2006</b>		
1st <b>Pat Rowett</b>	2nd <b>Avril Harrison</b>	3rd <b>Stephanie Mellor</b>



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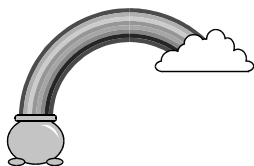
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### JOINT PCC COFFEE EVENING

A very well attended evening held by kind permission of Betty Illingworth of Normanby, which the grand sum of £566 was raised for the Christian Partners in Africa (£283) and Age Concern (£283). We had a representative from each of the charities who gave a very well informed talk on the good work that is done by each of the organisations. We wish to thank everyone who donated, and joined us for the evening, also everyone who helped and participated with the event.

Thank you very much  
 Avril



## RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP

**Monday 5th June at 2.00 p.m.**  
**Dorum, Chapel Lane, Normanby**  
 Dorothy Elliott will be speaking about  
 her holiday in Egypt  
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## RITA'S COFFEE EVENING

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Many thanks to Brita and Alan Lakeman for entertaining us yet again in their lovely home. A good number enjoyed the usual amenities and friendly atmosphere helping raise the money that is so welcome towards the upkeep of the Church.

### Glenthams Churchyard

If on passing the graveyard as the seasons progress and it starts to appear a little untidy, please don't feel embarrassed about doing your 'bit'. A tidy Churchyard is as important in value to the village as tidy verges. Many thanks to the people who already do help but there is still work to do. Please contact the Church wardens or anyone you know involved with the Church or simply go along and have a go. The main areas are gratefully cared for by the Parish Council in their village upkeep, however the parts the machine cannot reach are the problem. Any help will be appreciated.



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The meeting on June 13th will be a trip to Kexby House Garden leaving the village hall at 6 p.m. There is an entry charge of £3 so please contact Jill (878460) at least 2 days before the event as numbers have to be advised.

The trip to the Botanical Gardens, Cambridge on the 8th July will cost £10 per person for the transport and varying Entrance charges (due to concessions). Leaving Glenthams at around 8.30 a.m. this trip is not restricted Garden Club members. Anyone members or otherwise wishing to go on this trip please contact Jill Robinson (878460) as soon as possible.

### PRUNE YOUR SPRING- FLOWERING SHRUBS

With the late spring, many early flowering shrubs have gone on longer than normal, filling the garden with lovely colourful blossom. As their flowers start to fade it's time to decide whether to prune.

If your plants are only a few years old, they probably won't need much pruning apart from trimming back a few branches to maintain a good shape.

Older shrubs will need a little more attention to encourage new growth and keep them a good shape. To do this, remove a few of the oldest branches, cutting them out close to the ground. This encourages new branches to grow and prevents the shrubs from getting too woody at the base. Also, shorten any long branches sticking out of the top of the plant. When you've finished pruning, the plant should look almost the same as before but tidier and not as dense.

Pruning now gives your shrub the full growing season to make new shoots that will carry the flowers next spring.

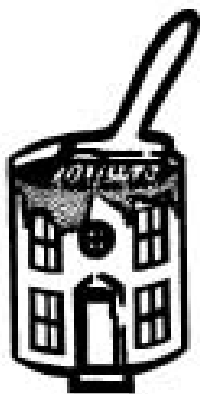
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## The World Famous Glentham Duck Races, 2006

Easter Sunday dawned bright and sunny, giving a boost to the Duck Day organizers, already buoyed by the late news the previous day that DEFRA had allowed the go-ahead for the 2006 Glentham Duck Races after all runners were certified free of Bird Flu!

Glentham villagers turned out in style and by the time of the first heat, over 90 ducks had been purchased and were jostling for position on the starting line.

Suddenly the starting bell rang out and the runners were off, accompanied by raucous duck calls from along the Beck. Very quickly, the more nimble ducks headed off into the distance.

