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SERVICES - DECEMBER 2009

Owmby Group of Parishes

	Time	Service	Place	By
Tuesday 1st	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thurs 3rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Owmby	MC
Sunday 6th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
Advent 2	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Owmby	PG
Tuesday 8th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thurs 10th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Spridlington	JD
Sunday 13th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
Advent 3	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	JT
	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Saxby	ST
	6.00 p.m.	United Carol Service	Glentham Chapel	
Tuesday 15th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thurs 17th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Glentham	MC
Sunday 20th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
Advent 4	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Owmby	PG
	11.00 a.m.	Carol Service	Hackthorn	ST
	6.00 p.m.	Quiet Christmas	Spridlington	PG
Tuesday 22nd	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Wed 23rd	7.30 p.m.	Cabra Singers	Hackthorn	
Thurs 24th	4.00 p.m.	Crib Service	Spridlington	ST
Christmas Eve	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Service	Owmby	PG
Friday 25th	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion	Hackthorn	MC
Christmas Day				
Sunday 27th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
St John the Evangelist	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Saxby	JD
	11.00 a.m.	Carol Service	Owmby	AOH
Tuesday 29th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH

Glentham Methodist Chapel

Sunday 6th	9:30 a.m.		Rev Marty Presdee
Sunday 13th	6:00 p.m.	United Carol Service	Peter Atkinson
Sunday 20th	10:45 a.m.	Messy Church	
Friday 25th		No Service	
Sunday 27th		No Service	

A PRAYING PRESENCE

Inter-denominational - Praying for our Communities
Jenny and Peter 01673 878806
December's Presence Prayer Meeting - Thursday 17th December at 7:00 p.m.

SERVICES - JANUARY 2010

Owmby Group of Parishes

	Time	Service	Place	By
Sunday 3rd	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Glentham	JT
Epiphany	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Spridlington	JT
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Owmby	PG
Tuesday 5th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thursday 7th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Owmby	MC
Sunday 10th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Spridlington	And Stow
Baptism of Christ	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	+ David
	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Saxby	PG
	6.00 p.m.	Covenant Service	Glentham Chapel	
Tuesday 12th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thursday 14th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Spridlington	JD
Sunday 17th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Glentham	JT
Epiphany 2	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Owmby	JT
	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn	PG
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Spridlington	PG
Tuesday 19th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thursday 21st	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Glentham	MC
Saturday 23rd	6.00 p.m.	Family Service	Spridlington	ST/AH
Sunday 24th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
Conversion of Paul	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Saxby	PG
	11.00 a.m.	Family Service	Owmby	PG
Tuesday 26th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thursday 28th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
Sunday 31st	10.00 a.m.	Group Communion	Glentham	PG

Glentham Methodist Chapel

Sunday 3rd	10:45 a.m.	Messy Church	
Sunday 10th	6:00 p.m.	United Covenant Service	Rev Marty Presdee
Sunday 17th	9:30 a.m.		Ken Knapton
Sunday 24th	9:30 a.m.		Jane Lloyd
Sunday 31st	9:30 a.m.		Dr Don Owen

A PRAYING PRESENCE

Inter-denominational - Praying for our Communities
Jenny and Peter 01673 878806
January Presence Prayer Meeting - Thursday 28th January at 7:00 p.m.

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

NO PEACE FOR THE WICKED

My grandmother, who lived rather a hectic life, was forever saying this. I've come to see that it's true!

No peace. We know only too well. No peace in our world, what with wars and conflicts. No peace in our society, what with pressures on this, that and the other, no peace in our homes, all the stresses that everybody is under, and no peace in our hearts, as we are worn to a frazzle. By and large, no peace.

For the wicked. Well, is that us?

Not in the sense that we can all see, or surely to goodness ought to able to see, where the serious wickedness is. There are wicked people in places. There always have been. But for the rest of us, we're all right, aren't we?

None of us is perfect.

