

Wold & Marsh

January/February 2003

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Deadline for next month's news is the 19th of this February.

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Funeral:

Margot Eve Gray (W)

Baptism:

Samuel Harper (W)

The Wold & Marsh is delivered by a group of dedicated people to whom I am very grateful.

For the last year Tracy has been editing the Magazine but due to the imminent arrival in the family has passed the baton back to me for the time being. Thank you Tracy for the new life breathed into the magazine.



Crib at Willoughby. No wise men as they arrive at Epiphany (Jan 6th) and the shepherds depart.

Happy New Year
to all our readers from the
Magazine team.
We hope that Christmas
was a time of joy and
relaxation.

Rectors Thoughts:-

I was watching part of the Star Wars Trilogy over Christmas and realising that Star Wars mania had not hit us yet, it surely will. The piece I was watching was where Yoda is teaching Luke the nature of the "Force". (The "Force" unites and binds all matter. It can be used to destroy or heal, defend or attack, bring objects to you or push them away, has two sides; the Dark and the Good.) If Luke is to defeat the enemies with the strength of the "Force" his problem is that his enemies are using the same "Force". His danger is in developing the use of the "Force" encourages a power than can lead to the dark side.

Luke needs to learn how to accept the "Force" with the right attitude. This required quietening the mind to feel the "Force", letting go of anger, hatred and letting the "Force" show him the path forward.

The place where this training was taking place was a planet that was full of decay.

The Church is seen as a dusty place of decay and irrelevance (in reality this not true, the few cleaners we have, work hard to keep our buildings welcoming to visitors. Thanks.) yet tucked away in the teaching of the church is the same teaching. We need to quieten the mind and seek God with a forgiving heart and allowing God to direct our lives yet there is the risk of a lust for power taking over. (See the temptations of Jesus Matthew 4:1-11)

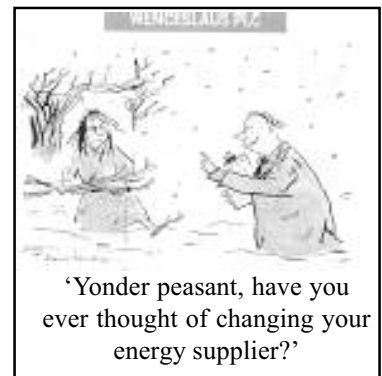
And as Luke Skywalker does some amazing thing when he calms his mind, so do those who learn to quieten their mind's and let God rule their actions.

Word of warning though - it took Luke a long time to learn, it will also takes us a long time and commitment to learn the power of God.

Sponsored Absailing down the Church Tower, Willoughby.

The date is to be confirmed but likely to be 16th March starting at 11.30am. Those absailing must do a training with Alford Absailers on 9th March at 12.00 midday. Sponsorship is for St Helena's Church. However the PCC have agreed that if someone wishes to absail for a different charity then 50% can be diverted to that charity. Sponsorship forms will be available at the end of January from Sheila or Daffyd.

It was nice to see so many enjoying the festivities including celebrating the birth of Christ. To be in full churches for at least one day a year is very uplifting for me. Christmas Eve is a day when Mumby, Ulceby and Willoughby enjoy a day of tradition and let the buildings ring the glory of God. Every blessing for the 2003. Daffyd



'Yonder peasant, have you ever thought of changing your energy supplier?'

Christmas Bazaar.

On Saturday December 14th, the village hall opened to a flurry of activity, preparing for this annual event. Already decorated by the Willoughbees ladies, the hall was soon transformed into a real Christmas scene of tables laden with gifts, cakes, tombola, plants, and craft items. Gemma, Thomas and Andrew ran various board games, including "Guess the Teddy's birthday" with great enthusiasm, and the Bran Tub, "Where is Santa on the map?", "Lucky Squares" and "How many baubles on the Christmas tree?" attracted interest from all age groups. A haven for weary feet were the tables laid for refreshments of tea and mince pies, served with a smile and "50p please". The raffle was extensive and varied, with fresh supplies of raffle books being called for, such was the demand for tickets!

Raffle winners – Pat Brimley, Sue Newey, Chris Brown, Jenny Fox, Sharon Seymour Smalley, Brian Everton, Alison Dale, Bette Gray, Jean Bristow, Denise Pacey, Mavis Skinn, Alex Fox, Bob Riddington, Mary Robinson, Sheila Kemp, and Dot Hurdman.

