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2007

DECEMBER

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RECTORS THOUGHTS

Time to tell the Christmas story again. During church Services we concentrate on the accounts in the Gospels in St Luke and St John. St Matthew's Gospel has a different slant and adds to the nativity narrative by giving us the wise men from the East. St. Matthew also gives us the flight to Egypt and the slaughter of the innocents.

Register

Funerals:

Gwendoline May Hickman (C)
Daisy Molly Freshney (W)

Wedding:

Stephen Leon Beaumont &
Victoria Joanna Melson (U)

On holiday in Egypt this year Mary and I visited the temples of the Pharaohs now just monuments to a past religion long dead now uncovered from the sand. Now there is little sand and no life. One temple having been moved to save it from the rising water of the Aswan Dam no longer shows its light on the Gods twice a year because the engineers miscalculated the reconstruction.

These temples were active throughout the bible period. From Moses to Jesus and upto around 300AD This includes the period when Egypt had been invaded by the Greeks and Romans. The gods of Egypt were part of the normal life throughout the Roman Empire including the period of Jesus' life. It was the Jews who were out of line with the norm by worshipping the one God "Yahweh". The Christian story is the "tale" of the fulfilment of that Jewish saga of one all powerful God.

Today Christianity is at its core the same story with the same values being told to gentiles who do not know the Jewish saga. Although in the west it is still the dominant religion and the core of what makes us who we are, the practice and knowledge of the symbols are nearly as dead as the hieroglyphics of the Egyptian temples. Secularism has swept in and smothered the truth behind the Christmas story as the sand covered the temples.

The question is will we be like the Egyptians when the Muslims flowed across Egypt killing the knowledge of the old gods and leave the sand storms to wipe the past from sight.

Or will Christianity like all good sagas show its true colours; God present in venerability, strength in weakness, resurrection in sacrifice, unconditional love.

Rev Daffyd Robinson, The Rectory, Station Road,
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Did you miss the **Community Play**?
A public showing of the DVD will be held on Saturday 19th January 2008 in the Willoughby Village hall at 7.00pm £2.00 incl. Refreshments.

Time capsule: It will be buried on the green around February time - provided permissions are granted - to be opened in 100 years time as part of the celebrations for 500 years of the landing at Jamestown. The container internally is 18"x6"x4.75". What are your suggestions for its contents? Ideas to the garage or a member of the Willoughby Welcomes committee soon please.

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Thursday 6th WILLOUGHBY SOCIAL CLUB
Evening Christmas Meal

Friday 7th SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE
St Helena's School 3pm
Santa's Grotto
Festive Stalls & Raffle

Tuesday 11th WILLOUGHBY GARDEN CLUB
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Village Hall 7.30pm.

Wednesday 12th SHEILA'S LUNCHEON CLUB
The Anchor, Alford

Thursday 13th CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Willoughby Arms 8pm
Mince pies & Mulled wine

Thursday 20th COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS
on the Village Green 7.00pm. (see next column)

Friday 21st CHRISTMAS MEAT RAFFLE
Saturday 22nd CHRISTMAS BOTTLE RAFFLE
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CHANGES AT CHURCH

All my ministry I have celebrated the "Eucharist". This term appears to create confusion to some people so I've been asked to refer to it by its lower churchmanship term of "Holy Communion" within Willoughby. Passing "the peace" is considered a stumbling block so therefore in Willoughby we will no longer "Pass the Peace" at the Holy Communion.
Daffyd



Community Christmas Carols on the Village Green Thursday 20th December 2007 - from 7PM -

- School and Church singing carols with Alford Silver Band.
- Santa hopefully taking a break from his busy schedule to say hello!
- Soup outside the Willoughby Arms
- Enjoy mulled wine and refreshments
- Enjoy a family celebration of the festive season

- After the carols the Village Hall will be open. Vera Brobson will be playing seasonal music while you warm up with tea/coffee and mince pies and take a look at the Christmas stall.

Wrap up warm and come and join us.

