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SIGNPOST

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Steve and the whole Signpost Team would like to wish local parishioners and readers worldwide a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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Celebrating Christmas 2024 in Owmby Group

There will be lots of opportunities to celebrate Christmas and sing carols in our churches this year. Do join us as we celebrate Christmas in our villages. You will be very welcome at any of these.

Spridlington

Christmas with The Cabra Singers at 7:00pm on Saturday 14th December
Midnight Mass at 11.00pm on Christmas Eve.

Glentham

Carol Service at 6.00pm on Sunday 8th December
Christmas Day Communion Service at 10.00am.

Owmby

Christingle Service at 11.00am on Sunday 22nd December

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DECEMBER'S PASTORAL LETTER

One of the joys of Christmas for me has always been setting up the nativity set. Carefully putting the figures out, moving the Magi closer each day and waiting for Christmas night before placing the baby Jesus in the manger. In more recent years the crib in my house has become home for a more eclectic bunch of characters that my grandchildren bring, Thomas the tank engine jostling with shepherds for a space near the stable. But this messier nativity continues to spark wonder and joy.

Last year we celebrated 800 years since St Francis of Assisi created the first nativity in the Italian village of Greccio in 1223. Inspired by visiting Bethlehem in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Francis arranged for a manger scene in a nearby cave with hay, live barnyard animals and local villagers to play the biblical characters. Francis hoped the staged nativity would help people recognise Christ's coming in poverty and humility. He reportedly said:
"I want to do something that will recall the memory of that Child who was born in Bethlehem, to see with bodily eyes the inconveniences of his infancy, how he lay in the manger, and how the ox and ass stood by." - *The Life of St. Francis*, by St. Bonaventure.

The idea of the nativity scene spread and now there are cribs all over the world, reflecting different cultures and traditions. Dona is 67 years old and lives in the rural community in Brazil, tells us how important her nativity scene is to her:
"This nativity scene is 41 years old. It belonged to my mother-in-law, when she died it was passed on to me, and since then I have displayed it every Christmas. When I die, it will be passed to my daughter Alessandra. The nativity scene is a reminder of the life of Jesus."

Perhaps you have a nativity crib that has been handed down through your family. They come out each year and are careful place out in a special place in our homes.

The Christmas crib continue to speak to our hearts today. I think we can all place ourselves into the story as witnesses to the birth of Jesus. Many of us will remember playing parts in the school nativity plays. Unlike many today, mine was a traditional telling of the nativity story. I can still remember the part I played, always an angel because I had blond hair! Perhaps that's why, I have a special place in my heart for angels and the angel stories in the bible.

The Christmas crib reinforces the powerful message of the biblical story of Jesus' birth, that God comes to lift up the lowly, to honour the oppressed, to favour the marginalised and to oppose injustice and violence wherever it is found.

So, as we gaze on our nativity scenes this Christmas, may we do so with eyes opened to God's presence among those who experience poverty or are oppressed by injustice and violence.

Wishing you blessings, joy and peace this season of waiting.

Revd Judy Shaw

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Many thanks to **Normanby by Spital Parish Council** for their kind and generous donation of £100.00 towards the running costs of Signpost.

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HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH

HACKTHORN C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Key Stage 1 pupils have finished their science topic of 'everyday materials' and have been designing their own experiments based on what we have studied. The children asked questions and worked out ways to find an answer by conducting an investigation into the speed an ice cube melts in different environments. We are just waiting for the really cold weather outside. We are sure it won't be long!

Reception have been delving into history. They learnt about the Gunpowder Plot and produced some beautiful artwork. They also enjoyed reenacting the story with King James and his guards, plus Guy Fawkes' men. They built the Houses of Parliament out of classroom furniture and piled equipment underneath to represent the barrels of gunpowder. We have some budding actors…which will prove useful in the next few weeks.

Both Reception and KS1 have been using their voices in different ways in music too and produced some beautiful singing. All of this is perfect timing as we are about to start our new Nativity rehearsals. This year they will be performing Honky Tonky Donkey. If any pre-schoolers and their adults would like to come and watch, they are invited to attend the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 11. Contact the school to book a place.

