

**Deadline for JUNE
is: 19TH MAY**

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Register:

Funeral:

Ivy Brooks (W)

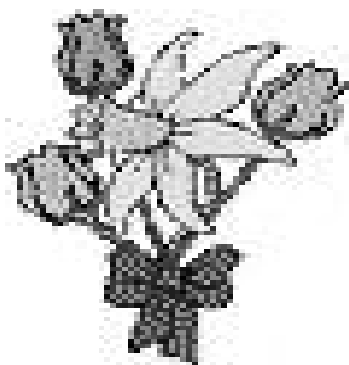
Baptism:

Summer Elizabeth Andrews (SI)



During April we welcomed a group of American visitors to the church including a Senator Janet Howell. This is the first of several groups planned. One of the interesting factors about this group was that there were four people who were here in 1985 for the dedicating of the windows in the chancel. Sadly we did not know they were among the party until they arrived.

The story of Cpt. John Smith, his roots in Willoughby, his importance to the Jamestown colony and thus the history of America is growing. Willoughby is part of that celebration, so let us do all we can to make 2007 a great year.



RECTOR'S THOUGHTS

Part of being a priest are funerals and when conducting one for someone younger than oneself the fragility of life comes home.

The comment is said frequently "We were going to when" Life existed for the future, this is such a fatal error. The future dream is so often taken away through illness or premature death.

The search for God is also the search for life. God can ***only*** be found in the present. The past is our personal or collective memory and interpretation of what happened and the future is only a set of possibilities. Based on our knowledge gained in the past we plan potential destinies - the people we wish to become, things to learn, things to do.

But the only reality is ***now***.

To live life to the full we must understand this.

If this is true why "waste" our time with religion I 'm asked.

This is totally to miss the point. The bible tells us that Jesus came that we might have life in abundance. The more we live in the present the more we find that God is there, love flows and so much more is possible. This experience drives us to share it with like minded people, this is traditionally on a Sunday, but it could be on a Tuesday or whenever, but share it we want to.

Living in the present needs to be learnt and practised like so many things. In following the life of Jesus symbolically and systematically throughout year after year builds up our knowledge, practice and support.

The church like any organisation has to deal with governance, money and the day to day issues but our purpose is enabling people to learn that God is real and makes a difference.

Don't say "We were going to when" but if the opportunity is there I'll do it now but if the opportunity is not present, say God willing I'll plan it for some time in the future.

Live life now!

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WILLOUGHBY DIARY - MAY

KEEP FIT - EVERY MONDAY

Village Hall - 10 to 11am

Club 24 is up and running and available for St Helena's pupils, **currently from 3:30pm – 5:30pm**

Thursday 4th WILLOUGHBY SOCIAL CLUB

Village Hall. 7.30pm

Saturday 6th ANNUAL CHINE SUPPER

Village Hall 6 for 6.30pm - £7.

Contact Mavis Skinn 462736 / for tickets/details

Tuesday 9th SHEILA'S LUNCHEON CLUB

The Anchor Inn, Alford

Saturday 13th PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Quiz Night - St Helena's School

Thursday 18th ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Report on the year

Followed by Parish Council Meeting

Village Hall **7.45 PM** - All Welcome

Friday 19th LOUTH MALE VOICE CHOIR

St Helena's Church 7.30PM

£6.50. Wine & Cheese. Raffle.

Contact Mavis Skinn 462736 or Glennis Smith 462388

Tuesday 23rd WILLOUGHBY GARDEN CLUB

Visit to cottage garden at 2 School House, Stixwold, Woodhall Spa. 6.30pm

Saturday 27th SPRING PLANT SALE

Village Hall 2 - 4pm

Sale of Garden Club members surplus plants and produce

WILLOUGHBY BOWLS CLUB HOME MATCHES

MAY: Tues 2nd 6.0pm. Fri 5th 2pm. Mon 8th 6.30pm.
Thurs 11th 6.30pm. Mon 15th 6.30pm. Thurs 18th 6.30pm.
Fri 19th 2pm. Mon 29th 6.30pm. Tues 30th 6.30pm.
Wed 31st 6.30pm. We welcome anyone to come and watch - on sunny days it is a very warm spot beside the village hall. Betty Middleton

SATURDAY AUGUST 5TH GRAND SUMMER FAIR & PICNIC ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

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CRAFT STALLS WELCOME

Details: Mary Pridgeon 01507 463993

>>>>>>>>>> ON TWO WHEELS

Welcome to the new season of racing.

Brands Hatch 24th to 26th March saw the first superbike race. Peter making his debut on the Hawk Kawasaki qualified 25th on the Saturday.

As race one got underway on the Sunday Peter was soon up to 19th place. The race was stopped two thirds distance where Peter finished in 21st position. Race two was hampered by intermittent rain and tyre choice became a lottery, but Peter finished in a creditable 17th place.