However, the "Official Going" was described by the Clerk of the Course as "Shallow", and so it proved to be. Urged on by their respective owners, ducks took what appeared to be an unassailable lead, only to flounder on rocks and weeds buried only just below the surface.

After three incredibly exciting heats, the field was whittled down to just nine super-ducks, including the 2005 winner, Duck 99.

Between the excitement of the racing, refreshments and face-painting in the village3 hall proved extremely popular.

In the grand finale, these nine came under starters orders: the bell rang out and they were off!

In the early stages, all seemed lost for 99 as he swiftly fell behind the field. However, by the middle of the course the runners had bunched together, setting up the prospect for a thrilling end to the race. And so it proved to be. All nine finalists ran neck & neck into the final third of the race. The 2006 Duck-Day title was up for grabs until the runners swam into the shallow rapids below the footbridge. Here, duck after duck ran foul of the treacherous underwater hazards, when Duck 99, this year trained and owned by the Randall family, skilfully negotiated the rocks and weeds to romp home by a clear 5 lengths.

Congratulations to the Randalls. Duck 99 is clearly a bird built for speed, the Red Rum of the avian world. Your many hours of secret duck training on Seggimoor Beck so clearly paid dividends!

Aspecial mention also to Steve Batey and Diane O'hare for second and third places.



As always, a big round of thanks to the Village Hall Committee for organizing yet another successful Duck Day, which this year raised over £250 for village hall funds. But even greater thanks to the generous people of Glenthams for your continuing support.

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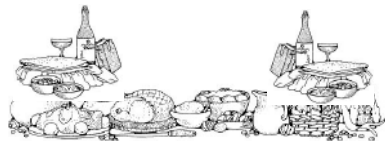
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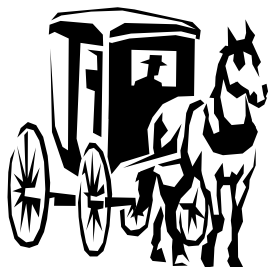
The *Keep Me Happy Club* meets once a month.  
It's for children 4-11 years from any Village in the Owmbly Group.  
Our June meeting will be

**Saturday 24th June, 10.00 am to 12 noon  
in Hackthorn Village Hall.**

*This month, we conclude our work on the theme "Living in our Fragile World". There will be the usual wide range of activities for the children, and refreshments of course. There is a charge of 50p per child.*

*Our final session before the holidays is on **Saturday 15th July**, when we shall be sharing all the work we have been doing with Parents and Friends (and any others who are interested). You will all be very welcome. **Please make a note of this date** – more details in the July Signpost.*

*For more information, please contact Roxy Seagrief at Hackthorn School or Judy Hill at Normanby School, or ring Caroline Wilson on 861821.*



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Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th July (please see school newsletter for further details).

The Y6 children enjoyed their netball match against Scampton Village School and look forward to them coming to Hackthorn for a football match.

The KS1 children have visited the Bailgate and taken a walk around the village as part of their Geography studies.

Friday mornings are very popular in the Summer Term as everyone looks forward to their swim at Gainsborough Pool. Many thanks to all the parent helpers who make this possible.

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Ken, Rose & Taylor family

**Hackthorn Village Hall****AGM**

**The annual general meeting of the Village Hall will be held  
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**Obituary – John Neave**

It will be difficult to think of Saxby without John. The village & the farm as we know it is virtually his creation, and a magnificent testimonial to him. Many people have spoken of his quiet determination and his abiding courtesy. He was a great friend to Saxby Church and did much to preserve and enhance it. The recent restoration is a memorial to all his work. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Eileen and the whole family.



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**Normanby** – Last month I reported that a suggestion box had been placed in the Normanby Post Office. Since then I have received criticism of the box from a local representative on behalf of a number of members of the public and shopkeepers. As a result I have decided to remove the box. We have an identical one in Waddingham, which has been a success. I'm sorry to have to have to report this.

**Crime in your area** – Normanby – On or around the 29th April a number of cars and property were sprayed with white paint. The offenders were traced and have been dealt with.