That's the Christian point, that none of us, none of us is perfect. It's when people try to pretend that they are, or at least that they are a deal better than the person next door, that is gets really messy.

Christianity is not about being perfect, Christianity is about being saved from ourselves.

Christmas is about how that is done. No wonder it's something to celebrate.

Trouble is, even the celebration of Christmas has lost its sense of peace. We, the people, lose a sense of proportion, and the world loses yet another vestige of any sense of peace.

How to put peace back into the world?

How to put peace back into the world, for the wicked, for both the very very wicked, and for the mediocrely wicked, the rest of us?

Do Christmas. Do Christmas properly.

Somebody has an advertising campaign this Christmas, with Jesus being born in a bus shelter. Probably about right. It is into the damp, cold, transitory, hectic conditions of a very human daily life that Jesus was born, that God came into the world.

In the midst of your own very busy life this Christmas, stop for a moment - stop the world and get off - and spend at least the time until the next bus comes along, in awe at how much God loves you.

The Christmas baby is God's sign that God loves you. God doesn't know a better way to say so. Elsewhere in this magazine are details of opportunities to come to church and find this out. You'll perhaps know of other opportunities. Other places celebrate the peace of Christmas. Some other places celebrate the craziness of it, but look for the peace.

Let that peace rule in your heart, for at least a while.

Peace for the wicked.

God bless us all. Yes, God bless us all. God does.

With a season called Christmas.

Peter Godden

POWERHOUSE

PRAYER IS THE FUEL THAT POWERS THE ENGINE OF FAITH
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The five parishes' combined prayer groups will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday 14th December at Highfield End, Highfield Terrace, Glentham

THE FOCUS FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS MONTH

Pray that our Lord will be in our preparations for Christmas. Help us to remember those who have no family with whom to share the joyous season and organisations, such as Crisis at Christmas, who attempt to provide a meal, new clothing and medical help for those who usually live on the street.

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 Churchwarden

CAN YOU HELP?

SHOE-BOX TREATS FOR TROOPS IN AFGHANISTAN

Packet pot noodles, biscuits, crisps, healthy snack bars, coffee sachets, tea bags, small evaporated milk, boiled sweets, chew bars, mixed toffees, moisturiser, lip balm, toothbrushes, toilet roll, talc, shower gel , shampoo, cotton buds, pens, magazines, quiz books, playing cards, travel games, packet cup-a-soup, crackers, peanuts, raisins, hot chocolate sachets, Horlicks, small tin fruit, chewing gum, sherbet, sweets, mixed condiments, deodorant, razors, toothpaste, soap, wet wipes, foot balm, tissues, sun cream, pencils, puzzle-books, paperbacks, dominoes, Christmas decorations

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FROM THE REGISTERS



Weddings:
None

Baptisms:
At Owmby on October 18th - Thomas James Parker Howard

Funerals and Burials:
At Lincoln Crematorium on October 20th - Allen Ellis, aged 67
Funeral & interment of ashes at Glentham on October 23rd - Philip Archer, aged 58

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

"Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare ourselves in our minds, opening them to God.
Prepare ourselves in our hearts, opening them to God.
Prepare the way of the Lord."



Glentham Chapel

Messy Church

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Sunday 20th December 10:45 a.m.

Sunday 3rd January 10:45 a.m.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call.
Jenny & Peter Atkinson 01673 878806

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farm house had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tyre had caused him to miss an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient van refused to start.

As I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. When we arrived he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked to the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles; he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed by the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, they don't belong in the house with my wife and children. So, I just hang them on the tree when I come home in the evening and then I just pick them up again in the morning."

"Funny thing, though," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there ain't nearly as many as I remembered hanging there the night before."

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Whist Drive Results

Will resume in the New Year

Anyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive, it will be held at the home of
Ken & Lois Green, Normanby on December 16th at 7:30 p.m.

The first Whist Drive of the New Year will be held at the home of
Neville & Shirley, Normanby on January 13th at 7:30 p.m.

We are always pleased to see new faces, and it is always a very light hearted evening.

OWMBY CHURCH PCC MONTHLY DRAW
November 2009

1st	2nd	3rd
Margaret Anderson	**Christine Grayson**	**Elaine Gibbon**

RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP

DORAM, Chapel Lane, Normanby

Monday December 7th 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Arlene Morrish will be speaking about
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GLENTHAM & CAENBY

GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8/10/09

A letter of resignation from Geoff Wiseman was read out and accepted. Mr Wiseman was thanked for seven years of hard work on behalf of the village.
The new clerk, Helen Pitman, was introduced. Contact details are 01673 842744 or email hs.pitman@tiscali.co.uk. Thanks was expressed by the chairman to the outgoing clerk, who will be missed.
There is now one seat to co-opt and council would like nominations/applications from members of the public prior to the next meeting.

The repair to Middlefield Lane has been done.
Council resolved not to adopt the BT payphone at Bishopbridge.

A letter has been sent from the Post Office to WLDC informing them that they will continue to work to find a continuation of the post office service, possibly an outreach in the village hall.

Helen Pitman (Clerk)

IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL INTEREST

REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF GLENTHAM PO

As many of you know when we came here in 2007 the Post Office reduced the opening hours to 27 per week, despite their preferred option of 20 hours. It was made clear to us that we could not offer the full range of services and that the level of business would be kept under review. Rather naively we hoped that reducing the hours would secure the future of Glentham PO, despite it having previously been on a PO closure list. Unfortunately during the following 2 years it became evident that the PO was not busy enough to justify even the limited opening hours, and when the opportunity arose, the Post Office was closed and cleared out so quickly as to ensure it could not re-open. We understand the intention now is to provide a 6-hour per week office in the Village Hall.
The shop remains open and will benefit from our undivided attention and, with your continued support, will be here for many years to come.

David & Shirley Rayner

GLENTHAM & CAENBY TAPESTRY GROUP

The next group meeting will be on Tuesday 1st December
The Trap House, Glentham at 7:30 p.m.
New members are always most welcome.

GLENTHAM & DISTRICT GARDENERS' CLUB

The committee would like to thank the members who attended the AGM and we hope that you enjoyed the quiz and refreshments which followed.
The committee and members are very grateful to Irene Pickering, who has retired from being chairman, for all her hard work over the past few years. It was a pleasure to work with Irene - her no-nonsense approach ensured that the Club ran smoothly and efficiently. Unfortunately, no one was willing at the AGM to take on the role of chairman.
If the Club is unable to find a chairman as well as several other volunteers, it will not be possible to put on events such as the Annual Show and the Plant Sale. Any willing (or even not so willing) volunteers should contact Gary or Suzanne Fox.

Men's Breakfast



Please come and join us at

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Monday 11th January at 2:00 p.m.

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We had a huge stack of boxes which the children had filled for the Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child Charity, which will deliver these to those who wouldn't otherwise have anything at Christmas.

On the same day as the boxes were collected, the whole School trooped down to the War Memorial at 11 o'clock. This was a very proud occasion for us as two of our pupils - the oldest and the youngest had been chosen to lay wreaths on behalf of the whole community.

Our Year 2 children are looking forward to taking part in the multi-skills festival at the 'Big School' early in December, and hoping to learn good movement skills including Stability, Object Control and Locomotion.

Not long after that it will be the Key Stage 1 Nativity, make a note of the 15th December, and give us a ring if you'd like to come and see it.

We will be holding our Carol Service in Hackthorn Church on Friday 18th December at 2:00 p.m. if you would like to come and join us.