This term Key Stage Two have been busy experimenting with body percussion as well as untuned percussion to recreate the sounds of the rainforest.

First they listened to some sounds and tried to work out how they had been made. Everyone was amazed to discover an entire storm had been made with only a choir's bodies. They then had a go at copying the choir before creating their own stormy compositions. They sounded fantastic! The pupils developed their own body percussion compositions which were shared in a Friday worship - some of them were quite complex. Great fun was had by all.

Key Stage Two's history has moved on from the Stone Age and they are now learning about the Celts and the Romans. As part of the work, Years 5 and 6 had a go at drawing their own Celtic knots - not an easy task! Check out our school blog to see some of their beautiful pieces of work.

During our November 8 Friday worship we invited members of our community to be part of making our school community candle. Parents, staff, villagers, governors, the church community and Friends of school joined staff and pupils to take part. We added wax to represent past pupils and staff as well as future pupils, as we thought about younger siblings and those that visit us from pre-school. Once the wax was melted we poured it into the mould to set. We light this candle at the start of each worship to help us remember who is part of our community and that Jesus is the light of the world.

If you would like to visit our school, please ring the school office on 01673 860295 to make an appointment.

Hackthorn Lunch Club

The Lunch Club meet at Hackthorn Village Hall on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The next lunch will be on **11th December** at 12.00pm for 12.30pm.



Soup and a roll will be provided, followed by a pudding and hot drink.

All welcome, no age restriction. There is no charge. Donation is welcome - any money received goes to St Michael & All Angels' Church.

If you would like to come, please contact Anne (01673 861821) or Cathy (01673 861058) just so we have an idea of numbers to cater for. Thank you.

HACKTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

Hackthorn Parish Council meetings for 2025:
Tuesday 14th January - 7:00pm
Tuesday 11th March - 8:00pm
Tuesday 13th May - 7:00pm
Tuesday 8th July - 8:00pm
Tuesday 2nd September - 7:00pm
Tuesday 11th November - 7:00pm

Helen
Clerk to Parish Council

Hackthorn and Cold Hanworth Village Hall

Burns Night Supper - Saturday 25th January 2025 from 7:00pm

Come and celebrate **Burns Night** with friends and family.

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Tickets £10.00 per head includes
3 course meal comprising:
Soup
Haggis with 'neeps and tatties'
A selection of desserts



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HACKTHORN AND COLD HANWORTH SOCIAL CLUB

in Hackthorn Village Hall

Members
Christmas Draw

Friday, 20th December – Bar open from 8pm

The bar will also be open to Club members on Christmas Eve from 8pm

Normal opening hours Friday, 27th December and Friday, 3rd January, 2025

(Please note The Club will not be open New Year's Eve)

SPRIDLINGTON

First Friday Club

Spridlington's ***First Friday Club*** is a monthly village get-together over a few drinks.



Our next get together will be the *Christmas First Friday* on **December 6th**
Please bring along a Tasty Treat to share on the Buffet Table

January 3rd will be the initial ***First Friday Club*** of 2025

Villagers, if you wish to join us, you would be most welcome. Please bring a bottle, some nibbles and a small cash donation to cover hire costs.
For more information email spridsocial@gmail.com

St Hilary's Church Parish Breakfast

We will be hosting a cooked breakfast to celebrate St Hilary's Day at Spridlington Village Hall on Sunday 12th January 2025 at 9.00 am

Do come along and join us for friendship, fellowship and a delicious hot breakfast, you will be most welcome.

(For catering purposes, please contact Claire on 861127 or by email at cemarris@gmail.com)

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St Hilary's Church
Christmas Coffee Morning

With Sherry and Mince Pies

Wednesday 11th December at 10:30 a.m.
The Old Chapel, Faldingworth Road
By kind invitation of Jane and Ian Williams



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with the
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Saturday 14th December 7.00pm

St Hilary's Church, Spridlington

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NORMANBY & OWMBY BY SPITAL PARISH COUNCILS

Owmby by Spital Parish Council meetings at Owmby church.
Tuesday 14th January
Tuesday 11th March
Monday 28th April (Annual Meeting of the Parish)
Tuesday 13th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Normanby by Spital Parish Council meetings at Owmby church
Monday 6th January
Monday 3rd March
Monday 28th April (Annual Meeting of the Parish)
Monday 12th May (Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Julie
Clerk to Parish Council

Christingle & Carol Service



St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Owmby
Sunday Special Children
invite you to their
Christingle and Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December 2024 at 11.00 am.