**Reminder.** Readers are reminded that due to the very nature of our job we cannot always be at the Police Office to answer the phone or receive personal callers at the office. Should you wish to report an incident and there is no reply at the office, please call the Police 24 hr telephone line 01522 882222. There is a telephone outside connected directly to Force Headquarters.

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PC David Oakes – Community Beat Manager.

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cheerful occasion with diners being welcomed at the door by an interesting display of plants for sale, which disappeared at a rapid pace. The raffle and cake stall were, once again, very well supported. A quality home made cake or pastry is indeed a treat.

We had a total attendance of 73 diners and the sum of £387 raised will be used for the purchase of equipment or services for Welton Health Centre which will be to the benefit of you the patients.

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Diary Date.

Christmas lunch planned for Friday 1st. December.

Roy Minnitt

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Thank you for your co-operation.

Please note that the surgery will be closed on Tuesday 20th June 2006 from 1.30pm

### **WELTON FAMILY HEALTH CENTRE NEWSLETTER**

Thank you again for feedback relating to our telephone system changes. Some people are obviously pleased by the fact that there is no longer the continuous engaged tone which previously caused frustrations and complaints - others obviously do not like waiting in a queue. We are sorry that we cannot please everyone but we are trying to modify where possible to accommodate all the suggestions we receive. Please note there is an option to cancel appointments when the surgery is closed which may be convenient to some patients and please also note all calls are recorded.

We are able to look closely at the telephone statistics and during the week after Bank Holiday recently ( ie four working days ) we received 2506 incoming calls, our average response time was 5 seconds, average length of call 45 seconds and a total of 25 people hung up ( less than 1% ) before they were dealt with. This gives some indication of the volume of calls we experience during a working week and can explain why sometimes there is a need to queue. We have increased our pre-

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

	Time	Service	Place	By
Friday June 2	2.00 pm	Space for Healing	Owmbly	PG
Saturday June 3	3.00 pm	Wedding	Glenthams	PG
Sunday June 4	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	PG
Pentecost	11.00 am	Baptism	Spridlington	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmbly	PG
Saturday June 10	1.00 pm	Wedding	Glenthams	PG
Sunday June 11	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
Trinity Sunday	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Saxby	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer & Meeting with Methodists	Glenthams VH	PG/LS
Sunday June 18	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Glenthams	PG
Trinity 1	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmbly	PG
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn	AOH
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Spridlington	AOH
Sunday June 25	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
Trinity 2	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Saxby	PG
	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmbly	PG

## ***Glenthams Methodist Chapel - June 2006***

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	LED BY
4th		No Service	
11th	6.00pm	United with Parish at Glenthams Village Hall	Rev Peter Godden & Liz Smith
18th	10.45a.m.	Fathers Day Family Service	Mrs. Janet Faulkner
25th	9.30a.m.	Morning Service	Mrs. Jane Lloyd

## WHAT'S ON DIARY FOR APRIL

Day	Date	Time	Function	Place
Thur	1	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Mon	5	2.00pm	Rainbow Fellowship	Normanby
Mon	5	7.30pm	Hackthorn VH AGM	Hackthorn VH
Thur	8	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Sat	10	6.00pm	Rita's Coffee Evening	Normanby
Mon	12	7.30pm	Powerhouse	Hackthorn
Thur	15	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Thur	15	2.00pm	History Group AGM	Hackthorn VH

## Deadline for July Signpost Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 6p.m.

Fri	16	7.30pm	Grande Prix	Hackthorn VH
Sun	18	10.00am	Molly Grimes Fun Run	Glenthams VH
Tue	20	10.30am	St. Peter's Guild	Glenthams
Thur	22	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Sat	24	2.30pm	Country Market	Normanby
Sat	24	10.00am	Childrens' Workshop	Hackthorn VH
Sun	25	2.00pm	Afternoon Tea	St. Peter's
Thur	29	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Glenthams VH
Fri	30	7.30pm	Family Night	Hackthorn VH