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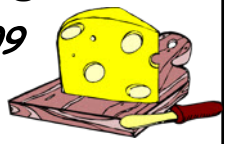
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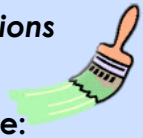
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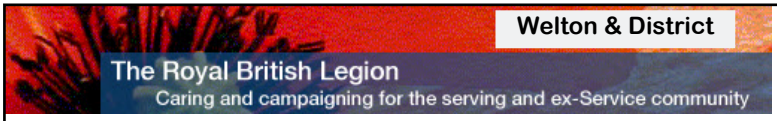
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There will be no branch meeting in December, but there will be an informal social gathering at The Falconer on Thursday, 10th December from 7:00 p.m. onwards. Members, friends and anyone interested in joining the Legion will be made very welcome.

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Don Moore, Poppy Appeal Organiser HCG25

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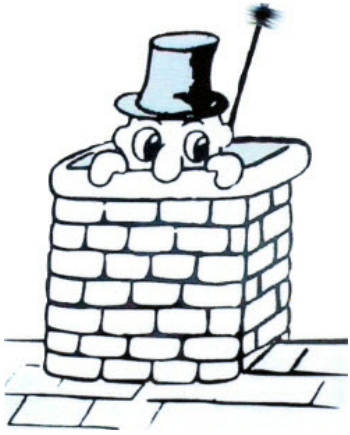
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On a different note, Christmas can be a very lonely time for those who live alone, for whatever reason. I am sure an invitation to someone to have a mince pie and a drop of Christmas cheer would not go a miss. Also I was reminded the other day standing at Welton memorial at the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, as if we need reminding, of all our military personnel serving overseas this Christmas. If you do have family or friends serving overseas, we wish them to a very safe Christmas.

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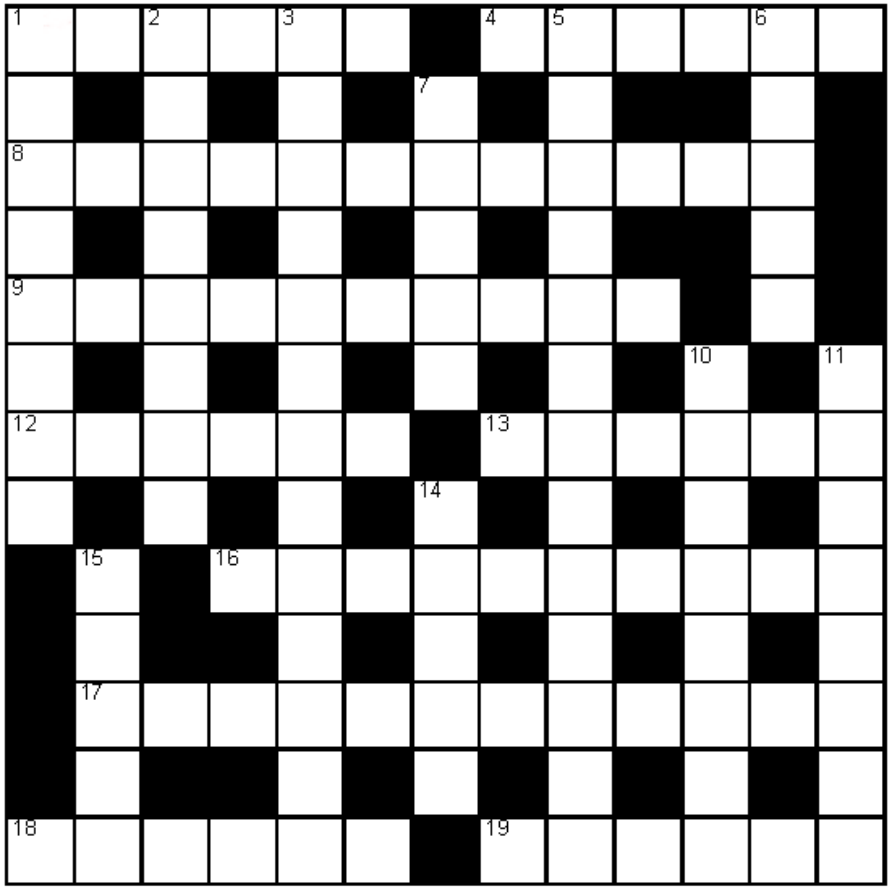
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How to Play

Fill in the entire grid such that the numbers 1 through 9 appear once only in each row, column, and 3x3 block. It sounds complicated until you give it a try but the rules are simple to understand once you have played one Sudoku puzzle.