(Children to be at the church for 10:00am to make their Christingles)

Refreshments of mince pies and mulled wine
will be available after the service.

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

Everyone welcome.

MOBILE LIBRARY			
Normanby by Spital	Council Houses	12:15 - 12:45	Wednesday December 4th
Hackthorn	School	15:30 - 16:00	
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OWMBY & NORMANBY
Community Park

We are delighted to invite you to the

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Saturday, November 30th
5p.m. - 7p.m.
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If you would like to join us, our next Whist Drive will be at the home of Lois Green in Private Lane on Wednesday 18th December, starting at 7:00pm. New players welcome.

OWMBY CHURCH COFFEE MORNINGS

THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10.30 AM TIL NOON

Next events are on December 7th & January 4th

Entry £2.00 per person - Children half price (toddlers free)



Come and enjoy some friendly company, a free cup of tea or coffee, and a selection of biscuits.

Parents, child minders and babies welcome to try our toddler's corner.

Browse our plant stall, cake stall, book shelves and have a go at our raffle.

All proceeds to go to St. Peter and St. Paul Church.

Normanby Educational Charity

The distribution of funds for the eligible applicants to the Normanby Educational Charity will be on the **7th December 2024 between 10am and 12 noon** in Normanby Church.

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Keith

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- Looking for that special gift or just a well earned treat, then check out our shop.
- Tiny Tots Tuesdays! Bring your little one to soft play every Tuesday during term time. Free for cafe users!
- Special occasion? From afternoon teas to event room hire, we can help! Call us on 01652 640308 for more information

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PRAYER FOR DECEMBER

Heavenly Father, as we enter this final month of the year, we pause to reflect on the blessings we've received and the challenges we've faced. We ask for Your guidance and strength to end the year on a positive note. Fill our hearts with peace and gratitude, and help us to spread joy and kindness to those around us. Protect us and keep us safe, and lead us into the new year with renewed hope and determination. Amen.

VISITING LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

The Owmby Group have two complimentary passes for Lincoln Cathedral.
If you would like to borrow them please contact Cathy Andrews on 01673 861058

ST PETER'S CHURCH, GLENTHAM

Continuing thanks for those supporting the church through the West Lindsey community lottery. There were 56 winners in the 4 weeks up to the 9th November but unfortunately none of these are supporters of the church. A star prize of a Play Station bundle or alternatively £1000 will be a guaranteed prize in the draw on the 28th December . A guaranteed prize is included in the draw each month. A thank you to all who attended the special service at St Peter's Church on Remembrance Sunday. The Carol Service this year is at Glentham Chapel at 6pm on Sunday 8th December and there will be a service at 10am on Christmas morning at St Peter's Church. All are welcome to both services.

Robert Rowe, Churchwarden, St Peter's Church.

Promoting A Safer Church

The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is important to us all in the Owmby Group of Parishes.

If you have any concerns please contact one of the following:

Owmby Group Safeguarding Officers:
Glentham Chapel and Church - Sheena Grebby - 01673 878578
Owmby Church - Liz Harris - 01673 878829 - lizziejharris@outlook.com
Spridlington & Hackthorn - Lynne Clark - 07519 169430 - 1clark@sky.com

Diocesan Safeguarding Officer:
Jack Redeyoff - 07885 999907 - safeguarding@lincoln.anglican.org

Barton, Brigg and Wolds Circuit Safeguarding Representative:
Pam McCartney - 01652 632770 - mccartneypam9@gmail.com

District Safeguarding Officer (Safeguarding in Lincolnshire):
Howard Smedley - 07758 239286 or 01332 479343

In the twelfth year, in the twelfth month on the first day, the word of the Lord came to me:
Son of man, take up a lament concerning Pharaoh king of Egypt and say to him:
"You are like a lion among the nations; you are like a monster in the seas thrashing about in your streams, churning the water with your feet and muddying the streams."