Lucky Square winner – Dorothy Harrison. Baubles on the Tree winner – Linda Seymour. Sweets in the Jar winner – Kyle Seymour Smalley. Cake Weight winner – Sheila Jones. and "Where is Santa" winner- Sheila Kemp.

To all those who donated raffle prizes and gifts for the stalls, to those who manned the stalls, and served refreshments, and to those who came to support the event which raised £353 –9p for our church, our very sincere thanks. Well done everyone.

Sheila Kemp.

Table Top Sale.

Held in the village hall on November 30th, 12 tables displayed a variety of items on sale for the discerning buyer. Advanced advertising guaranteed many customers for the toys, bric-brac, clothes, cakes, and Janets flower arrangements. Refreshments on sale brought people to the tables for a rest, a cup of tea, a good chat, and to wait for the raffle to be drawn, perhaps the only hush of the afternoon. There were many prizes, thanks to those who brought them, ensuring the Bowls Club coffers benefited by £200. Thank you to all those who supported the event. If you feel inclined to join a friendly club next season, even though you may never have played before, contact our chairman Peter Middleton on 463272. You will be made most welcome. On the 4th December the club enjoyed their annual Christmas meal at the Half Moon in Alford, when competition winners received their trophies, and the conviviality of the evening was apparent.

Sheila Kemp.

Ladies Luncheon Club.

24 members of our club assembled at the Woodthorpe Country Club for our Christmas lunch on Tuesday December 4th. An excellent meal, served as always with great care and pleasant smiles, surely an aid to our digestion. Everyone sported a paper hat – looking

ridiculous is all part of the Christmas spirit – and as always we were kept abreast of snippets of news we may have missed since the last lunch. Raffle winner were Jane Mountain and Eileen Sharpe, who will of course, start the New Year by supplying the January prize.

Sheila Kemp

Carols in the Willoughby Arms.

Departing from our usual practice of singing carols round the village, on Wednesday December 18th. carollers in good voice, and seasonal song sheets, assembled in the Willoughby Arms. Eric Vaughan accompanied the singers on the trumpet, resulting in an exuberant rendition of all the popular carols. The numbers taking part gave a good indication of how popular the change of venue was. The collection of £46 helped to offset the cost for treating the dry rot in the church rafters.

Sheila Kemp.



Garden Club.

On December 19th the hall opened with laid tables, and the Faith Supper tressle table positively groaning under the weight of so much delectable food, to welcome members to the Christmas party. In the opening address given by Mavis, special good wishes were extended to Mary Smith, in the Victoria Nursing Home after a fall. The "Peculiar Sounds" and the "Music Quiz", devised by Janet and John Bradshaw, taxed all brains to excess, the winners being Oliver Birkett and Pauline Chappell. Sheila Kemp, being the winner of the lucky draw, was presented with a beautiful Cyclamen plant. The competition poems "Spring time in my garden", were read by their composers to the obvious delight of the audience. The judges, Sue and Oliver Birkett, awarded first prize to Alice Walmsley, 2nd Janet Bradshaw, and joint 3rd Val Forsythe, Brian Walmsley, and John Bradshaw. The supper table was then open which, complimented by their own liquid refreshment, was richly enjoyed by every one. "When I get up from my chair" – a poem by Pam Ayres – was read by Sheila Kemp, before the musical part of the evening began. Christmas songs and carols were sung with gusto, to the accompaniment of Vera Webb on the keyboard. Several couples took to the floor for the gentle waltz, so popular before the advent of the present day gyrations on the dance floor. (Equally enjoyable of course!) A truly wonderful evening, thanks to all the committee members of the Garden Club who planned the event, and worked so hard to bring it to fruition.

Sheila Kemp.

Willough Bees

On the 5th December a merry group of ladies met at the Village Hall for the Christmas Party. We presented a cheque for £175 for the Lincolnshire Ambicopter to their representative. We then proceeded to partake of a sumptuous buffet washed down with wine or fruit juice. The Famous People Quiz was won by Joan Riley, Sheila Axton won Pass the parcel, Glennis Smith won the crossword quiz. A poem "When I'm old" was read by Sheila Kemp, followed by readings by Vera Webb and Pauline Chappell. Raffle winners were Janet Bradshaw and Sue Hickman.

The next meeting is the AGM on January 9th.
Glennis Smith

Cracker Jokes.

- 1) What sort of jokes do ducks tell?
- 2) What goes "wuff tick, wuff tick"?
- 3) Why did the Frenchman have one egg for breakfast?
- 4) What do you call a girl standing between two goal posts?
- 5) Who invented the first aeroplane that wouldn't fly?
- 6) Why can't you play jokes on snakes?
- 7) Which animal plays cricket?

Your opening and His entering are one moment.

Meister Eckhart

Pray as you can, not as you can't

Abbot John Chapman

The Christingle service which was part of the schools end of term celebrations made £182.08 towards the work of the Children's Society. On behalf of the charity - Thanks.



The Willoughby Village History Group Book

Launch will be on Easter Bank Holiday Monday, April 21st. from 10.00am to 4.00pm. in the Village Hall. Each household in Willoughby will be entitled to one book at the much reduced price of £5.00 a copy. Please watch out for further detailed information about this exciting day.

Willoughby Methodists

It has been decided not to continue the monthly Sunday Services at Beckfield House. The nearest Methodist Church is at Alford where the service is held each Sunday at 10.30am.

The Fellowship Group will continue to be held at Beckfield House. The next meeting will be on Monday, March 10th. at 2.30pm. and for the following four consecutive Mondays during Lent. This is an ecumenical group and all are welcome. If you would like more information please contact Rev. Margaret Harrison.

Getting Together

People throughout the country are now studying the proposed Methodist-Anglican Covenant proposals. How similar are these two churches, and what differences are there?

The Church of England's 44 dioceses cover England, the Isle of Man and Gibraltar. But the Methodist Church in Great Britain also covers Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and Malta. In numbers the C of E is larger with 1.2 million on its electoral rolls, compared with 300,000 active Methodist members. There are about 11,500 ordained C of E clergy, compared with about 2,100 ordained Methodist ministers (including deacons). And the C of E has some 16,000 parish churches and chapels, compared with 6,000 or more Methodist churches. This means that in the C of E there are 1.4 churches per ordained minister, compared with 2.8 in the Methodist Church. But because C of E churches average 75 members, and Methodists average 50, there are 104

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Willoughby Rota - January/March 2002			
	Flowers/Brasses	Lectern	Cleaning
18th Jan	Mrs Parish Mrs Bristow		Mr & Mrs Mountain
1st Feb	Mrs Seymour Mrs Skinn	Mrs Kemp	Mrs Smith Mrs Hickman
15th Feb	Mrs Jones Mrs Kemp		Mrs Turner Mrs Everton
1st Mar	Mrs Webb Mrs Treeweek	Mrs Pridgeon	Mrs Fullwood Mrs Cullis
15th Mar	Mrs Toyne Mrs Green		Mrs Whitehouse Mrs Bradshaw
29th Mar	Mrs Bristow Mrs Parish	Mrs Kemp	Mr & Mrs Mountain

MUMBY NEWS

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"Rayell" Parklands. Tel. 490552

Items for inclusion in the next issue should reach me by the Monday previous to the 19th of February

A Special Thought

A house is built by human hands - a home is built by human hearts!

Mumby Community Group

Mumby Village Well

Before mains water came to Mumby, the only source of water in the village was a natural spring situated at the side of the "Poor Houses" which stood on the site now the allotment gardens, at the rear of the Red Lion Pub. This site, including the first allotment, is now badly overgrown and the remains of the brickwork to the spring need rebuilding.

Mumby Community Group, with the co-operation of the Parish Council, is hoping to get a grant to refurbish the well and develop the adjoining plot into a garden for the use of all the residents of Mumby. The views of our residents are important and to this end everyone in the village should have received a small questionnaire relating to this. **If, by chance, you did not receive one, we are asking if, Yes/No:**

1. Do you feel that it is important to retain this part of the heritage of Mumby?
2. Would you like to see this site developed?
3. Would you use this site if developed?
4. Would you like this site to be:
 - a) A wildlife garden?
 - b) A garden with seating?
 - c) A formal garden?
 - d) A country garden?

If you have mislaid (or did not receive) your questionnaire, please reply, in writing to 17 Washdyke Lane or Rayell, Parklands as soon as possible, together with any other comments you wish to make.

Crafty Afternoon Club

The ladies held their Christmas Sale on Saturday, 7th December. The stalls were filled with all sorts of goodies, made by the ladies at their weekly, Monday afternoon meetings. There was also Tombola, Lucky Dip, Guess the weight of the cake, Guess the name of the Doll and Refreshments. The ladies were delighted that so many people came to support them in such inclement weather.

Most of the members were on hand to enjoy meet-

ing for their Christmas Lunch on Monday, 16th December before taking a break until they next meet on Monday, 3rd February.

