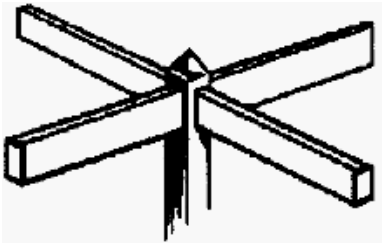
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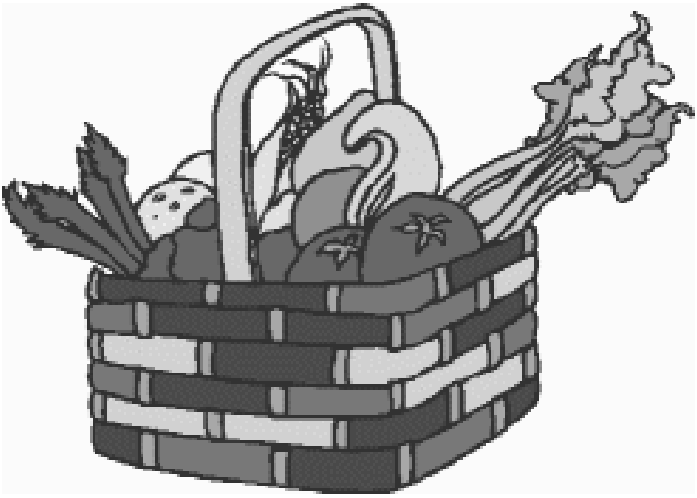
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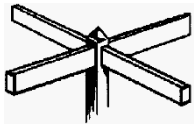
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Normanby	Bottle & Glass Council Houses	Fri	7th & 21st September	13.00-13.40 13.45-14.05
Hackthorn	School Near School	Fri	7th & 21st September	14.25 - 15.10 15.10 - 15.25

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Please pray for those who have received the results of their exams. For some it will be a time of rejoicing, a first stage along the chosen path, for others the results may not be what they had wanted and a dramatic change of plans is needed. Be in all their thinking, keep their hopes alive. Pray for the children who are starting school for the first time. And for those and their teachers returning after the summer break. May the good Lord be in all their comings and goings. 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.

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RECTOR'S LETTER

My dear friends,

Why does God allow…?

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Why does God allow all this suffering?

God doesn't. God isn't into allowing. That's not how God is. God is not a cosmic controller, making random decisions about who can get away with what.

Suggesting that God allows or doesn't allow anything is to let go of our human responsibility in these situations. Floods happen because the weather is unpredictable. Floods happen more often and more violently because the climate changes and the weather becomes even more unpredictable. Surely nobody needs reminding nowadays that how we treat the planet is affecting the weather more and more, both in our country and right across the world. We really do belong to a global village.

Well, floods are one thing, but coach crashes are another, especially when the victims are a group of elderly, faithful people intent on doing their best for God.

There is a random element to life. Anyone involved in a road accident knows that. It could be the "other" driver's fault, or even your fault. But is fault the right word? Nobody meant to cause an accident. It was an accident. Or there might be a mechanical defect in one of the vehicles. Cars, buses and lorries are sophisticated pieces of equipment, trains, ships and planes also. Or maybe there was something wrong with the road surface. Or…

It is a very iffy world that we live in. And there is no easy way out. There will be undeserved suffering. There always has been.

So God has a different way of dealing with it.

Different faiths understand God differently, based on their founders' experiences of God. For Christians, God is best seen and understood in the person of a man undergoing appalling suffering for no good reason at all. And in spite of that, this man still loves. He even loves the people who are making him suffer.

You see, God is into loving. God is a God of love rather than a God of power. Religious traditions, including ours, talk a lot about power. Usually, it's a power that is misused. For me, the power of God is the power of love. Somebody made a song about that.

The worse things get, and they've always been pretty bad, the more important it is to keep in tune with the God of love. Because the God of love needs people like us to do his loving for him. God is not a fairy godmother. We are the grown-up children of the God of love.

So let us love the victims of every disaster that happens, whether natural or man-made. Let us love them in such a way that we actually do something about their misery. After all, it wouldn't otherwise be love, would it?

