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Parish Notices

1st August - Wedding in St Andrew's Church for Laura Holdup and James Powell

3rd August 7.30pm, whist drive in the Swinstead Village Hall

4th August 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall – WI - John Burrows - head gardener at Burghley

8th August - Wedding in St Andrew's Church for Emily Whittingham & Christopher Fletcher

6th August 11am, Food for Thought, Bible study followed by a simple fellowship lunch at noon.

9th August 3pm to 5pm Pimms & Strawberries, 10 Church Lane Edenham. Proceeds to Edenham Church Roof Repair Fund

10th August 7.30pm, bingo in the Swinstead Village Hall

13th August 10am - 12 noon, Coffee morning, 12 Sharpes close, Bourne Cake stall and Raffle - Proceeds to Alzheimer's Society.

1st September 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - WI - "Here be Dragons" - a slide show of Equador & Galapagos by Richard Adams

11th September 7.30pm, an evening of English Song and Poetry. Patrick Hawes piano. Tickets from the Vicarage.

12th September Steam Action 39th Annual Veg & Produce Show. For info contact Nikki 01778 591197 or Lucie 591426

17th September 11am, Food for Thought, Bible study followed by a simple fellowship lunch at noon.

6th October 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall – WI - "Travel Eyes" – travel guides for blind people, by Lisa Cooper & Amir Latif

Congratulations to Victoria Spratt and Rob on the birth of Margaret on 16 May. A granddaughter for Christine and Tony Spratt.

Goodbye to Teresa and Donna Hemmings, moving from East Green, Witham on the Hill. Good luck in your new home.

Congratulations to Alex Kirkwood (son of Ian and Janet Kirkwood of Witham on the Hill) and Kirstie Ferguson on their engagement.

Harvest Festivals

Friday 2nd October -7pm

Swinstead Harvest Festival
followed by supper

Sunday 4th October - 10am

Witham Family Harvest Service

Friday 9th October - 7pm

Traditional Harvest Festival
Service followed by Supper at
Witham

Sunday 11th October - 11.15am

Family Harvest Festival at
Edenham and at 6.00pm
Traditional Service with the
Greenwoode Quire (who
specialise in 18th century church
music) followed by supper at
Edenham.

THE VICAR WRITES

The wedding season is upon us. Since the rules were relaxed about who can be married in which church there has been an increase in the number of marriages celebrated in our parishes. The

vast majority of people marrying in our parishes have a 'qualifying connection' rather than are resident in the parishes. In two cases the brides qualified because their parents had been married in the church and in two other cases one of the couple to be married qualified through having attended the church whilst a school student. All this makes perfect sense in today's society and provides me with an opportunity to discuss the Christian faith and its view of marriage with some interesting and lovely young couples.

I have the same opportunity when parents bring children for Baptism. It is often the case that people up to the age of forty are a fairly blank sheet when it comes to Christianity. Unlike their parents they have not been either inoculated against Christian Faith by a rather heavy handed exposure to it as children, or have suffered a rather thin diet of RE at school that has produced what one Bishop terms 'spiritual constipation' where there has been no movement in a spiritual life for decades! These younger

people do not have so many hang ups about the church either. Many are only too willing to find out about Jesus and the Christian Faiths claims about his life, death and resurrection. They are open and responsive which is fantastic for me.

What they discover is that the Christian Faith is an unparalleled resource of wisdom and guidance when it comes to setting priorities in life and in managing our relationships and resources: it is profound and straightforward: it is simple but not simplistic. They also discover the beauty of its worship, its art and architecture – all of which brim over in grace and truth.

This autumn the Parishes plan to provide opportunities for individuals of any age to find out more about the Christian Faith. If you are someone who feels that they may have missed out on this in the past, or someone who knows that they haven't heard or understood what The Faith is about we hope that these initiatives will help. The first is the very popular Alpha Course and the second is an Open Door Retreat.

The Alpha Course involves meeting for a simple meal, a talk and the opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues. The Open Door Retreat is based more on spiritual exploration – of being guided in a daily individual reflection – but supported in a group by experienced guides. More details of this will be published in September and if you have access to the internet you will be able to find them on www.edenhamregionalhouse.org. Information will, of course, be available in a written form in any of the churches – which are always open in daylight hours.

Annual Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham

This year's day trip will be on Saturday 3rd October. The coach will leave Edenham at 8.30am and return at approximately 6pm. On arrival there will be an opportunity to have coffee and a wander before taking part in the Stations of the Cross around the grounds and the shrine. At midday we take part in the Pilgrims Mass. Either we bring a packed lunch, use one of the many eateries in the village

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The cost of the coach is £12.50 for adults, £5 for children and the maximum charge for a family of any size is £30. To book a place let the Vicar know or add your name to the list to be found in church.