Welcome to Mumby

Just a reminder - The booklet, "WELCOME TO MUMBY," designed to welcome and assist new residents coming into the Village, is available from Chris Dring, Steve Mugglestone, the Red Lion and the Church. If someone moves in near you, please be good neighbours, collect a copy and take it round to them as soon as possible.

Lives Aid Quiz

The Red Lion was filled with Quiz enthusiasts again for the second round of the quiz series to raise funds to establish a First Responders team for the village. 9 teams accepted the challenge of answering 100 general knowledge questions, put to them by Chris Dring. At the end, "The league of Gentlemen" ran out winners with 80 correct, closely followed by "The Pine Hill Gang" on 78. 3rd were "Hot Washdykers" (70). The "Booby Brain" was presented to "I don't Know" who had a disastrous evening with only 23.

The evening was completed with the drawing of the Raffle followed by sandwiches. Many thanks, to all who contributed, in any way, to the evenings fundraising and to Steve and Karen, our Hosts.

Church Quiz Night

11 teams came along to the Red Lion to pit their wits against Daffyd's Christmas Quiz, in aid of Church funds. As usual, He was in top form, even though having to burn the midnight oil to prepare the questions. We tend to forget just how busy the life of a Vicar is! It's not the "one day a week" job that many think!

"The Cheeky Girls" topped the score-chart with 53 out of 60 questions correctly answered, "The Mollies" were 2nd, "The Pine Hill Gang" 3rd and "Mumby Mumblers" 4th. "The Outsiders" won the Booby prize.

The Accumulator Question was answered incorrectly, so the prize money is carried over to the next round.

Our thanks again to all who contributed, especially Daffyd and Beryl, not forgetting our Hosts Steve and Karen.

Huttoft School

The juniors of Huttoft School presented their version of "A Christmas Carol" in Mumby Church on Friday morning December 13th. With a cast list as long as your arm, all in superb costumes and with fine voices, we were given an hour's wonderful entertainment. Leo Charlton, playing "Scrooge," showed a talent beyond his years and was very well supported by the others. Musical support was given by the

“Yuletide Yodellers,” -children from Y3, Y4 and Y5. The Nativity Tableau was provided by children in Y5. I know the weather may have put some people off but it was a shame that only a few were there to appreciate the effort of the children. Watch out for their next show, at the end of the summer term - it will be worth turning out for!

What's on in Mumby?

Tuesday, 7th January 2003 @ 7.15pm: Yoga Classes restart.

Friday, 10th January 2003 @ 8.15pm: Church Quiz Night, in the Red Lion.

Friday, 24th January 2003 @ 8.15pm: Lives Aid Quiz Night, in the Red Lion.

Monday, 3rd February 2003 @ 2.00pm: Crafty Afternoon Club restart in Becket's.

Tuesday, 11th February 2003 @ 7.15pm: Mumby Parish Council Meeting in Becket's.

Friday, 14th February 2003 @ 8.15pm: Church Quiz Night, in the Red Lion.

Friday, 28th February 2003 @ 8.15pm: Lives Aid Quiz Night, in the Red Lion.

Friday, 14th March @ 8.15pm: Church Quiz Night, in the Red Lion.

SIGNS & SYMBOLS

Most of us have little secret signs or words that we use with 'special' people and only the two (or few) of you know what they mean. Remember writing S.W.A.L.K. on the back of your letters and thinking no-one else would understand? My Dad still wants to know what B.U.R.M.A means! When I was in my 'courting' days my then boyfriend once told me he loved me when we were in a bookshop. Even now if we use the word 'bookshop' to each other we both smile.

The early Christians came from the Jewish tradition where you were not allowed to make an image of God or to say or write his name. So they used a 'special' sign to show that they were Christians. Many people say that this was a 'secret' sign as well because you could be killed for being a Christian in those early days. They used the sign of the fish because in the language of their time, Greek, the letters of the word could be used to be the first letters of a short sentence that sums up our Christian faith. The Greek word Ichthus gives the initial letters that start the words:

Iesous **C**hristos, **T**heou **U**ios, **S**oter

Translated into English this means:

Jesus **C**hrist, **G**od's **S**on, **S**aviour.

Let me try to give you a modern equivalent: BREAD Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel, Angelic and Divine. See if you can see that on the back of any cars!

The fish, of course, was also significant within the life of Jesus from the stories of him feeding the five thousand with loaves and fish, the fact that many of the disciples were fishermen, and then there's when Jesus tells the disciples that they will be 'Fishers' of men. If you have a look in most churches you'll find either the sign of the fish or the Greek letters for fish — Ichthus — or both, somewhere in the decoration.