Donington Park 7-8-9 April was round two on Peters 19th birthday, he also qualified 19th out of 34 riders. Sunday saw the weather change from dry to sleet and heavy rain. Race one started dry, Peter was up to 14th place before running wide and off the track, and unable to restart when the race was stopped 2 laps later due to several crashes in worsening conditions. Race two saw more heavy rain and sleet and after 34 riders went out only 16 crossed the finish line. Peter being the 16th final finisher in an horrendous end to the weekend. Peter showed maturity and a capacity to adapt to worsening conditions. Well done and lets hope our next meeting is warmer.

Thruxton 15th to 17th April Easter Weekend - report to follow in next magazine. Sue & Dave

PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

Easier Disabled Access: A ramp is to be put in from John Smith Close, to the playing field. Grants are being applied for, for this.

There will be a 5 a side football tournament on Saturday 17th June on the Playing Field.

SHEILA'S LUNCHEON CLUB

On April 11th a smaller group of ladies than normal met at the Windmill Hotel, Alford for our lunch. We had a very enjoyable meal with their special bread and butter pudding proving very popular.

Next Venue: The Anchor Inn, Alford on May 9th
Glennis Smith

St Helena's School, Willoughby PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Join our friendly pre-school group who meet in our School Hall

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01507 462367

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BELL RINGING - On Sunday 2nd and Monday 3rd April the bells at St Helena's were rung to celebrate the Silver Wedding Anniversary of Alison and Ian Evans. On the Sunday the method of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a team from Alford and on the Monday the team include four ringers from Willoughby. Arrangements can be made to have the bells rung to celebrate specific occasions (contact Daffyd or Ian Evans 01507 466523) and a celebratory certificate can be issued to record such ringing.

Willoughby currently does not have enough experienced ringers for its own team and relies on the very enthusiastic team from St Wilfrid's in Alford; anyone interested in having lessons should contact Ian Evans.

PARISH COUNCIL - APRIL

The Parish Council met on 20th April
Items discussed included:

1. Projects for 2007 funding.
2. Fencing and signs for the allotment/playing field area.
3. Summer Fair arrangements.
4. New grass cutting contract.
5. Litter collection.
6. It was agreed to enter the Best kept Village Comp.
7. Replacement of fingerpost signs in the villages.
8. War memorials from Willoughby and Sloothby.
9. Planning applications had been granted for:
 - Extension to 6 Station Rd, Willoughby.
 - Extension and alterations to Cherry Tree Cottage, Willoughby Rd, Sloothby.
 - Erection of detached house in connection with agriculture, Habertoft Lane, Habertoft.

**18th May Annual Parish Meetings
& Parish Council A.G.M.
Village Hall 7.45pm**

On Tuesday 28th March the Garden Club held its AGM. There was a good turnout of members to hear Mr Benrose from Skegness R.N.L.I. (our charity for the year) give a talk and slideshow from the first lifeboat at Skegness to the present - assisted by Luke who helps with the inshore boat.

Two of the committee members stood down - Peter Hewitt who has other commitments and Audrey Riddington for health reasons. Audrey has been a stalwart committee member for many years and we give them both our thanks. The remaining committee were voted back 'en block' to be joined by Marie and Tony Young, to whom we give a warm welcome.

We are now starting our summer garden visits and the first one is to Andrew Sankeys garden on the 23rd May at 6.30pm - at Stixwold, near Woodhall Spa. If anyone has queries or problems with transport contact Ann Cullis or Pauline Chappell. Cost £1.50 to include refreshments.

Anyone who has not yet renewed their membership should contact Ann Cullis on 01507 463783.

Finally I would like to send our very best wishes to Francis Skinn who is hopefully now on the road to a full recovery.

Ann Cullis



TOM & KERRY at the Willoughby Arms would like to thank everyone who took part in the Easter Egg Hunt - it was a wonderful atmosphere and they will do it again next year. The Annual Easter Egg raffle raised £135 for Alford First Responders. Thanks to You all.

They will be away on holiday from 6th to 17th May, so Endeavours Restaurant will be closed until the 18th, bar meals will be available as usual. The pub will also be open at lunchtime on Bank Holiday Mondays 3rd and 29th May.

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MUMBY NEWS

Compiled by Steve Mugglestone, "Rayell" Parklands Mumby. Tel. 490552
Items for inclusion in the next issue should reach me at least by the 16th of this month

THOUGHTS

Believe in yourself

Confidence is positive, arrogance offends,
Humour lightens many lives –
No matter what the trends!
Love, the unconditional kind,
Reassures the heart and mind.
Kindness calms the troubled soul
But self-acceptance makes us whole!