Ezekiel 32:1-3 (NIVUK)

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

Sunday 1st	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington
Advent 1	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmby
Sunday 8th	6.00 pm	Carol Service	Glentham
Advent 2			
Sunday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Owmby
Advent 3			
Sunday 22nd	11.00 am	Christingle	Owmby
Advent 4			
Tuesday 24th	11.00 pm	Midnight Mass	Spridlington
Christmas Eve			
Wednesday 25th	10.00 am	Christmas Communion	Glentham
Christmas Day			
Sunday 29th	10.30 am		St Chad's, Dunholme
Christmas 1			

The re-roofing of Hackthorn Church will take longer than envisaged so there will be no Group Holy Communion on Sunday 29th December. All are most welcome to join with Welton/Dunholme/Scothern at their Benefice service at St Chad's, Dunholme at 10.30am.

On the **second Sunday** of each month, Liz Harris holds a 'Sunday Special' Sunday School at Owmby at 10.30 am. Please note, this is **not** a Service. Contact Liz for further details. (Info is on the back cover).

GLENTHAM METHODIST CHAPEL

Sunday 8th	6.00 pm	United Carol Service at Parish Church
Sunday 15th	10.30 am	Messy Church
Sunday 22nd	2:00 pm	Carols at Christmas in Village Hall

SERVICES IN JANUARY

OWMBY GROUP CHURCHES

Sunday 5th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington
Epiphany	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmby
Sunday 12th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	St Chad's, Dunholme
Baptism of Christ	11.00 am	Morning Worship	St Mary's, Welton

Because of the ongoing roofing work, there will be no service in Owmby Group on 12th January. You are cordially invited to the services in Dunholme or Welton.

Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Owmby
Epiphany 2	6.00 pm	Covenant Service	Glentham Chapel
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Family Service	Owmby
Epiphany 3	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Glentham
	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn

It is hoped that services will restart in Hackthorn Church on Sunday 26th January. If you are planning to attend, please check with churchwardens that the service is going ahead.

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GLENTHAM METHODIST CHAPEL

Sunday 5th	10.30 am	Local Arrangement
Sunday 19th	6.00 pm	United Covenant Service

GLENTHAM & CAENBY



JIGSAW SWAP

Glentham Chapel
28th December & 25th January
10am-12noon

Please come for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and borrow a jigsaw to challenge the grey cells (or just enjoy the chat 😊)

We would love to see you!

For further information please contact Sheena 878578



St Peter's Guild

COFFEE MORNING

Tuesday 10th December at 10:30 a.m.
South View, Caenby Road
by kind invitation of Anne & Howard Turnbull
The proceeds will be in aid of the Church
All Welcome



GLENTHAM VILLAGE HALL

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 7th December - Wreath making sessions 11.00 am, 3.00 pm and 7.00 pm. Mulled wine and mince pies. Please contact Rebecca Bray on 07867 641707 or book via our email. Please note this is a BOOKINGS ONLY EVENT due to limited numbers at each session. **VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY.**

Thursday 19th December - Last Rose Bowl Quiz of the year. £5 each includes a buffet, if you want to book a table call Catherine on 07565 440572, or just turn up!

Saturday 18th January - Due to popular demand, Matt is back with his Bingo! Doors open from 7pm, bar and hot food will be available, eyes down from 8pm. As always, we look forward to seeing you - it will be a fun evening.

WEEKLY CLUBS

MONDAY: 2.00 pm - Arts Club new members welcome, contact Keith (01673 878829)
7.00 pm - Zumba

TUESDAY: 2.00 pm - Knit and Knatter (returns February 2025)
6.30 pm - Bowls Club, always looking for new players, contact Keith

WEDNESDAY: 10.00 am - Coffee morning every Wednesday

FRIDAY: 10.00 am - Line Dancing group
6.30 pm - Bowls Club

For further information on the weekly clubs or bookings, or any other queries please e-mail GlenthamVH@outlook.com

OTHER CONTACT DETAILS

Rebecca Bray (Chair) - 07867 641707
Catherine Oldfield (Vice Chair, Hall Bookings) - 07565 440572

We are a friendly but small committee of 5 volunteers, struggling to keep this local amenity going for our community. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 6.30pm, and are in desperate need of some more volunteers. Our official roles are filled for another year, however to keep being able to offer our events we would welcome and need some more volunteers. Main duties will be to attend meetings and help out at events. Contact Catherine if you are interested, or for more information.