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Small shellfish (6)
4. More than 90, less than 180 degrees (6)
8. Same amount of food (5,7)
9. Children in need mascot (10)
12. Listen to another conversation (6)
13. Look at with pleasure (6)
16. Bullets (10)
17. Make a church, no longer sacred (12)
18. Loved (6)
19. Evaluate (6)

Down

1. Church towers (8)
2. Outdoor ball game (8)
3. Turn of the century London landmark (9,4)
5. 1964 Song by Dave clark five (4,3,6)
6. Relating to sound waves (5)
7. Burial monuments (5)
10. Take a dispute to court (8)
11. Eagerness (8)
14. Express anger (5)
15. To say further (5)

Solutions on Page 42

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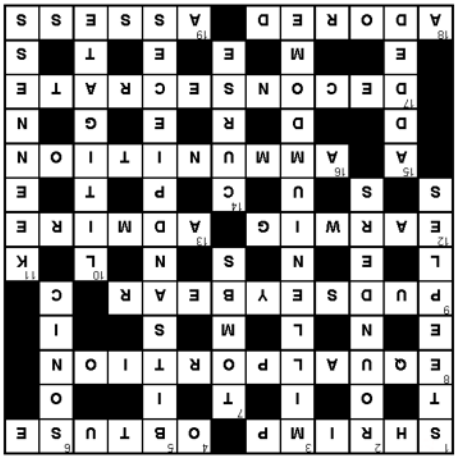
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Listen, son: I am saying this as you lie asleep, one little paw crumpled under your cheek and the blond curls stickily wet on your damp forehead. I have stolen into your room alone. Just a few minutes ago, as I sat reading my paper in the library, a stifling wave of remorse swept over me. Guiltily I came to your bedside.

There are the things I was thinking, son: I had been cross to you. I scolded you as you were dressing for school because you gave your face merely a dab with a towel. I took you to task for not cleaning your shoes. I called out angrily when you threw some of your things on the floor.

At breakfast I found fault, too. You spilled things. You gulped down your food. You put your elbows on the table. You spread butter too thick on your bread. And as you started off to play and I made for my train, you turned and waved a hand and called, 'Goodbye, Daddy!' and I frowned, and said in reply, 'Hold your shoulders back!'

Then it began all over again in the late afternoon. As I came up the road I spied you, down on your knees, playing marbles. There were holes in your stockings. I humiliated you before your boyfriends by marching you ahead of me to the house. Stockings were expensive - and if you had to buy them you would be more careful! Imagine that, son, from a father!

Do you remember, later, when I was reading in the library, how you came in timidly, with a sort of hurt look in your eyes? When I glanced up over my paper, impatient at the interruption, you hesitated at the door. 'What is it you want?' I snapped. You said nothing, but ran across in one tempestuous plunge, and threw your arms around my neck and kissed me, and your small arms tightened with an affection that God had set blooming in your heart and which even neglect could not wither. And then you were gone, pattering up the stairs.

Well, son, it was shortly afterwards that my paper slipped from my hands and a terrible sickening fear came over me. What has habit been doing to me? The habit of finding fault, of reprimanding - this was my reward to you for being a boy. It was not that I did not love you; it was that I expected too much of youth. I was measuring you by the yardstick of my own years.

And there was so much that was good and fine and true in your character. The little heart of you was as big as the dawn itself over the wide hills. This was shown by your spontaneous impulse to rush in and kiss me good night. Nothing else matters tonight, son. I have come to your bedside in the darkness, and I have knelt there, ashamed!