Annette Borrill

WELCOME TO MUMBY

The booklet, "Welcome to Mumby," designed to welcome and assist new residents coming into the village, is available from Steve Mugglestone, Chris Dring, 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 a.s.a.p.

CRAFTY AFTERNOON CLUB

New members or visitors are always welcome! **We meet, 2.00 till 4.00pm, on Wednesdays in Beckets, Mumby Church.**

On Wednesday, 12th April we were pleased to welcome our speaker for the month, John (Jock) McNeil. He gave a most interesting and, at time, humorous talk on his career as a dog handler, first with the army and then with the police. Now retired in Mumby, he recalled how, by chance, he became a dog handler and all the risks and also the touching moments that came with his profession.

This month, on Wednesday 10th May, we are pleased to welcome back Russell Carter. Last time he came, about Easter time, he invited us to decorate hard-boiled eggs (in their shells!!) Some of the results were quite impressive, some amusing, with painted faces, woollen hair and with little touches of inspiration to make each one unique. We are wondering what surprises Russell will have for us this time!

Everyone is welcome. If you haven't been before, you really will be most welcome.

MUMBY COMMUNITY GROUP

Village Garden

The village garden is for all of you to enjoy. It is showing all the signs of spring with daffodils and primroses in flower and all the other plants sprouting their greenery. It is, however, in need of weeding and if anyone can help by sparing ten minutes or so now and again to keep the garden tidy, it would be very much appreciated.

Mumby Village Get-together

In June we are planning a "Get-together" for the villagers, new and old, to show everyone that Mumby does have a thing or two to offer – so come and see.

Make the date in your diaries – Wednesday, 21st June from 6.00pm till 8.00pm at On Your Marques, Thrumber Marsh Lane. Free refreshments will be available.

BOOKS NEEDED

Please can anyone donate books for our next
GIANT BOOK SALE,
to be held later on this year?

As in previous years, it will be in aid of Radcliffe Donkey
Sanctuary, Huttoft.

We can collect locally.

Last year, we had over 4,000 books and raised over £400
for the welfare of the donkeys. This year, with your help,
we hope to do better!

Roger & Eileen Gilburd, 01507 490878.

WHAT'S ON IN MUMBY?

Monday, 8th May at 7.15 pm in Beckets, Mumby Church –

Annual Parish Meeting, where you can have your say. This precedes the Annual General Meeting of Mumby Parish Council.

Wednesday, 21st June at 6.00pm at On Your Marques Mumby Village Get – together.
(Details in Mumby Community Group)

SLOOTHBY NEWS

The Mission: Can you please advise your children that strictly speaking they should not be playing in the grounds of The Mission, tempting though it may be! A window has been broken, obviously by a football and the Rector has not yet been advised by the offender. The security of the building has been reduced so the sooner it is replaced the better. So, if you are a parent who knows how it was done and it is 'one of yours' perhaps you would be kind enough to telephone the Rector to discuss replacement.

Parish Councillor: You no doubt saw the list of names identifying the Parish Councillors in the last edition. Unfortunately, the Sloothby Councillor was identified as Brian Chapman, not in this column I might add – this should have been Brian Shipman.

Mobile Library: Some of the new arrivals in the village may not be aware that the Mobile Library visits on alternate Tuesdays. It parks on the Main Road by The Elms. It arrives at 1235 hours for a 10 minute stop and sounds its horn to let us know, although you may not be in earshot. Dates of coming visits are as follows:- May – 2nd, 16th, 30th and two weekly thereafter.

There is a good selection of books and taped books.

That is it for this month. Let me leave you with some of the signs seen around and about:-

In a Laundromat – "Automatic Washing Machines – Please remove all your clothes when the light goes out!"

Notice sent to the members of a Wiltshire Parish; "The farmer allows walkers to cross the field but the Bull charges!"

Sign outside a Second-Hand Shop in Hampshire: "We exchange anything – Bicycles, Washing Machines etc. Why not bring your wife along and get a wonderful bargain!"

Best wishes JC 01507 466651

APOLOGIES for a senior moment: In April I put in a list of Parish Councillors and managed to get a name wrong. It should have been Brian Shipman (not Chapman). No excuse and very stupid of me, especially as I am on the council!! Many apologies to all - and to Brian of course. I should also perhaps point out that all of the Councillors are available to anyone in all of the area covered - I put in Councillor's locations so that you see that we that had a good representation from each village.
Pat L-B