Jo White

Age Concern Lindsey.

How Age Concern can help you.

As you may, or may not, know Age Concern publish 46 Factsheets covering:

- Money matters - including Income tax, Income related benefits, the State Pension, Council Tax, Attendance allowance and Disability Living Allowance etc
- Legal issues - including Making your will, Dealing with someone's estate, Legal arrangements, paying for legal advice etc.
- Health - including Dental care, Help with incontinence, Community Health services, Fitness for later life etc.
- Community Care - including Finding help at home and how to pay for it, Financial support for people in residential and nursing homes prior to 1/04/93, Hospital Discharge arrangements, Paying for care in a residential or nursing home if you have a partner, etc
- Housing - including help with heating, retirement housing for sale, noise and neighbour nuisance, rights for council and private tenants etc
- Leisure and education - including TV Licence Concessions, holidays for older people, Travel information, Older workers, etc
- General topics - Arranging a funeral, Help with telephones, crime prevention for older people, how to get Disability equipment, etc

If you need help with any subject and think that we can help you and would like a copy of any relevant Factsheets please send a self-addressed stamped (33p) A4 envelope to Age Concern Lindsey, Manor House Street, Horncastle LN9 5HF.

We hope these fact-sheets will be of help to you. May we wish you all a very happy, peaceful and trouble-free 2003. Take care of yourselves, remember you are very special people. God Bless. *Pauline Baxter. (Press Officer).*



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Cumberworth Village

There will be a "Special Village Meeting" in January or early February to elect a new chairman. If you would like to propose or be proposed for this post please contact our Treasurer/Clerk Mrs Sarah Everard. Everyone will be notified as to the time and place of the meeting.

	January		6.30pm	Every Tuesday ½ hour of Prayer at Mumby	All Welcome
			6.30pm	Every Wednesday ½ hour of Prayer at Willoughby	All Welcome
		Willoughby	10.00am	Sunday School in the Tower every Sunday	
5th	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	Christmas 2	Eucharist
			10.45	Mumby Chapel,	
6th	Monday	Willoughby	7.30	Epiphany	Confirmation
12th	Sunday	Ulceby	9.00	Baptism of Christ	Eucharist
		Willoughby	10.00		Eucharist
			10.45	Mumby Chapel,	
19th	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	2 after Epiphany	Eucharist
		Sloothby	3.00	(with Willoughby Chapel)	ASBEven
			10.45	Mumby Chapel,	
26th	Sunday	Willoughby	10.00	3 after Epiphany	Eucharist
			10.45	Mumby Chapel,	
	February				
2nd	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Eucharist
			10.45	Mumby Chapel,	
9th	Sunday	Ulceby	9.00	4 after Epiphany	Eucharist
		Willoughby	10.00		Eucharist
			10.45	Mumby Chapel,	
16th	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	3rd before Lent	Eucharist
		Sloothby	3.00	(with Willoughby Chapel)	ASBEven
			10.45	Mumby Chapel,	
23rd	Sunday	Willoughby	10.00	2nd before Lent	Eucharist
			10.45	Mumby Chapel,	
	March				
2nd	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	Sunday before Lent	Eucharist
			2.30	Willoughby Chapel (@ Beck Hse)	
			10.45	Mumby Chapel,	
9th	Sunday	Ul	9.00	Lent 1	Eucharist
		Willoughby	10.00		Eucharist

members to every member of the C of E clergy, but 142 to every Methodist minister. In the C of E, the diocese and the parish form the basic units, but in Methodism the circuit, equivalent in size to an Anglican deanery, is the basis of ministry. With so large a number of churches, it is not surprising that in some Methodist circuits as many as 85 per cent of services are led by local preachers, of whom there are about 10,000. In many ways they are similar to the 10,000 Readers in the C of E, but with a more prominent role.

IAN YEARSLEY



Happy New Year!

Cracker Jokes. Answers:

- 1) Wise quacks
- 2) A watch dog
- 3) Because un oeuf is enough
- 4) Annette
- 5) The wrong Brothers
- 6) 'Cos you can never pull their legs
- 7) A bat

Church Cleaning

Owing to a shortage of volunteers the cleaning of the church will now take place every two weeks.

I would like to thank all the people who have cleaned, polished the brasses, and arranged flowers.

If there is anyone in the village who could spare a few hours doing any of the above jobs please contact me.

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