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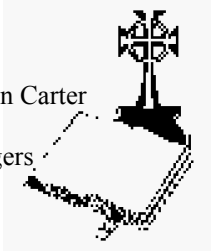
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At Glentham on 4th August
Hugo Michael Stephen Mann
At Glentham on 12th August – Kyran Michael Williams

Weddings

At Hackthorn on 14th July - Jamie Asher & Stephanie Marsden
At Glentham on 14th July-James Neve & Rachel Rose
At Glentham on 21st July-Alex Grantham & Lindsay Coxhead
At Hackthorn on 28th July-Steven Haines & Katherine Wallis

Renewal of Marriage Vows

At Glentham on 11th August - Martin & Lorraine Kuhl

Funerals

At Spridlington on 9th May - Wilfred Marris, aged 89
At Owmby & burial at Normanby Cemetery on 22nd May – Mabel Coles
At Saxby & Lincoln Crematorium on 29th May - Clarice Storr, aged 85
Burial at Glentham – Anne Green
At Lincoln Crematorium & Owmby on 17th July – Eric Seaton, aged 80

Behold, I tell you a mystery...

The rector is grateful to but very puzzled by whoever secretly washed his car at some time on 7th or 8th August???

ORGANISTS

Roxy Summerfield will effectively be unable to play regularly from September onwards, as she will be closely involved with the cathedral choir in a gap-year position, before applying to study music at university.

Roxy has been a fantastic musical support for us, but now we must become musically self-supporting. If you can play a keyboard (even a bit), and would be willing to attempt some simple organ playing, please have a word with me and I'll point you in the right direction.

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NORMANBY-BY-SPITAL PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A Parish Council meeting was held on August 8th, with a full compliment of Councillors, 3 members of the public and District Councillor Jeff Summers.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the loan of the speed indicating device (SID) was delayed, but hopefully it will be in the village around sometime in September. The Clerk is looking into the possibility of having permanent signs erected which flash Slow Down if motorist are speeding. It was noted that County Councillor Lewis Strange had checked the day of the floods to see if our village had been affected and if we needed any assistance. This had been appreciated but thankfully our village was okay.

There are still a lot of areas which need the Highways attention, but it was noted the "by Spital" had been added to the signs on the A15. We still await the village name sign by Normanby Cliff Road/ Front Street.

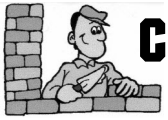
The result of the Housing Survey Need is almost ready, though already 3 distinct areas of need have been highlighted. Congratulations go to Mags Perry who has won the meal for 4 at Owmby Golf Club.

Nothing of late has been heard from ONSET regarding a play area for children.

Two new notice boards have been erected – one on the Post Office wall and one at the end of Manor Cliff.

Concern about the possible closure of our Post Office was raised and if ours is on the "hit list" a public meeting will be called.

It was noted that a service will be held in Normanby Church on Sunday 11th November.



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Nadine Fox (Clerk)

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Every second Sunday, 11.00 to 12.00 In Owmby Parish Church. Children from 4 years old. Parents are welcome to stay with their children if they wish.

OWMBY CHURCH SUMMER FAYRE

As reported in last months Signpost we had a very successful Summer Fayre held in Carole Roberts garden, which was a lovely Summers day as well. Our final total on the day was £533, and I believe there is still a little to come in from "Win a gardener" competition. It was a wonderful amount to achieve in such a short space of time, and many thanks to everyone who made this possible.

Avril

THANK YOU

Eva and Geoff say thank you for letters and cards of condolences after the death of Eric

Thanks to Peter for the very nice service for the life of Eric at Owmby Church The flower arrangements in church the playing of the organ by Peter Bell and all who attended the service

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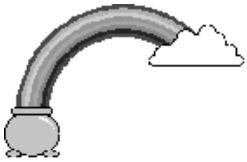
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Whist Drive Results
25th July 2007

1st Lady	Jean Cowperthwaite	**1st Gent**	Neville James
2nd Lady	Tina Harrison	**2nd Gent**	Richard Harrison
Low Score	Eric Lea Avril Harrison	**Near Score**	Marlene James Richard Harrison
Miniature	Jean Cowperthwaite With dummy hand	**Raffle**	Jean Cowperthwaite Tina Harrison

Anyone wishing to join us at the next Whist Drive, it will be held at the home of Victor and Avril Harrison on the 19th September 2007 7.30pm.We are always pleased to see new faces, and it is always a very light hearted evening.



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St. Peter's Guild

COFFEE EVENING

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GLENTHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENERS CLUB

September 9th is rapidly approaching and schedules have been delivered, all that remains now is to get those exhibits ready for display. Good luck to everyone and although the weather has not been a great help to anyone, here is hoping that this years show is up to the usual very high standard.