It is a feeble atonement; I know you would not understand these things if I told them to you during your waking hours. But tomorrow I will be a real daddy! I will chum with you, and suffer when you suffer, and laugh when you laugh. I will bite my tongue when impatient words come. I will keep saying as if it were a ritual: 'He is nothing but a boy - a little boy!'

I am afraid I have visualized you as a man. Yet as I see you now, son, crumpled and weary in your cot, I see that you are still a baby. Yesterday you were in your mother's arms, your head on her shoulder. I have asked too much, too much.

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Step by Step, with Slide Presentation
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Class 2
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Round Table Discussion
Meets 2 weeks, Saturday 12:00 for 2 hours.

Class 3
Is It Possible To Urinate Using The Technique Of Lifting The Seat and Avoiding The Floor, Walls and Nearby Bathtub?
Group Practice
Meets 4 weeks, Saturday 10:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 4
Fundamental Differences Between The Laundry Hamper and The Floor
With Pictures and Explanatory Graphics
Meets Saturdays at 2:00 PM for 3 weeks.

Class 5
Dinner Dishes - Can They Levitate and Fly Into The Kitchen Sink?
Examples on Video
Meets 4 weeks, Tuesday and Thursday for 2 hours beginning at 7:00 PM

Class 6
Loss Of Identity - Losing The Remote To Your Significant Other
Help Line Support and Support Groups
Meets 4 Weeks, Friday and Sunday 7:00 PM

Class 7
Learning How To Find Things - Starting With Looking In The Right Places And Not Turning The House Upside Down While Screaming
Open Forum
Monday at 8:00 PM, 2 hours.

Class 8
Health Watch - Bringing Her Flowers Is Not Harmful To Your Health
Graphics and Audio Tapes
Three nights; Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 7:00 PM for 2 hours.

Class 9
Real Men Ask For Directions When Lost
Real Life Testimonials
Tuesdays at 6:00 PM Location to be determined

Class 10
Is It Genetically Impossible To Sit Quietly While She Parallel Parks?
Driving Simulations
4 weeks, Saturday's noon, 2 hours.

Class 11
Learning to Live - Basic Differences Between Mother and Wife
On-line Classes and role-playing
Tuesdays at 7:00 PM, location to be determined

Class 12
How to be the Ideal Shopping Companion
Relaxation Exercises, Meditation and Breathing Techniques
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Day/ Date		Time	Function	Venue
Tues	1	7:30 p.m.	Glentham & Caenby Tapestry Group	Trap House, Glerntham
Thurs	3	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glentham Village Hall
Sat	5	7:00 p.m.	Cheese and Wine Evening	Cabra House, Hackthorn
Sun	6	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Lunch	Hackthorn Village Hall
Mon	7	2:00 p.m.	Rainbow Fellowship	DORAM, Normanby
Tues	8	7:00 p.m.	Photographic Evening	Sudbrooke Village Hall
Thurs	10	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glentham Village Hall
Fri	11	12:15 p.m.	WDPDA Annual Christmas Dinner	
Sat	12	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Social	Spridlington Village Hall
Sat	12	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast	The Crown, Glentham
Mon	14	12:00 p.m.	Glentham 55+ Club	Glentham Village Hall
Mon	14	7:30 p.m.	Powerhouse	Highfield End, Glentham
Tues	15	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Prospect House, Glentrham
Wed	16	10:30 a.m.	Christmas Coffee Morning	Spridlingtom Hall
Wed	16	7:30 p.m.	Whist Drive	Normanby
Thurs	17	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glentham Village Hall
Thurs	17	7:30 p.m.	Rosebowl Quiz & Christmas Draw	Glentham Village Hall
Fri	18	2:00 p.m.	Hackthorn C of E Primary Carol Service	Hackthorn Church
Sun	20	10:45 a.m.	Messy Church	Glentham Chapel
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