Regional House

18th September 'Give thanks in your heart with spiritual songs.'

The Revd Christopher Idle, the renowned hymn writer (and very engaging speaker) visits Edenham to help us recognise the place of hymns in our spiritual life.

Participants are asked to come prepared with a list of their three favourite and most valued hymns. Suggested contribution including lunch £15. To book email edenhamoffice@gmail.com or phone 01778591358

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**Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe
Clerk's Notes Parish Council
Meeting 16th July**

Appointment of Clerk

Rosemary Woolley was appointed as the clerk. Cllr Stephenson thanked Anne Anderson for all her hard work.

**Minutes of Parish Council 19th
May 2015**

The minutes were signed after an amendment to items 7 remove 'district', item 8 remove 'county' under both headings.

Matters Arising

Street Light on Wilsthorpe Road, Manthorpe - Closed

Street Light near bridge in Manthorpe - Ongoing

Grass Verges Toft – it was agreed to no action required at this point.

Cllr Stephenson reported that he had sent a letter of thanks to Michael Dawson for organising the VE day beacon lighting.

August parish party – it was agreed to accept the invitation from Witham on the Hill for a boules match and organise a party to celebrate the Queens 90th birthday in 2016.

Fireworks party – the clerk reported that the fireworks had been ordered by the previous clerk.

Highways

Witham Cross Roads – it was reported that more accidents had occurred recently, information required.

Pot holes were again a problem at Manthorpe. It was agreed to arrange a highways walkabout.

White lines needed replacing at the junction of Wilsthorpe Road/ Main Street, Manthorpe.

Hedge overgrown at junction of Wilsthorpe Road/Main Street, Manthorpe causing visibility problems.

Planning Applications

S15/1682 Mr Mossman, Manor House Farm, Lound – replacement windows & retention of satellite dish. No representation.

County Councillor's Report

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported on the following:-
Introduction to the different responsibilities of County and District Councils.

Reduction of money received from central government and how it was likely to affect services administered by County.

Boundary Commission had accepted the proposed reduction of county councillors from 77 to 71.

East Midlands Ambulance Service with the help of the Fire brigade was meeting their response targets.

There was to be a second library review which dealt with the procedure process.

It was decided by Councillors that the Library service in the parish required advertising.

Parish Property

Defibrillators – Clerk reported that both had been checked on a regular basis by Peter Cork and Lorna Cook.

Jasmine Cottage Rent Review – the clerk had requested a copy of the inspection report to circulate to Councillors.

Repairs to fencing around Manthorpe Playing Field – Two quotations had been received to

replace the fence and rabbit netting. It was agreed that Cllr Dawson obtains a third.

Financial Summary

Barclays Current £3,312.09

Barclays Saving £1,055.70

Melton BS £21,107.00

Playing Field mowing contract - It was proposed by Cllr Hartley that the contractor be paid £100 after four cuts. All agreed.

Correspondence

St Barnabas Lincolnshire Hospice thank you letter for donation of £200.00

Any Other Business

It was agreed to purchase some vermin proof containers to store the marquees at a cost of £20.00.

It was agreed that the quotation for repair of damage was rather

excessive for the work required. It

was agreed that Cllr Freeland

would look at other alternatives.

A resident enquired about when

the water leak at Manthorpe. Cllr

Stephenson reported that the

authority was waiting for

permission to close the road.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th September 2015 at 7.30pm at Toft Hotel.

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Witham Open Gardens

Witham on the Hill opened its gardens on Sunday 28th June 2015 to support the cost of running the parish hall. The day started cloudy and cold, but soon after the gardens opened the clouds began to break and the visitors started to arrive.

There were 9 gardens including the majestic gardens of Witham Hall School for the visitors to see. The afternoon raised £552.30 which will go towards the cost of running the Parish Hall, including over £300 made by the Tea and Cake sales in the hall.

Many thanks to all those who supported the event by opening their gardens. Also special thanks to the helpers who served tea and cakes, those who prepared signs and paperwork made cakes and manned the car park. A special thanks to Witham Hall School for the use of their car park and for opening their gardens to our visitors.

The event was not only really enjoyed by all the visitors but also by those who participated – and of course it was a good reason to ensure that all the gardens were at their best.

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We will start with coffee at 10am and have lunch together at 12.30am. The date is Friday 4 September, 2015.