GLENTHAM CHAPEL COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to Shirley Bowness of Middlefield Lane for hosting the August coffee morning the proceeds going to Glentham Methodist Church. Everyone had a very pleasant morning and the hardy 'types' enjoyed a walk around Shirleys' garden which was a real credit to her gardening skills considering the weather we had been experiencing.

55+ CLUB

The club will meet at Glentham Village Hall on Monday 10th September at 2.00pm.

GLENTHAM & CAENBY TAPESTRY GROUP

The tapestry goup's next meeting will be at the Trap house Glentham on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30pm.

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REPORT FROM GLENTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Council were delighted to co-opt two new members at their meeting on 9th August - Mr and Mrs P Saunders. This brings Glentham Council to full strength.

The S106 is nearly completed on Barff Meadow and the Council will soon take responsibility for this area.

An Ash tree at the Manor on Church Lane is to be felled and a replacement garage application on High Street has been granted.

The minutes from the recent meeting regarding the A631 have been received. The Council are still committed to the part funding of a Speed Indicator Device for the village.

District Councillor J Summers said that the Councillor Initiative fund would be available for the second year. Last year the Council used the fund to purchase equipment for the Over 55 club and the Mother and Toddler club. This year they propose to apply for the grant to make part funding towards a new clock winding mechanism.

There were many concerns regarding the recent flooding and Clerk was asked to write to WLDC as it was felt that they did not react quickly enough to the problem. Clerk was also asked to contact relevant bodies to see if it could be established whether the ford could be replaced with a road bridge.

The Parish website has all the relevant information regarding events in the village and also agendas and minutes for Council meetings. The address is:http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Glentham/

At their September meeting, the Council will be looking to see if it would be viable to take over all grounds maintenance from the County Council who have offered financial support for this.

It was agreed to transfer £3000 from the current account to the reserve account. The current balance in hand is £14286.98.

The next Council meeting will take place on Thursday 13th September in The Village Hall at 7.30pm. As usual everyone is welcome and there will be the customary adjournment period for parishioners concerns.

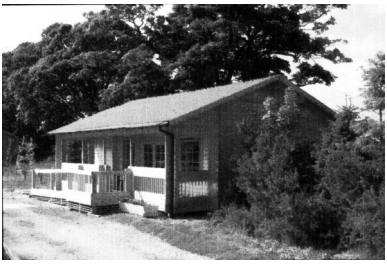
GLENTHAM SINGERS

The summer Concert held on July 26th by the Glentham Singers was yet another resounding success after having being postponed because of floods and illness in the previous month.

Fortunately, the rain cleared away in time for the start of the concert resulting in a bigger audience than the singers had dared to expect and £127.00 was raised for the Village Hall funds.

Their next engagement will be at Burton upon Stather on October 6th.

If you enjoy singing and would like to join the Glentham Singers you will be made most welcome, please phone Margaret on 878845 for details.



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BINGO NIGHT

Wednesday 26th September
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GLENTHAM VILLAGE HALL DIARY DATE

We are holding a barn dance on 27th October. Details in the next Signpost.

Hackthorn & Cold Hanworth

BELL RINGING

On Saturday 21st July a unique event took place at St. Michael & All Angles Church, Hackthorn when a peal of 5040 changes was performed by a local band of ringers in a time of 2 hours 39 minutes.
This is the first peal to be rung on Hackthorn's new bells which were dedicated in April 2006.
The team of ringers being:-
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2. Les Townsend- Secretary to Lincoln Guild
3. John Bundy
4. David Fox
5. Brian Smith- Tower Captain
6. Rev. Ivan Howitt

Ringers 3,4 & 5 teach bellringing at Hackthorn Church each Monday evening at 7pm. Anyone interested in bellringing are most welcome.
Note from a beginner, this means that these 6 ringers , rung non stop for that time without making a mistake. WELL DONE TO ALL INVOLVED.

St Michael's Church, Hackthorn, Outreach Group
HACKTHORN -CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP

We regret that the Saturday morning
KEEP ME HAPPY CLUB
is in abeyance at the moment. We need at least two more leaders in order to continue. If you are interested in helping please contact **Rosemary Moore on 860732**.

The Club has been very popular and caters for children aged 4 – 11 from the whole Owmby Group so we would welcome involvement from any village in the Group.



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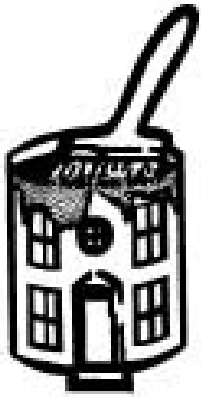
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HACKTHORN GARDENING CLUB

ANNUAL PRODUCE SHOW



SATURDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2007
HACKTHORN VILLAGE HALL

The Annual Produce Show will take place on Saturday 1st September 2007 in Hackthorn Village Hall. This is an opportunity for Club members and all residents of Hackthorn and Cold Hanworth to exhibit their Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, Cookery and Crafts. The Children's section is open to all children attending Hackthorn School.

The Show Schedules have been distributed to houses in Hackthorn and Cold Hanworth. Please support this very worthwhile village activity. You can take part in the competitions or just come along to the Village Hall in the afternoon, view the produce and buy your vegetables etc. at the auction.

Public viewing of the exhibits begins at 2.00 p.m.
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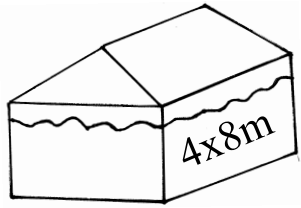
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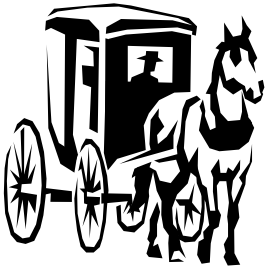
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HACKTHORN LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

There will be an Open Meeting at 2 p.m. in Hackthorn Village Hall on

Thursday 27th September 2007

The purpose of the meeting is to inform members and visitors of plans for future events. It is hoped that members will also bring their own ideas and requests for the Committee to consider.

Diary note: Michael Credland will give a talk about Lincolnshire War Memorials including Hackthorn on Thurday 25th October at 7 p.m. in Hackthorn Village Hall.

HACKTHORN C.OF.E PRIMARY SCHOOL

The long summer holiday, so eagerly anticipated by many, is almost over, and now the start of a new School Year brings changes for all. For most it simply means a change of teacher, but for some it's a whole new school, and before they left for 'pastures new', our Y6 pupils decided they'd like to leave some thoughts for this page.

Reece Giddens decided to sum it up by saying " I have really enjoyed being at Hackthorn – it has been fun !". "Hackthorn is a really good school. I don't want to leave to go to William Farr", wrote T-Jay Chapple. Allicia Pritchard felt that " At Hackthorn I have learnt more than at any of my other Schools." Then there was Phillip Vaughan, who arrived from another school during Y6, "Hackthorn took care of my problems instantly".

Ethan O'Loughlin, who joined us in Y5 and Nick Bailey who was here a year earlier both said how much their work had improved since joining the school. Jamie Lowles (this year's longest serving Y6 having joined the school at the end of his reception year) simply wrote "Hackthorn is the best Primary School ever and I've learnt loads" while Rachel Lee summed things up by saying "Hackthorn is the best school I've been to – I don't want to leave !".

Many of you will soon be faced with choosing where to send your child to school in September 2008, and to help you make a fully informed decision we are holding an Autumn Craft afternoon for pre-school children on 11th October, all are welcome.

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ST HILARY'S CHURCH SPRIDLINGTON

The organ has now been dismantled and Andrew Carter and Nigel Leaney are making good progress with the restoration work. Recent photographs showing the dismantling in progress can be found on the Owmby Group Website at:

www.**owmbygroup**.co.uk

The church is also being decorated and therefore we have to celebrate services during September in other venues.

Sunday 2 September	11.00 am	Family Service	Spridlington Village Hall
Sunday 9 September	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington Village Hall
Sunday 16 September	6.00 pm	Evensong	Saxby Church

The decorating is to be completed in time for the Group Harvest Service on 30 September

BAREQUE

The Barbeque held in July for the Village Hall Fund made the grand sum of £428.00. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped on the day and to those who attended and whose support is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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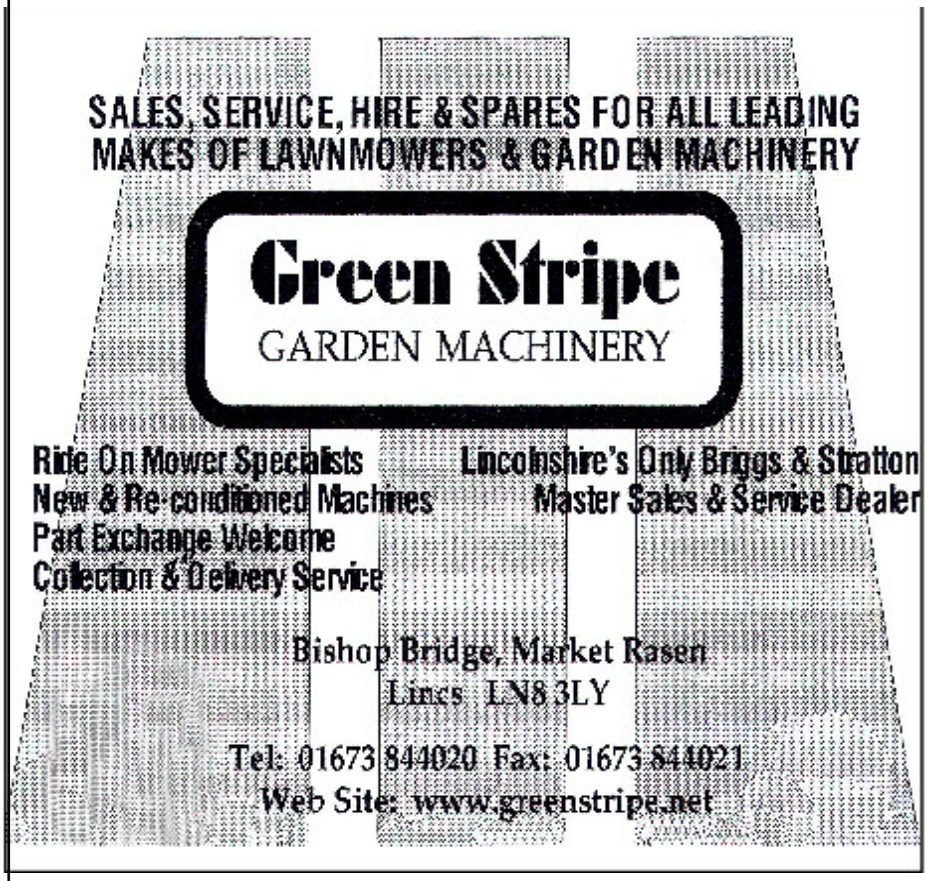
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WELTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWSLETTER

We will be undertaking our annual patient survey during September to ensure that we are continuing to offer services in line with patient expectations wherever possible and would like to encourage anyone invited to participate in this to complete the forms and return to us at your earliest convenience and thank you for your co-operation in advance.

At the time of writing work on the improved car parking arrangements at the front of the surgery is about to commence which may cause some inconvenience in the short term but the long term gain should be worthwhile for everyone. The hedge (which belongs to Lincolnshire County Council) between the two car parks will be removed along with the dividing fence next to the Co Op to make one large park.

In July we had twenty four patients who failed to keep their appointment with the doctor and fifteen reported from the hospital. We were disappointed that some of these were for the Tuesday late evening surgery which we are currently piloting and

would remind patients again to please let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to keep any booked appointments.

A reminder to patients too of the need to allow forty eight hours to process repeat prescription requests – this allows adequate time for any queries to be dealt with and to get the prescription signed by the doctor. We appreciate that there are some emergency situations and will always endeavour to do our utmost to assist but we will not tolerate rudeness and verbal abuse aimed at our staff who are acting within practice guidelines. If anyone has cause to complain about any aspect of services please direct them to the practice manager or one of the partners.

Finally thank you to everyone who has taken the time to send in letters and cards thanking the doctors and staff for their services at different times – it really is appreciated by everyone.

Sallie Stead

IMPISH QUILTERS

Impish Quilters are a group of Quilters and crafters that meet every second Thursday at Welton Village hall at 7.30pm. Recently Impish held a Christmas in July workshop where there were many varied and wonderful items prepared and patiently demonstrated for us by Ros and Linda, such as centrepieces, table runners, wall hangings, angel tree toppers, tree ornaments, wreaths and other Christmas decorations. Our appreciative thanks to Ros and Linda for their continued hard work for this event and for the group, a great day was had by all.

At the Strawberry Tea evening, it was heart-warming to see so many members and visitors, and to hear the stories of so many beautiful quilts and fabric creations. We heartily welcomed our visitors from the Newark Patchwork and Quilting group, who have now become firm friends and we hope to have more of these exchanges in the future.

Upcoming meetings are:

September 13 - Lynne Carter from Wisteria Patchwork to give a talk entitled Oregon Trail

October 11 - Dorothy Newton - Sit & Sew: Christmas Bell

In November we are pleased that Jenny Barlow will be visiting the group to give a talk on Sashiko and a whole day workshop on Amish Style Quilts, further information will be given nearer the time, however, places are limited so if you wish to book a place, please contact Ann Hay on 862090.

We are always very happy to encourage visitors to the group, please come along and see what we are all about.

For further information, please contact Linda Barnes on 866629.

THE BISHOP OF GRIMSBY WRITES...

The rain storms which visited our region at the end of June left in their wake not only physical damage, but also much grief and heartache. The Look North weatherman, Paul Hudson, commented that this is "climate change weather" - not just unusually bad weather, but signs of fundamental change going on across our planet.

We glimpsed the reality of climate change and we are going to have to learn how to respond to new patterns of weather. I am still surprised to meet people who want to deny the science and evidence about global warming. People who readily accept the science which lies behind their mobile phones, their televisions, their healthcare and many other facets of our modern life which depend on the technology developed from the work of scientists. Yet in the key and crucial area relating to the effects of global warming they want to reject what is now the overwhelming conclusion of the scientists.

The torrential rain and consequent floods reminded us of our impotence when the full force of nature is released. The trouble is that we have become so addicted to a particular way of life that we find it difficult to imagine how we are going to cope with different patterns of weather and more extremes of the natural forces. Part of our addiction to modern life is a misplaced confidence that science and technology will solve our problems. Such confidence is folly for ultimately it will be the human spirit which will determine how we engage with the challenge of global warming and climate change.

It has been that spirit which has enabled the human race to struggle through the evolutionary processes to become what we are. Science and technology can do little to enrich the human spirit; it will only be by recovering those spiritual qualities which thirst for peace, which lead to generosity and which enable communities to be strong that we will rise to the challenges which lie ahead. Such spiritual qualities were well described by the prophet Micah who many hundreds of years ago suggested to a community which had lost its way to "do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God". As we face a challenging future, those who walk with the risen Christ will serve the world best by living out the prophet's wisdom.

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	Time	Service	Place	By
Sunday	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
September 2	11.00 am	Family Service	Spridlington	PG
Trinity 13	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Owmby	PG
Thurs September 6	7.30 pm	Guild of Servers	Saxby	PG
Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Spridlington	PG
September 9	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
Trinity 14	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Saxby	PG
	6.00 pm	Songs of Praise	Glentham	PG
Sat. September 15	2.30 pm	Wedding	Hackthorn	R Wells
Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Glentham	PG
September 16	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Owmby	PG
Trinity 15	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Hackthorn	PG
	6.00 pm	Evening Prayer	Spridlington	PG
Friday September 21	1.30 pm	Wedding	Hackthorn	PG
Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Hackthorn	PG
September 23	9.30 am	Family Communion	Saxby	PG
Trinity 16		For Harvest		
	11.00 am	Harvest Festival	Owmby	PG
Sat. September 29	1.00 pm	Wedding	Glentham	PG
Sun September 30	11.00 am	Group Communion	Spridlington	PG
Trinity 17		For Harvest		

Glentham Methodist Chapel - September 2007

2	3.00 p.m.	Circuit Service	Market Raswn
9	6.00 p.m.	Evening Service	Rev. Marty Presdee
16	10.45 a.m.	Family Service	Mrs. Janet Faulkner
23	9.30 a.m.	Morning Service	Mr. Ken Knapton
30		At Middle Rasen	

WHAT'S ON DIARY

Day/ Date		Time	Function	Venue
Sat	1	2.00pm	Produce Show	Hackthorn
Sun	2	11.00am	Cricket Festival	Owmby
Mon	3	2.00pm	Rainbow Fellowship	Normanby
Tues	4	7.30pm	Tapestry Group	Glentham
Thur	6	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Glentham
Thur	6	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Normanby
Sun	9	1.00pm	Open Gardens	Hackthorn Hall
Sun	9	2.00pm	Produce Show	Glentham
Sun	9	2.00pm	Open Gardens	Saxby Garden House
Mon	10	2.00pm	55+ Club	Glentham
Mon	10	7.30pm	Powerhouse	Glentham
Wed	12	6.00pm	Coffee Evening	Glentham
Thur	13	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Glentham
Frid	14	7.30pm	Race Night	Welton
Sat	15	2.00pm	Produce Show	Spridlington

Deadline for October Signpost
Saturday 15th September 6.00 p.m.

Thur	20	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Glentham
Wed	26	8.00pm	Bingo Night	Glentham
Thur	27	10.00am	Coffee Morning	Glentham
Thur	27	2.00pm	HistoryGroup	Hackthorn
Frid	28	7.30pm	Opera Dudes	Ingham
Sun	30	11.00am	Group Harvest Lunch	Spridlington

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