HOPEFULLY SEE YOU SOON!



KNIT & KNATTER

There are no K&K events in December or January





'Nags Head' at Middle Rasen

Men's Breakfast

14th Dec & 11th Jan at 9:00am

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

Please Phone Trevor Faulkner on 01673 818718 to reserve a place

Organised by Glentham Methodist Chapel

If you have news, an article or story, or are holding an event you feel would be of interest to other local residents, please contact Steve, the editor.

2024 Christmas Rose Bowl Quiz



Glentham Village Hall
Thursday 19th December
Doors open at 7.00pm

£5.00 per person



Buffet included. Bring your own drinks.

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The deadline for entries to the February 2025 Signpost is Wednesday the 15th of January 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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To quote Albert Einstein, "The only thing at you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library," so here are the details:
Based at Manor Park, Hackthorn Road Welton LN2 3PA

Our opening hours are Monday: 12noon to 5pm, Tuesday: 9:30am to 2:30pm, Wednesday & Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

It may be that a number of you are hoping for a much anticipated book as a present on 25th December, if so we do hope you receive your wish. If you are a keen reader you may also want to stock up with a few other books as Santa's budget may not run to more than one. Also, sadly, some people may be facing a situation where they know that their circumstances dictate there will be no book as a present. The answer to both situations is to pop along to the library and take a few books out, hopefully you will have the time to read them but no worries if not as it will cost you nothing. As you can see above our hours are restricted this month due to the holidays but there is no need to be concerned as lending times will be extended. In addition if you have any worries about a return date and you have a library card PIN you can always log on to Lincolnshire Libraries or onto the app if you have one installed on a smart phone to get a lending extension.

December is of course an exciting time for children and on **Saturday 7th December at 10:30am** we have a storytime and craft event for accompanied 4 to 11 year olds which will include the opportunity to make a festive 'rockin robin'. We will also be continuing our weekly storytimes for pre-school children at 9:30am each Tuesday, 3rd, 10th, 17th December.

Our storytime and craft events are always popular and recently we had some enthusiastic youngsters celebrating Diwali by making paper lanterns. We have more exciting events planned in 2025 that we will start to outline next month.

As we head into the festive season let us finish with a very relevant quote:
"*When I discovered libraries, it was like having Christmas every day.*" (Jean Fritz - Children's Author). Do take the time to discover us if you haven't already, a library card makes a fantastic free gift and hopefully one to start a lifetime of reading enjoyment for a child.

Best wishes for an enjoyable festive season from all the Library Volunteer team and we look forward to seeing readers old and new in the New Year.

Mike
Welton Library Volunteer

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Karen 01673 818798

Bishop Norton Village Hall on Saturday 30th November at 7:30 p.m.

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To book tickets: Ring Karen 818798 or 07516 289365 or message Ros 07523 108043

Newsletter for December 2024

For months now the shops have been full of all things Christmassy. Singing penguins in a local garden centre delight toddlers and grandparents alike. Some of us love the glitz and excitement of Christmas whilst others prefer to be more reflective. Whatever your thoughts about Christmas Lindsey u3a will continue to offer opportunities for you to get together with other people to share an interest or listen to an entertaining speaker.

Lindsey u3a meets at Welton Village Hall usually on the first Thursday of the month. You are invited with no obligation to one of our meetings. Doors open at 9.45am for tea/coffee followed by a speaker at 10.30am. If you decide to come along for a look, tell someone on reception you are new and one of our friendly greeters will show you round and answer any questions.

In the run up to Christmas, on **5th December** Lincolnshire archaeologist and folk musician, Tom Lane, will give us a seasonal talk about "Christmas Customs", an interactive talk with music celebrating Lincolnshire customs and traditions.

To start off the New Year, on **9th January** we have a well known speaker, Nancy Appleyard. With a background in teaching Communication Studies and Personal Development at Lincoln College and Grantham College Nancy gives presentations to organisations throughout the East Midlands and also to cruise ship audiences. Her presentation entitled "Art or Artful" should prove to be both interesting and entertaining.

We offer various interest groups run by members for members. Check out our website lindseyu3a.org.uk to see if anything appeals to you.

u3a members can also join various online talks, workshops and courses. You can find out more from www.u3a.org.uk

If you can't come to one of our general meetings you could join us at the 'Gardeners' Retreat' tearoom at Scothern Nurseries for a cuppa and a chat at 10.15am on the fourth Thursday of the month. However there will be **no coffee morning on Boxing Day** so the next one after that will take place on **Thursday, 23rd January, 2025**. Whether you're a newcomer wanting to know more about Lindsey u3a or if you're already a member and just fancy a cuppa, maybe a scone and a chat, do come along. Everyone is welcome.

Everything you need to know about Lindsey u3a can be found on our website lindseyu3a.org.uk. You will find a comprehensive list of our interest groups, where and when they meet plus news about visits of local interest or theatre visits, lunches and holidays arranged by members for members.

Should you require any further information about Lindsey u3a please do not hesitate to contact me - Mandy Murphy. Email: mandy.murphy1396@gmail.com Tel: 01673 565295

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WELTON PATIENT AND DOCTORS ASSOCIATION

The Christmas lunch will be held on 6th December and all 98 tickets are now sold. We will aim to open the doors at 11.00am and ask that anyone attending is seated by 11.30 at the latest as the choir from St Marys school are going to sing for us again. This is something we know the diners enjoy and I'm told that the children enjoy themselves as well! The meal will be the usual Christmas fare followed by a choice of Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or trifle. There will be a raffle, cake stall and books/cards for sale. Prizes for the Christmas raffle are being donated and, at the time of writing this on 12th November, we have 28 prizes promised and around 8 others to collect. Tickets are selling well but if anyone would like some and can't get out, let me know and we will deliver. They are £1 a ticket or £5 a book. They are available from all PDA drivers and from the Welton paper shop, and Pet food shop.

The PDA AGM was held on Thursday 7th November starting at 7pm in the Health Centre waiting room. Brief reports were given, covering the last 12 months, by the Chairman, Treasurer, Transport Coordinator, Fund Raising coordinator and the Practice Manager. The only change to the committee was that Jan Sims stood down as Treasurer. Jan has been on the Committee for the past 20 years starting out as a driver, which she still is, and then as treasurer and more recently as a member of the catering and fund raising sub-committees. She was also a member of the transport sub-committee. She will be missed for all her hard work but I personally am delighted to say, she is continuing as a driver! Mike Lynch has taken on the role of treasurer from the start of the financial year.

For anyone lucky enough to have their magazine delivered before 1st December, The PDA will have a table at the Welton Christmas Market and switching on of the Christmas lights. This is on Sunday 1st December 3pm - 6pm We will be bringing games suitable for children.

I have been asked to mention that I am collecting blister packs, from medication, for the Lindsey u3a at Welton. If anyone has any which they would like me to pass on, please put them through my letterbox at 17, Sudbrooke Rd, Scothern.

Wishing all the readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Any further information on any of the above don't hesitate to give me a call on 01673 862570.

Janet Goddard

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Snitterby, opp Royal Oak Inn	09:33	Ermine West, adj Ruckland Avenue	13:37
Bishop Norton, opp St Peter's Church	09:38	Hackthorn, adj War Memorial	13:55
Glentham, opp The Old Parsonage	09:43	Spridlington, opp Bus Shelter	14:03
Normanby by Spital, opp Church	09:48	Owmby by Spital, opp Surgery	14:10
Owmby by Spital, adj Surgery	09:52	Normanby by Spital, adj Church	14:12
Spridlington, at Bus Shelter	09:57	Glentham, adj The Old Parsonage	14:17
Hackthorn, opp War Memorial	10:05	Bishop Norton, adj St Peter's Church	14:22
Ermine West, opp Ruckland Avenue	10:18	Snitterby, adj Royal Oak Inn	14:27
Lincoln Central Bus Station (Bay N)	10:30	Waddingham, opp Marquis Of Granby PH	14:30

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