WILLOUGHBY PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

For the past 30 years WPFA, and the many people who have been a part of its committee, have done a wonderful job keeping the playing field open, maintaining and replacing the equipment. To this end we need the support of the community, who, I am sure, continue to enjoy the facilities that this field offers. The sad fact is that without financial input the playing fields could fall into the hands of developers and once gone it would be a mammoth task to replace.

In addition I feel it is important to point out that the committee is not there to 'police' the playing fields. We have received several phone calls and visits to our private homes asking us to deal with disturbances on the playing fields by youths and adults alike. Any disturbance or nuisance must be phoned through to the police for them, as the proper authority, to deal with. The playing field is currently on their 'hotspot' list receiving impromptu visits.

Please understand that we are ordinary people who go to work, look after our children but voluntarily dedicate our free time to keeping the playing fields going.

Thank you to all for your continued support.

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462347

THANK YOU: The Quiz evening at the Willoughby Arms - in aid of the MS London to Paris Bike Ride - raised over £500. Many thanks to Tom & Kerry for hosting the event, to the Quizmaster, to all who donated raffle prizes and to everyone who came along and supported us - there was standing room only! Hazel Palmer

WILLOUGHBY PARISH COUNCIL

The Council met on November 15th. In the Public Forum members of the public raised questions re any work being done to prevent future flooding of properties. Councillor Eyre had information on a survey being carried out by the Drainage Board engineers. It is hoped to arrange a public meeting with the relevant authorities before Christmas.

Other items discussed included:

1. Churchyard grass. A donation of £500 was made.
2. Planning: Extension and alterations to White House, Willoughby Rd, Sloothby. **SUPPORTED.**
3. Footpath 78. The relevant bodies have agreed to re-examine the evidence re the start of this path.
4. 'Discovery'. Willoughby's bid to have the ship sited in the village has gone through to the final stage.
5. Free (empty) sand bags are now available.

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WILLOUGHBY HISTORY GROUP

November's meeting had over 40 people hear about Mud & Stud houses from Rodney Cousins. He described their origins, and building techniques. Many slides illustrated the taking down and re-erecting of the cottage at Withern to the Church Farm Museum as well as other cottages in Lincolnshire, and particularly near Willoughby. It was a most entertaining talk appreciated by all. Our next talk is in March - further details later.

There is no meeting in December, so our **next meeting will be at Beckfield House on January 16th.** There will be reminder in January's Wold & Marsh.

The subcommittees for the 2008 year book are still open for people to join in. The subject groupings are: Natural History & Farming: Institutions & Services: Village Life (Population Businesses/Education) : Sport & Recreation. If you would like to join one of the groups to look at a particular aspect of village life in 2008, would you please let me know.

It is hoped to keep a record of the local weather through the year. Does anyone take measurements at the moment, which can be recorded from Jan 1st? John Fulwood

SHEILA'S LUNCHEON CLUB

On November 6th we met at The Willoughby Arms where we welcomed Jean to our group. Soon we were partaking of delicious pate starters followed by attractive main courses including Marys' ham salad which very topically looked like a bonfire with Roman Candles on.

Full marks for presentation Tom!

There was the usual happy chatter interrupted by a parcel delivery for Glenis. You never know what is going to happen in Willoughby, there's no secrets here! Good food and good company takes some beating!

Venues for Dec and Jan - see the diary dates.

ANTHONY BARNES TRUST, WILLOUGHBY

The date of the meeting of the Charity Trustees is being changed from January 21st to Monday February 25th. The reason being is that we will not know how much our share of the Trust income will be until early Feb.

If you wish to apply for a grant from the Trust, forms are available from Keith White at the Garage, Peter Pridgeon, The Old Rectory (Chairman) or Pat Losco-Bradley, The Willows (Clerk).

Forms must be returned to the Chairman or Clerk by the end of January.

BEING NEIGHBOURLY

This village is probably one of the finest in the County in which to live.

Unfortunately there are a number of teenagers within the village and near surrounds who seem determined to undermine the established and well cherished community spirit, country pursuits and on-going annual and seasonal events.

It is essential and in everyone's interest that all people in the village are allowed to conduct their affairs, day and night, free from harassment and unruly behaviour.