ULCEBY NEWS

The A.G.M. of Ulceby with Fordington P.C.C. was held on Monday 20th March at Nine Acre Cottage, home of Mrs J.A.Jones. Present were Rev. D. Robinson, Mrs A. Thornally, Mrs R. Butler and Mrs J. Jones. Churchwardens Mrs A. Thornally and Mrs J. Jones agreed to continue sharing secretarial duties, cleaning etc. It was noted that the church path has now been repaired and grateful thanks go to Mr Simon Jones for dealing with this. In his report the Rector thanked everyone who has helped and contributed towards the support of the church over the last year. The Annual Harvest Auction at The Haywain was again a most successful evening realising almost £500, and our most grateful thanks go to Graham and Pat for so kindly hosting this event. As a result of the Open Afternoon Gift Day at the church which several families attended there has been a major change in the monthly service format - It is now a **Family Service and of course all are welcome on the second Sunday of each month at 9am. Refreshments are served afterwards.**

The P.C.C. are most grateful for the sterling work done by Mr McHamilton and Mr Les Ranshaw who mow the church grass all summer and it is a big thank you to them. Mrs R. Butler, our Treasurer was thanked for presenting the accounts which are in good order.



ALL SAINTS, ULCEBY

A small brick church built in 1826, presumably on the site of an earlier church. Parts of an Early English pier were dug up in the churchyard, and now stand outside the present day porch.

**FUNDRAISING: A GIFT DAY
will be held at the church on
SATURDAY 24TH JUNE from 2PM onwards.
ALL WELCOME**

It is also hoped to hold our Annual Autumn Auction late in the year - more details later. Jenny Jones

CUMBERWORTH CORNER

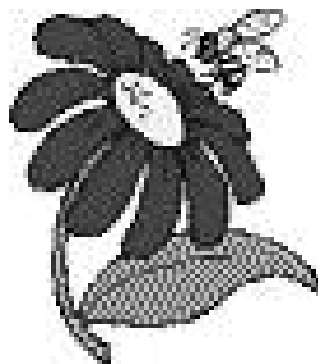
On Saturday the 1st of April my frogs did it for me. My pond now has a large clump of frogs spawn. The `activity` in the pond on that warm sunny afternoon was not only watched over by me. I'm afraid my cats couldn't keep away from it either. We caught one of them dragging a mating pair of frogs off down the garden. Fortunately they were unharmed and we were able to plop them back into the pond, but it meant that for the next hour or so, we were employed with netting up the whole pond area to stop the cats being able to scoop out my little creatures again. I am dreading the time when the tadpoles develop and want to make it off to the undergrowth. I can just imagine that my three cats will set up a cordon to intercept their passage, but I'm hopeful that as in all nature, a good percentage of them will survive for mating in the next year or so.



AUDIO DESCRIBED: Around two million blind and partially sighted folk like to `watch` television in the evenings, usually in the company of sighted friends and family, and they often struggle to make sense of programmes with varying success.

AUDIO DESCRIBED is a separate narration track, delivered from headphones via a digital set-top box. It gives a brief outline of the action, scenery and other essential visual information in the quieter moments between speech and sound effects.

The RNIB would like to see that at least 20% of all future programmes are made with `audio described` facilities. About 80% of new films are now released with this system, so, as the registered blind are expected to pay 50% of their TV licence fee shouldn't they get something for their money?



The sun is shining
and
bees are out in my
garden while I am
typing this -----

Has Spring really
come at last?

	May		6.30pm	Every Monday ½ hour of Meditation at Mumby	All Welcome
			6.30pm	Every Wednesday ½ hour of Prayer at Willoughby	All Welcome
7th	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	Easter 4	Eucharist
				Mumby Chapel	
14th	Sunday	Ulceby	9.00	Easter 5	Eucharist
		Willoughby	10.00		Eucharist
				Mumby Chapel,	
21st	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	Easter 6	
				Mumby Chapel,	
28th	Sunday	Willoughby	10.00	Easter 7	Eucharist
			10.30	Mumby Chapel,	
	June				
4th	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	Penecost	Eucharist
				Mumby Chapel,	
11th	Sunday	Ulceby	9.00	Trinity	Eucharist
		Willoughby	10.00		Eucharist
				Mumby Chapel,	

Willoughby Rota - May / June 2006			
	Flowers/Bras ses	Lectern	Cleaning
27th May	Mrs Tyone Mrs Barrands	Mrs Pridgeon	Mrs Hickman Mrs Smith
10th June	Mrs Parish Mrs Bistow	Mrs Pridgeon	Mrs Skinn Mrs Seymour

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IF GOD WENT ON STRIKE

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike.
because He was not treated fair in things he didn't like;
If only once He had sat down, and said `That's it. I'm through`;
I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do
I'll give my orders to the sun - Cut off the heat supply;
And to the moon, Give no more light, And run the oceans dry.
Then just to make things really tough, and put the pressure on,
Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone.

You know, He would be justified, if fairness was the game,
For no-one has been more abused or met with such disdain.
Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me
With all the favours of His grace, and everything for free.
men say they want a better deal, and so on `strike` they go;
But what a deal we've given God, to Whom all things we owe,
We don't care who we hurt or harm to get the things We like
But - what a mess we'd all be in

IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE.