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Colin Rainer

was Signpost editor for a long time, and since retiring from this had continued as advertisement manager and Glentham village contact. Due to poor health, Colin has decided to stand down. With immediate effect, Steve Harvey, the editor, will take over the role of advertising manager and a new village contact will be appointed in due course. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Colin for all he has done to make Signpost into the success it is today. Rev Peter Godden and the rest of the Signpost Team

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	Friday & Saturday	**09:00 - 12:30**

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Glentham	0805	1008	1308	1513
Market Rasen Market Place	0820	1023	1323	1528

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Monday to Friday

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route number	**371**	**371**	**371**	**370**
Market Rasen Market Place	0845	1045	1345	1553
Glentham	0900	1100	1400	1608
Gainsborough Bus Station	0924	1125	1425	1628

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All contact details are on the website - http://owmbygroup.co.uk

RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

ENCOURAGEMENT

It's not much fun, whether you're a churchwarden, a member of the PCC or VCC or of the local congregation, or a member of the Ministry Team. In fact, it's no fun keeping a village church going in today's climate.

I look at matters on all our church agendas this year and feel ready to wilt, and I expect you do too. They usually involve astronomical amounts of money (would you be willing and able to spend a month's net income on insuring your home for the year?), bureaucracy (for example, our lay readers have three review forms to fill in this New Year, a 4-page one, an 9-page one and a 19-page one), then there are legal requirements for this, that and the other, all on top of the stuff we would really like to do, which is to be attractive churches to encourage faithful Christian witness in our communities, and so help promote God's kingdom. It's not easy keeping the local church going.

I was taken aback the other day with a quotation, I don't know by whom, on the cover of a book of bible studies…
…THE MOST PATHOLOGICAL CONDITION A CHURCH CAN REACH IS WHEN ALL ITS ENERGIES ARE TAKEN UP WITH ITS OWN MAINTENANCE AND SURVIVAL…
… for that is, I suspect, where we are very close to.

By 'most pathological', I imagine the writer means 'near to death'. And these issues facing all our churches are indeed all about just keeping our heads above the water.
Who will be the first to go under?

Yes, it's as stark as that. I know people in a lot of churches are asking "who will be the first to go under", yet crossing their fingers behind their backs in the hope that it won't be theirs.
In the Middle Ages, pilgrimages to holy places were popular, none more so than to the shrine of St James at Compostella in Spain. In fact, pilgrimage to Compostella is on the increase again; as traditional churches decline, so different ways of spirituality are a growth industry.
Compostella's a long walk, whichever way you go, 1,000 miles on your feet, taking several months, changing you in the process. I'd love to do it, but I have neither the time, the energy nor the legs.

So traditionally the pilgrims might be found flagging from time to time. Then they would encourage one another with the Spanish cry "Ultreya!" "On you go!"
Years ago, I had a go at the Royal Navy Assault Course (don't ask!). The Petty Officers said, or more likely yelled, the rudest things to us in the most earthy way. But it wasn't blasphemy, it was encouragement. And it did encourage us. I found myself doing things I never dreamt I was capable of doing (don't ask!).

So as the church comes up to its own annual spiritual Assault Course this month (Ash Wednesday is on February 17th), our assault course is to not let ourselves be defeated by all the clutter which thrown at us by the church, the world and the devil, but to press on towards our Christian goal. Which is…
I encourage all of you who want to be faithful, serving, effective Christians in your communities this year.

ULTREYA!

Peter Godden

SERVICES - February 2010

Owmby Group of Parishes

	Time	Service	Place	By
Tuesday 2nd	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thursday 4th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Owmby	MC
Sunday 7th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
2 before Lent	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
	6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Owmby	PG
Tuesday 9th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thursday 11th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
Sunday 14th	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Spridlington	JD
Next before Lent	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	MC
	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Saxby	ST
	6.00 p.m.	Covenant Service	Glentham Chapel	PG/MP
Tuesday 16th	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Wednesday 17th *Ash Wednesday*	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Saxby	PG
Thursday 18th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Glentham	JD
Sunday 21st	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
Lent 1	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Owmby	PG
	11.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn	PG
	4.00 p.m.	Songs of Praise	Spridlington	ST
Tuesday 23rd	9.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Spridlington	ST/AH
Thursday 25th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	MC
Saturday 27th	6.00 p.m.	Family Service	Spridlington	ST/AH
Sunday 28th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	+ DG
Lent 2	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Saxby	JT
	11.00 a.m.	Family Service	Owmby	ST