It would be a shame if we had to resort to a Neighbourhood Watch 'type' system just to contain and educate a small minority. Brian Smith

SILVER BAND CONCERT

On Sunday 18th St Helena's Church resonated to the sound of Alford Silver Band, ably accompanied by the Junior Band. Peter Pridgeon kept us informed of the musical score and its origins, relating to John Smith and other interesting aspects. Many thanks to everyone involved and all those who came along to support us. Glennis Smith

WILLOUGHBY GARDEN CLUB

The Christmas Party will be held in the village hall on Tuesday 11 December at 7.30. A prize will awarded for the best decorated hat worn by members for the party. Please bring your own plate, cutlery, glass and wine along with a contribution to the faith supper. Please bring a homemade Christmas tree decoration to contribute to our festive evening.

Catalogues are available to order seeds at half price. Please collect an order form and catalogue from Margaret, and place your order with her before Christmas. Cheques should be made payable to Willoughby Garden Club.

Advance notice/photo comp: Village Show 2008: the theme is 'The British Weather'

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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 by the 28th of December.

THOUGHTS

THE PUREST FLAME

Candles of yellow to cheer us,
Candles of blue help us heal,
Candles of pink to surround us with love,
Candles of red? Instant zeal!

Candles of green bring balance,
Candles of orange bring joy
-but candles of white, with their soft glowing
light have their purest flame of all!

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

We meet, 2.00 till 4.00pm, on Mondays in Becketts, Mumby Church.

New Members and Visitors are always made welcome.

CHURCH QUIZ NIGHT

Due to a series of misunderstandings by all parties, the November Church Quiz night had to be cancelled at short notice and, regrettably, we were unable to contact everyone.

MUMBY GIANT QUIZ

Time to get that grey matter working again! The 2007 Giant Mumby Quiz is now available.

It still costs £1.00 per copy and the winner will receive £50.00.

Your entries don't have to be in until the beginning of January, browse over the answers during the Christmas break. This year the proceeds will go to the **National Coastwatch**. **If you would like a copy, then please contact Roger or Eileen on 01507 490878.**

The nearest Coastwatch Station is at Ingoldmells Point. The disused coastguard tower was taken over in April 2005. It is run by volunteers and relies entirely on contributions from the public and corporate donations. It has been involved in many incidents, many of which could have proved fatal. If you would like to become involved, just for a few hours a month, find a new interest, make new friends or to visit the tower to see what goes on – contact Roger on 490878.



MUMBY IN BLOOM 2007

Best hanging Basket –

1st. Mr & Mrs Grindley – 5 Mumby Meadows.

2nd. Mr & Mrs Smith – Rodsley.

3rd. Mr & Mrs Hamilton – Shoestrings.

H/C. Mr & Mrs Baggulay – Hogsthorpe Road.

Best container –

1st. Mr & Mrs Thraves – Langdale.

2nd. Mr & Mrs Pacey – Kenrose.

3rd. Mr & Mrs McNeil – The Alemo.

H/C. Mr & Mrs Boonham – Meadows Edge.

Best Collection –

1st. Mr & Mrs McNeil – The Alemo.

2nd. Mr & Mrs Hamilton – Shoestrings.

3rd. Mr & Mrs Gringley – 5 Mumby Meadows.

H/C. Mr & Mrs Marshall – The Red Lion

Best Garden –

1st. Mr & Mrs Hamilton – Shoestrings.

2nd. Mr & Mrs Gringley – 5 Mumby Meadows.

3rd. Mr & Mrs McNeil – The Alemo.

H/C. Mr & Mrs Thraves – Langdale.

TO ALL DOG OWNERS

It is apparent that dog fouling in the village is again a major problem! Apart from the mess, it can be a health hazard to children.

Please clear up after your dog. There are 3 bins located in the village, in which to deposit dog excrement.

If you are seen leaving your dog's mess, you will be reported as it is a criminal offence not to do so.

Your co-operation will be appreciated.

WHAT'S ON IN MUMBY?

Friday, 12th December at 9.45am: In Mumby Church – Huttoft School Christmas Production.

Friday, 12th December at 8.15pm: In the Red Lion – Church Quiz night.

Monday, 24th December, Christmas Eve, at 3.00pm: In Mumby Church - Family Carol Service.

This year, the singing will be lead by Carol Gooding and her Choir.

Friday, 11th January, at 8.15pm: In the Red Lion – Church Quiz Night.

HUTTOFT SCHOOL


The School will be bringing their Christmas Production



HOSANNA ROCK

to Mumby Church on Friday 14th December at 9.45am.

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CUMBERWORTH NEWS

The Interim Parish Meeting took place on Thursday 15th in Becketts. We would like to thank the 32 villagers for coming out on a very cold evening to give their support. It was a delight to see so many. It was a lively and vocal event, which showed that many residents do have an interest in what does and should happen in our small village!

The Minutes of the A.G.M. were read and agreed. The Village accounts for 2006-2007 have been audited and displayed. **Joseph Waithe Hart Charity**, it was decided that the residue of the trust should go to Lincoln County Hospital in some form that would recognise both the original donor and Cumberworth. To this end, the Rector, as trustee, has agreed to contact the Charities Commission. **Speeding**, the reply from P.C.S.O. Beardshaw was read out. (below.) There was much discussion on this topic. Peter Odling said that as responsible residents we all have a part to play. If someone consistently ignores the safety of others, then they should be spoken to on behalf of the village, before further action is taken. Peter pointed out that the registration number of offending, passing vehicles could be taken and reported. It was agreed to write to the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership for advice. **Dyke Upkeep** was discussed together with the hedges onto the lanes. It was decided to set up a **waiting list for village allotments**. Christine Clark will prepare an **Information sheet** for future new residents to the village. It was decided that the arrangements for floral tributes only should remain. It was decided that a **bench** in the village would be a good idea. The **lack of up-keep of the village churchyard** was discussed and it was decided to obtain a quote locally for maintenance. Re the disturbing increase of the **fly population** last summer and possible causes; it was decided to write to the Environmental Officer at E.L.D.C. The possibility of a **Village Fete or Garden Party** next summer was raised and agreed. It will be put on the agenda for the next meeting for ideas as to venue etc. **The next meeting and A.G.M. will be on Tuesday 15th April**; the time and venue of which will be confirmed nearer the date.

Reply from P.C.S.O. Beardshaw

Mrs Dowley, Thank you for your e-mail and I empathise with your concerns, as the roads in Cumberworth are not suited for high speeds. I would advise you speak with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (L.R.S.P) as a council, to request a speed survey to be carried out/more signage regarding speed enforcement. (This can take time unfortunately). I would also advise keeping a log of instances where vehicles may have appeared to be speeding or causing a danger to other road users. Obviously in some cases this will need reporting to the police, and I encourage this, it will all help as evidence for your case to put to the L.R.S.P.

From a Neighbourhood Policing Teams point of view, thank you for raising it as a concern. I will raise it with the Roads Policing Unit (R.P.U) to see where they can assist with enforcement. Please keep in touch and let me know of any progress/success and I will reciprocate.

Thank you for your enquiry. Andrew Beard

P C Support Officer, 2134 Alford Police Station

SLOOTHBY

They say that no news is good news so let hope that is right!?

However, I felt I could not let this month slip by without wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let us hope that 2008 is a better year than 2007 seems to have been for some people.

JC 01507 466651

CUMBERWORTH CORNER

They say that if you want small creatures to make their homes in your garden, don't make it too tidy. Well, as even my friends will tell you, I qualify.

Since establishing our larger pond, we have increased our frog population. When weeding, they make me jump as they duck and dive for cover in the foliage, when we hear them croaking we look for their chick weed covered noses just poking out of the water. But, this year is the first time we have seen newts in the water. I have had glimpses in past years, but to see them in the pond hopefully means that we are assisting them to breed and thrive. They are elusive little creatures and it really gives me a thrill to know they are about in secret corners of my garden.

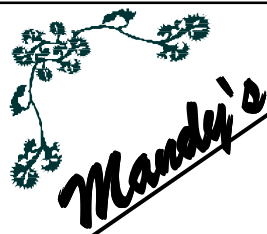
HABERTOFT NEWS

Habertoft was in the news twice in November, with two residents putting in an appearance on 'Look North'. Holme Farm Equestrian Centre was troubled by a low-flying aircraft. We are all aware of the concern expressed by horse riders on this subject and hope the situation will be closely monitored by MOD.

Habertoft man James Walker, of JSJ Eng. 'caught' a WWII propeller whilst trawling for shrimps off Skegness. This was subsequently inspected by experts and deemed to be a Heinkel propeller; it is thought that the plane in question was shot down by Guy Gibson (later of Dambusters fame) in 1941. After his appearance on the programme Jim was approached by BBC Radio Lincs. He has had quite a few enquiries about his find, plus visitors, one of whom said he could recall the incident although he was very young at the time



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			6.30pm	Every Wednesday ½ hour of Prayer at Willoughby	All Welcome
2nd	Sunday	Munby	10.00	Advent 1	Eucharist
9th	Sunday	Ulceby	9.00	Advent 2	Family Service
		Willoughby	10.00		Holy Communion
16th	Sunday	Munby	10.00	Advent 3	Eucharist
19th	Wednesday	Willoughby	2.30	Christingle	
20th	Thursday	Willoughby	6.30	Carol Service on the Green (School & Church)	Carol Service
24th	Sunday	Munby	3.00	Carol Service	Carol Service
		Ulceby	6.30	Carol Service	Carol Service
		Willoughby	11.30	Midnight Mass	Eucharist
25th	Monday	Ulceby	10.00	Christmas Day	Eucharist
30th	Sunday	8.00 & 11.00 Sutton, 9.45 Anderby. Christmas 1			Eucharist
	January	2008			
6th	Sunday	Munby	10.00	Naming of Jesus	Eucharist

Willoughby Rota - December 2007 / January 2008			
	Flowers/Brasses	Lectern	Cleaning
22nd Dec	Mrs Seymour Mrs Skin	Mrs Brobson	Mrs Seymour Mrs Skin
5th Jan	Mrs Toyne Mrs Barrand	Mrs Pidgeon	Mrs Turner Mrs Everton

OVER 50 AND KEEN ON STORY TELLING OR POETRY?

If you are aged 50 or over on 1st January 2008 and live in Lincolnshire then this Writing/Poetry Competition is for you.

The 2008 Competition offers writer and poets alike, subjects from six titles below:

1. Last in Line
2. Journey of a Lifetime
3. A Wedding to Remember
4. Wish You Were Here
5. My Most Memorable Experience
6. Where Lightning Strikes

There will be prizes awarded to the winning entries of the Lindsey stage of the competition at our Annual Festival on Tuesday 10th June 2008 at the Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa. The top five entrants will be forwarded for judging in the overall county competition.

Please call in and pick up an entry form which will be available from from November in **Age Concern** shops in Louth, Mablethorpe, Gainsborough and Market Rasen and from our Head Office in Horncastle. If you are unable to call in we will send one out to you in the post – please contact us on 01507 524242.

The Closing date for the competition is Friday 28th March 2008.

VILLAGE HALL CHAIRS

The Village Hall Committee has obtained grant aid towards new chairs for the hall and these should be ordered soon. Once these arrive we need to get rid of the existing chairs. There are two types, the older wooden folding chairs (would make good garden seats) and the stacking plastic chairs.

FREE TO GOOD HOMES!!

If you would like some please phone me and I will let you know when they are available. Pat L-B 01507 466018

CONGRATULATIONS THOMAS

Thomas Evans (13) was recently nominated for the Damien Trust Award for Young Achievers in Lincolnshire. Thomas was invited to attend the award dinner at Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa and was pleased to be named as Runner-up and receive a certificate and gift voucher. Thomas was nominated for his achievements in fund-raising and organising community events, including his sponsored bell-ringing and concert on Red Nose Day, his organisation of a St George's Day Service and his concert 'Music For A Summer's Day' in the church in July.

Christmas Presents?

Tea towels, bags & notelets.
There are still some for sale!
Try the Garage or the Rectory.



Merry Christmas

TO YOU ALL FROM PAT: many thanks to all of you who supply me with articles/news/etc for the magazine.