Glentham Methodist Chapel

Sunday 7th	10:45 a.m.	Messy Church Christingle	
Sunday 14th	6:00 p.m.	United Covenant Service	Rev Marty Presdee
Sunday 21st	6:00 p.m.		Rev Marty Presdee
Sunday 28th	9:30 a.m.		Colin Hare

A PRAYING PRESENCE

Inter-denominational - Praying for our Communities
February's Presence Prayer Meetings - Thursday 4th & 25th February at 7:00 p.m.
Contact Jenny or Peter on 01673 878806

WHAT EXACTLY DO PARISH COUNCILS DO FOR US?

There are over 8,700 parish and town councils representing around 16 million people all across England. They are the most local part of our democratic system and represent our aspirations as a community. The only difference between a town and parish council is the size and name, and towns have their own mayor. Although they have the same powers and can provide the same services, parish councils don't usually have the same level of facilities to look after. The size of the council depends on the size of the village or ward. Here in Glentham there are 7 voluntary representatives, known as Parish Councillors, who are elected every four years, though some go on serving for many years.

Serving as a parish councillor is a responsible position, as the parish council has a responsibility for the well being of the local community it serves. Its remit has three main strands – representing the local community, delivering services to meet local needs, and striving to improve the quality of life in the parish. As such they are allocated a certain amount of money from council tax revenues to improve services and facilities in the following areas: burial grounds, bus shelters, open spaces, village green, cutting the grass on the playing field, and planning. With regard to planning, the council is consulted by WLDC on all applications but the final decision rests with the planning department and Planning Committee at West Lindsey District Council. The parish council also liaises with the local Police over crime reduction measures. The parish council also acts as a representative voice for the community, communicating with councillors and officers at district and county level. All this makes for quite a few hours spent in meetings, discussing and deciding which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented. They do a good job and deserve our thanks for the improvements they try and bring to our communities. So thank you for your time and effort.
For more information contact the clerk to Glentham parish council, Helen Pitman

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

"O God, our refuge and strength, we hold before you the nation and people of Haiti, and pray for healing in the midst of tragedy and devastation.
Give comfort to the homeless, the bereaved and the suffering, courage to survivors, wisdom to those who seek to help, and light to all who live in the shadow of death. Amen."



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The five parishes' combined prayer groups will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday 8th February at Highfield End, Highfield Terrace, Glentham

IMPORTANT MEETING TO DISCUSS THE GROUP'S FUTURE

'Lord, help us to discern your will in each and every day. Let all that we do be for your glory, Amen'

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

FROM THE REGISTERS



Baptisms:
None

Weddings:
None

Funerals and Burials:
Interment of ashes at Spridlington on 22nd December - Mary Goodlad
Funeral at Owmby & burial at Brightwater Green Burial Meadow Saxby on 1st December - Baby Clark
Interment of ashes at Spridlington on 22nd November - George Hall
Funeral & interment of ashes at Spridlington on 12th/13th November - Mary Maxted

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which said: "I am blind, please help."

There were only a few coins in the hat.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. He put the sign back so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy. That afternoon the man who had changed the sign came to see how things were. The boy recognised his footsteps and asked, "Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?"

The man said, "I only wrote the truth. I said what you said, but in a different way. I wrote: 'Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.'"

Both signs told people that the boy was blind. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind. The second sign told people that they were so lucky that they were not blind.

Should we be surprised that the second sign was more effective?

Moral of the Story: Be thankful for what you have. Be creative. Be innovative. Think differently and positively. When life gives you a 100 reasons to cry, show life that you have 1000 reasons to smile.

Face your past without regret. Handle your present with confidence. Prepare for the future without fear. Keep the faith and drop the fear.

The most beautiful thing is to see a person smiling.
And even more beautiful is knowing that you are the reason behind it!



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OWMBY & NORMANBY

NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The meeting held on 2nd December 2009 saw just 3 Councillors - with the Clerk, PC David Oakes and County Councillor Lewis Strange in attendance. The Precept for 2010/2011 has had to be set higher this year due to WLDC halving the subsidy they give Parish Councils (to no subsidy at all for the year 2011/2012) and Normanby Parish Council has agreed to share some of the cost of maintaining Owmby cemetery, as WLDC are not subsidising cemeteries any more. Also 2010 is the year for Parish Council elections. All sitting Councillors have to put themselves up for election and if there is anyone out there who wishes to become a Councillor, now is the time to put yourself forward. Nomination papers will be available from WLDC.

You may have noticed that the safety-zone scheme for outside the school has not been done yet; this project has been deferred to spring – hopefully spring 2010. As far as we know the church wall will still be repaired in early March and we are asking for the pot holes along Private Lane to be filled in properly and permanently. We are asking Highways to repair the grass verge along Highgate Lane and to install more passing places at appropriate places.

A survey to see how many vehicles broke the speed limit along Front Street proved that while some vehicles were speeding, it was only a small minority.

There had been an opportunity to purchase a parcel of land off Private Lane, but after contacting Owmby Parish Council and those villagers who had expressed a desire for a play area for their children, none appeared to have any enthusiasm for this project.

We hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and have survived the extremely cold and snowy weather we experienced at the end of December and early January – let's hope that by the time you read this, the weather is a bit warmer.

Next full Parish Council meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th March.

Nadine Fox - Clerk

RAINBOW FELLOWSHIP

DORAM, Chapel Lane, Normanby

Monday February 1st at 2:00 p.m.

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About the work of the Trust

New Members Welcome



THANK YOU

OWMBY CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre was held on the 28th Nov. and was a very enjoyable afternoon with lots to buy and win. The afternoon made a grand total of £377. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the event, and to all those who gave their time and helped on the day (and earlier with the baking and trimming the Church,etc). Two of the lucky winners for Ranee's guessing game was won by Elaine Gibbon and Courtney Wiggins.

A FRIENDLY REQUEST

Please ask your children NOT to play in Owmby Church grounds (or any other church). Running around the graves and climbing the church wall will not be our responsibility if they hurt themselves.

There must plenty of places around to play hide and seek or the like, without running over peoples graves.

Avril



Whist Drive Results

18th November 2009, 16th December and 13th January

1st Lady **16/12** **13/1**	Tina Harrison Janet Andrew Lois Green	**1st Gent**	Avril Harrison Neville James Eric Lee
2nd Lady **16/12** **13/1**	Lois Green Lois Green Janet Andrew	**2nd Gent**	Ken Green Brian James Brian Jois
Low Score **16/12** **13/1**	Neville James/Janet Andrew Tina Harrison/Ken Green Ken Green/Avril Harrison	**Near Score**	Neville James/Jean Cowperwaithe Tina/Avril Harrison Brian Jois/ Lois Green
Miniature **16/12** **13/1**	Richard Harrison/Jean Cowperwaithe Ken Green/Marlene James Richard Harrison/Dummy hand	**Raffle**	Shirley James&Avril Harrison Richard Harrison&Shirley James Christmas Whist, the whole group!

Anyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive, it will be held at the home of ***Victor and Avril Harrison on February 10th 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
December 2009 & January 2010

1st	2nd	3rd
Alex Connor Clark **Danny Mellor**	**Liz Harris** **Dagmar Levin**	**Sally Mundy** **Sally Mundy**

COFFEE MORNING

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

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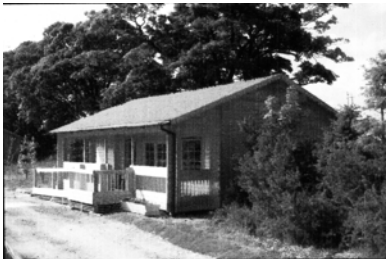
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GLENTHAM & CAENBY

GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
REPORT - December 09

At the December meeting of the parish council, Cllr Neil Simpson was elected chairman. It was with regret that the council accepted the resignation of Dorothy Wiseman. Alan Lakeman was welcomed as the new co-opted member on the council to replace Gary Fox who left earlier in the year. The council is still looking to co-opt a replacement for Geoff Wiseman. Anyone wishing to put themselves forward, please contact the clerk in the first instance on 01673 842744 or by email (address on the Owmby Group website).

The clerk is to request a meeting with Highways to discuss areas of concern within the parish, this can then help to form a programme of work to improve the roads and footways in Glentham. It was agreed that more information be sought regarding the free internet facility provided to villages in the district by West Lindsey District Council. This will then be discussed at the next parish council meeting to be held on 14th January 2010.

Council had no objection to the planning application at 7 Seggimoor Avenue.

Following the ROSPA report on the village play area, it was agreed that councillors would inspect the fencing and report back at the next meeting.

Finally, the budget was agreed and the precept set at £6000 for 2010/11.

VACANCIES

There are currently two vacancies on Glentham Parish Council and these positions will be filled by co-option at the next meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday 11th February 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Glentham. Should more than two applications be received, councillors will decide the appointments by a vote, or series of votes, in order to obtain a majority decision.

To be considered for co-option, applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Be registered as a local government elector for the Parish on the current Electoral Register.

2. Has during the whole of the previous 12 months occupied as tenant or owner any land or other premises in the Parish.

3. Has had his/her principal or only place of work in the previous 12 months in the parish of Glentham.

4. Has resided either in the Parish or within 3 miles thereof during the previous 12 months.

Anyone wishing to be considered for co-option should contact the Clerk to the Council, in writing, at 31 Dovecote, Middle Rasen, Lincs, LN8 3UD or hs.pitman@tiscali.co.uk by midday on Wednesday 10th February 2010. Further information can be obtained by telephoning 01673 842744

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GLENTHAM SINGERS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A really good evening was had by those who attended the annual Christmas Concert held in aid of STRUT at the Village Hall.
Margaret Fielder led her group of singers in carols and seasonal songs. There were delightful solos from Kathy Mannion and Rachel Warren. Irene, their most competent accompanist also entertained us with an amusing monologue and there was a group reading of John Betjeman's poem 'Christmas'. It was a most pleasant evening, raising £120. Thank you, Singers. B.L.

THE GLENTHAM CHRISTMAS EVENING

Thanks to all of you who came and made it such a fantastic evening!
The Village Hall was beautifully decorated, an ideal place for a celebration. There was plenty of mulled wine, snacks and nibbles to keep us merry and as for the programme……..!!!
We sang like angels, really first class, joining in songs and carols. You should have heard the Three Kings! Kathy sang sweetly a lullaby by John Rutter.
Then there were the readings. Mary Cooper brought us up to date with Santa and technology. Pat and Kathy reminded us of Carol Sinners!
Jenny, Alan and Neil set the scene for us and Peter reminded us of Christmas for those less fortunate. Irene, whose expertise at the piano helped to make the evening so successful, gave us two hilarious monologues. We must also mention Margaret, who gave us the never to be forgotten nativity story in a broad Yorkshire accent.
It was a lovely evening! Here's to next time! B.L.

ST.PETER'S GUILD CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Thanks again to Terry & Mervyn for a wonderful coffee morning. The Christmas decorations were fantastic and all who came enjoyed them, especially the children... big and small. Thanks to Mary Bell for raffling the Christmas Cake which raised over £100.00. The total raised at the event was £430.00. Thank you to everyone who came and those who helped in any way to make it the success it was.

AN APPEAL

Because of Colin Rainer's ill health, he does not think he will be able to carry on delivering Signpost Magazine to the houses in Glentham Village. Therefore we require a volunteer to take over from him.
If you can help, please contact Colin on 01673 878733 or David Fortnum on 01673 878879.

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Tuesday 16th February at 10:30 a.m.

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The next group meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd February
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HACKTHORN & COLD HANWORTH

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

Saturday 6th February 2010

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Tickets £4.50 at the door (includes refreshments and first drink).
Proceeds towards Hackthorn Church funds. Raffle prizes appreciated
Telephone 860342

BISHOP OF GRIMSBY VISIT

St Michael's Church, Hackthorn
Sunday 28th February 2010

The Bishop of Grimsby's visit to Hackthorn to bless the new kitchen and lavatory will now take place at the 9.30 am service on Sunday 28th February. This is a re-arranged date as the proposed visit in January had to be cancelled because of the snow. All welcome.



HACKTHORN AND COLD HANFORTH LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Hackthorn Village Hall
Thursday 18th February at 2:30 p.m.

WANTED

INFORMATION (written or spoken) about changes to Houses and use of Buildings in the two villages and how the appearance of the villages has changed.

HACKTHORN C. OF E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy New Year to everyone, and we really must start by mentioning the very exciting news that emerged towards the end of last term. Last academic year, we had enough pupils in Year 6 to mean that we qualified for the first, and possibly the only, time to appear in the National League Tables.

Everyone connected with the school was thrilled to find that we had come straight in at Number 1 in ('The Times') thanks to our having 100% of pupils gaining at least level 4 along with some very good level 5 scores. Not only that, but nationally when the children's scores and rate of progress throughout the school are taken into account we are in the top 100 schools in the entire country! This is thanks in no small part to the great dedication and hard work of the school staff, but also, to the way in which the positive school ethos is passed down by the pupils themselves.

All our pupils made cards, Christmas decorations, and of course the famous Hackthorn handmade fudge, which were all sold at our Christmas fair (in the case of the fudge, extremely quickly!), raising over £350 for school funds.

Our Year 2 pupils took part in a multi-skills festival at William Farr, which was a great experience for them all, as not only were they participating in a lot of different and challenging activities, but they were all put into teams which were formed from a mix of pupils from all the other schools taking part, so plenty of opportunities for meeting new people.

Many pupils will be looking forward to taking part in our new Intra-school table tennis competition which we will be setting up in the new term, which will help to keep the spirits up until the warmer weather appears again.

Contact the school on 01673 860295 to arrange a visit or request a School Brochure.

CHRISTMAS WITH CABRA

St Michael's Church, Hackthorn
Wednesday 23rd December

The festive period began in fine style with a Christmas concert by the Cabra Singers. A packed church enjoyed carols old and new. Many thanks to all who braved the icy conditions to make this such a special occasion - especially the Cabra Singers and those who contributed raffle prizes, donations and refreshments. A total amount of £660 was raised, to be divided between the homeless charity Shelter and church funds.

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We are planning breakfasts this term and would like to invite you to the **Big Break Up Breakfast** on Friday 12th February at 8:00 a.m. at Normanby By Spital Primary School.

We are spending the next few weeks making and tasting various different breakfasts and we would like you to come along and sample our breakfasts and meet us – the local children!!
Everyone is welcome and it will be on Friday 12th February at 8:00 a.m. There is no charge, although donations are welcome.

If you are able to attend then please RSVP to Sam Watson or Mags Perry on 01673 878529/01673 878736 so that we may have an idea of numbers attending.

We look forward to seeing you.

Yum Yum Fun Club





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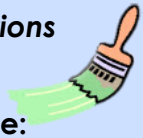
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ROVING LUNCH

Sunday 21st February

Meet in the village hall at 11.30 a.m. for 12 noon

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Followed by Songs of Praise in the church at 4:00 p.m.

For tickets call Sally (862764) or Claire (862992)

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ADVANCE NOTICE

Quiz Night

6th March 7:00 p.m.
Spridlington Village Hall
Tickets £5.00 to include food
Full details next month

THANK YOU

PATRONAL DAY SERVICE & BREAKFAST

The January weather may have been cold, dark & dreary but our Patronal Day Service & Breakfast was anything but, with 23 Parishioners all in good spirits & tucking in to a hearty breakfast in the Village Hall!
Special thanks to all head cooks & bottle washers who made it all possible and in particular - Rachel, Liz, Claire, Joan & Judy - not forgetting the 2 egg friers in the form of Simon & Paul, plus all the washer upperers.
Thanks also to John (assisted by Sally) for standing in at the last minute to take the service. An unforgettable Sunday morning. **Ann**

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Hello and welcome to the first of the 2010 updates. A number of things to mention, firstly two recent incidents involving bogus officials.

Male going door to door claiming that he was there to check the Insulation in the loft on behalf of NKDC.
75 yr old female upset due to a male knocking on her back door and then shone a torch through the window. The male claimed he was from the WATER BOARD. He was not let in and told to go away. The male then joined a second male and they both left in a white possibly Ford Transit van.
Male described as 30 - 40 yrs, large round lens glasses, with black frames.

Any Official that comes to your door WILL HAVE identification. Do not let anyone in unless you are 100% sure of their identity. If in doubt contact the Police.

If you receive any leaflets / cards through the door advertising things such as drives re-tarmac`d, trees cut, gutters or roofs repaired, then the Police are most interested to have them. We have a dedicated officer at HQ who collates these and identifies the rouge traders who operate in our area. So if you have any lying around please send them my way.

Local Crime
Overnight 6/7th January
A dwelling on Lissington Road, Wickenby was broken into. Offenders forced a window to gain entry to the dwelling, and once inside stole several items of property. If anyone has any information or saw anything suspicious, no matter how small, please call police with incident number 53 of 7th January.

Farm watch message from Market Rasen Police Station 6th January.
At about 8pm on the evening of the 4th we received reports of two vehicles poaching on land at Swallow. The only description of vehicles available is Daihatsu Sportrack and a Four Track both dark green in colour. Officers were dispatched to the area but the vehicles could not be found.

Finally a vehicle left in an open shed at Otby Top Farm at Walesby was broken into and an attempt made to hot wire the vehicle. We have also had two 4x4's stolen from the North Kelsey Moor and Riby areas over recent days. Both these vehicles were recovered at Brookenby and enquiries are ongoing.

Any 4x4`s moving around late at night or early hours are either gamekeepers or poachers. Again if you see such a vehicle out and about in an area where you know there should not be a vehicle, contact the Police. A gamekeeper stopped by the Police will be happy the Police are there, a poacher will not.

Deadline for March 2010 Signpost

Monday 15th February 6:00 p.m.

Welton & Dunholme Community Panel meeting, Black Bull, Wednesday 3rd February 2010.
At our last meeting we discussed having a "Welton & Dunholme Spring Clean Day". Basically the idea is to identify small area's of ground or property that could do with a bit of a clean or tidy up. This may be a litter pick by the youngsters, a paint job on a wall that is a bit of an eye sore, bit of digging and planting of bulbs and so on. The two primary schools have been approached, and the children will be designing a poster for the day. The entries will be judged at the meeting. They will then be laminated and placed around the villages advertising the day. The date of the event will be decided at the meeting as well as the places to receive a bit of TLC. You are all most welcome to come along an participate at the meeting. We are looking for idea's for locations, offers of help or materials etc. I will be contacting local businesses during the month.

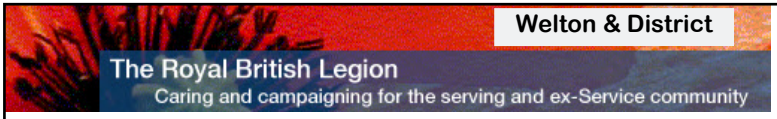
If you are a member of a group of people who meet regularly, and wish me to come along and give a crime prevention talk, or indeed a talk on any aspect of the Police, please contact me and I would be happy to arrange a date.

As you may know, I write articles for 6 Parish magazines, covering 25 villages over 82 sq miles. It may interest you to note that for the whole area for the period 15/12/09 to 10/01/10 there were only 6 reported crimes, i.e. theft, burglary, damage, not assaults, to Police. We and you who are our eyes and ears must be doing something right. ANY activity you witness, by either a person or vehicle, and you consider it suspicious, contact the Police at the time.

Speaking of contacting the Police, we have a new - "non-emergency telephone number"

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As part of our continuing programme to improve how we provide our services for the public we are introducing a ***Single Non Emergency Number*** to contact the force. All of the existing telephone numbers and the new number initially will be running simultaneously for the next few months.
How much does the new number cost? Calls to our new 0300 number will cost about the same or less than a local call - wherever in the county you call from.
Why has 0300 111 0300 been chosen? This number has been chosen because it is easy to remember and dial. It can also reduce the cost of a call to the police in a non-emergency situation.
Why are we changing? We want to speed up our response to non-emergency calls. The move to a 03-prefixed number is in line with recommendations from the Office of Communications (OfCom), which established 03 numbers to help eliminate public confusion over call costs. The 0300 numbers were introduced for the public sector to ensure low cost calls to the public.
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What is meant by an emergency call? An emergency (999) call is defined as any enquiry, that relates to the following:
- violence being used or threatened
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- a crime is in progress or an offender has been disturbed
- an injury road collision
- a non-injury road collision



Our next open meeting will be at The Falconer on Thursday, 11th February, starting at 7:00 p.m., when we will be setting out our aims for the coming year. We increased our presence at local events during 2009, and hope to build on this and make people more aware of what the Royal British Legion is all about.

The Legion is there to provide help, where needed, for serving and ex-service men and women and their dependants. Nowadays this ranges from those who served in the Second World War right through to our men and women currently on active service, and their families. For instance, you may not be aware that, since 2003, the Legion has provided support of one kind or another to over ten thousand veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This year we will be working hard to help raise the huge amounts of money required to fund this support. If you think you could help in any way at all, or would just like to find out more about the Royal British Legion, please get in touch with the Chairman, Tony Davis, on 01673 860363, the Secretary, Rex Gregson, on 01673 861197, or just try coming to our meeting. You can be sure of a friendly welcome.

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Happy New Year Everyone!
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We would like to extend a warm welcome to Laura Fleming who will be joining our teaching team until Easter.
Well Done! To all the children who have achieved awards this term.

You can now also keep up to date with our newsletters on our website: http://www.hemswellcliff.lincs.sch.uk/

If you would like to know more please contact the school on 01427 668383 or email enquiries@hemswellcliff.lincs.sch.uk for further information or to arrange a visit.

WELTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWSLETTER

Happy new year to one and all and thank you to everyone who brought in cards and presents for the doctors and staff over the festive period - very much appreciated by us all.

Last year we reported that we were fortunate to tap into "one off " NHS funding for new services in the practice for twelve months and used these to run weekly chiropody, dietician and weight management sessions. Unfortunately, this funding stream is not continuing beyond the end of March 2010 so, despite some very positive outcomes, we have to cease these services at that time. We would like to thank everyone involved in running these clinics which have been greatly appreciated by many patients.

The National NHS Bowel Cancer Screening Programme has started to be rolled out in Lincolnshire and patients between the ages of 60 - 69 years who are registered with the NHS will be sent kits and invited to participate in this. Full instructions are sent with the pack. Anyone over the age of 70 wishing to participate may call 0800 707 6060 and request a pack too and the same number is available for queries about the programme.

There is also a continuing national drive to reduce the spread of Chlamydia, particularly amongst the 15-24 year olds. Packs, which are available from the surgery, include details of how to perform the self test which is simple and painless and if found to be positive, Chlamydia is easy to treat. This is usually a silent infection but if left undetected can cause other problems and we would urge anyone in the defined group to ask for a test or come along and see one of the nurses of doctors to discuss their worries.

Our proposed building work is now underway and we are hoping to provide an additional three rooms to enable the Practice to become a Training Practice and give valuable experience to doctors to become General Practitioners. We are working to very tight timescales and the present snow and icy conditions could not have come at a worse time ! However, we are confident that we will achieve the target of completion by 31st March 2010 and thank everyone involved for their patience during the construction period.

Finally, could we remind patients who have nebulisers out on short term loan to return them as soon as possible please as we have other patients needing to use them.

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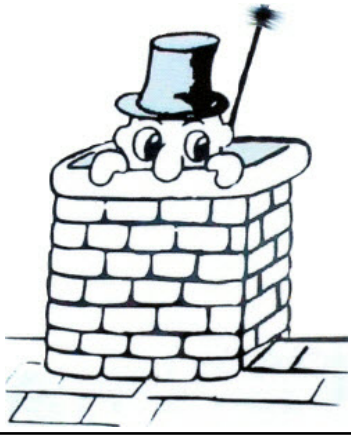
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Day/ Date		Time	Function	Venue
Mon	1	2:00 p.m.	Rainbow Fellowship	DORAM, Normanby
Tues	2	7:30 p.m.	Glentham & Caenby Tapestry Group	Trap House, Glentham
Thurs	4	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glentham Village Hall
Thurs	4	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Moat House, Normanby
Sat	6	7:00 p.m.	Cheese and Wine Evening	Cabra House, Hackthorn
Sun	7	10:45 a.m.	Messy Church	Glentham Chapel
Mon	8	2:00 p.m.	Glentham 55+ Club	Glentham Village Hall
Mon	8	7:30 p.m.	Powerhouse	Highfield End, Glentham
Tues	9	7:30 p.m.	Glentham & District Gardeners' Club	Glentham Village Hall
Wed	10	7:30 p.m.	Whist Drive	The Harrison's
Thurs	11	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glentham Village Hall
Fri	12	8:00 a.m.	Big Break Up Breakfast	Normanby Primary School
Deadline for March Signpost Monday 15th February 6:00 p.m.				
Tue	16	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Dolphin House, Caenby
Wed	17	10:30 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Spridlington Village Hall
Thurs	18	10:00 a.m.	Coffee Morning	Glentham Village Hall
Thurs	18	2:30 p.m.	Hackthorn Local History Group	Hackthorn Village Hall
Sun	21	12:00 p.m.	Roving Lunch & Songs of Praise	Spridlington Village Hall
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