Please let us know if you are coming and any dietary requirements. Sylvia and Richard Rice-Oxley, 3 Bertie Close, Swinstead, NG33 4PW email: sylviariceoxley@gmail.com.

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Jane's Seasonal Recipe

2014 was a good year for onions – we grew some very large specimens and have only just finished eating them all. We also grew a lot of shallots and are still eating those. These tarts are very tasty and a good way to use up shallots.

SHALLOT TARTS (makes 4)

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 medium onion peeled & finely chopped

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar

3 tablespoons soft brown sugar

20-24 shallots peeled

500g pack frozen puff pastry

50g grated cheese

Gently fry chopped onion in oil for 4 mins until softened.

Stir in balsamic vinegar & sugar. Cook for 2 mins until

slightly gooey. Set aside to cool. Roll out pastry & cut

into 4x5ins rounds approx ¼ cm thick, using a plain

cutter. Lightly score a circle 1in in from the edge of each.

Spread the inner circle of each round with chopped

onion mixture. Top each one with 5-6 shallots

(depending on size) then sprinkle with cheese. Bake for

20 mins at 200c until pastry is golden brown. Serve with

green salad and tomato.

Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 14th July

Highways. Re-Scheduled road works on A151 in Grimsthorpe and Edenham now planned for 24/08/15 to 28/08/15 – restriction will be in force. Potholes on Scottlethorpe Road, Edenham to be reported.

Councillor Vacancy. Mrs Angela Schwarz has stepped forward to fill the current vacancy on the council. It was agreed that she be co-opted onto the council as a member with immediate effect.

Financial Matters. Cheques signed for clerks admin/street cleaning wage for 1st quarter 2015/16 (£259-31p + HMRC £64-72p).

Annual External Audit.

Satisfactory Report received, audit complete. Copy of report can be found on Parish Council website.

Play Area Maintenance. Village Hall committee now has placed contract for maintenance of both Village Hall and Play Area

surrounds. Council to support via the Annual Maintenance Grant.

Planning:

i. SI/14/2178/Full; Permission Granted - Grimsthorpe Shooting Ground (conditions).

ii. SI/15/1094/Full; Permission Granted - Old Post Office - Edenham (conditions).

iii. SI/15/1485/Full; Application – New Car Park - Grimsthorpe Castle (no objection).

Commemorative Village Signs.

Consideration is being given to the replacement of the Village Signs which are now in a poor condition. Costs and options are being investigated – report at next meeting.

Spring Bulbs. A selection of Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs are to be purchased for planting throughout the parish in the autumn.

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday, 8th September 2015 at 7:30pm

Swinstead Flower Rota

25th July - 1st August Stephanie Clarke

8th - 15th August Elsie Kiely

22nd - 29th August Enid Clarke

5th - 12th September Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Willoughby Gallery

“Life Essence” - 15th July - 12th August - Prue Pye and Kathryn Parsons.

Life paintings by Prue use soft, earthy colour with elements of layering and movement. Kathryn’s intricate porcelain sculptures and jewellery capture the essence of plants and lichens found growing locally.

‘The Nature of Things’ - 19th August to 16th September - Celia Slack and George Slack.

Celia and George have put together this exhibition of works, mainly on paper, based on their love of the countryside and the country way of life.

Their paintings and drawings are an eclectic mix of subjects ranging from wildlife, portraiture to

architecture and domestic animals.

20% of sales will be shared between Cancer Research UK and C.H.S.C.

Willoughby Memorial Trust 50th Anniversary Exhibition - 23rd September to 21st October

This year the Willoughby Memorial Trust celebrates 50 memorable years as a library, reading room and art gallery, with a display from the archives from the years 1965 to 2015.

The exhibition includes material about the history of the converted historic building which was the grammar school bequested by Charles Read, the setting up of the Trust in memory of Lord Timothy Willoughby, the library and its contents and the 50 years of the art and cultural exhibitions it has staged.

There will also be displays featuring 40 years of the annual Open Art Competition and the past few years of the Poetry Competition.

Cryptic Cakey Conundrum

Thank you to everyone who supported the quiz sheet. 97 were sold and £194 raised for the Edenham Church roof fund.

The draw from the correct entries was made at Edenham Church Garden Fete and our lucky winner is Anita Woolf, who will win a homemade cake or bake each month July-December 2015, thanks to our star bakers Heather King, Ruth Atter, Pam Cranfield, Hazel Stubbs, Gill Stanford and Glenys Peeling.

Congratulations also to all who submitted a correct entry - Barbara Papworth, Laila Curtis, Kay Taylor, Carla Luxford, Beryl Boyle, Angie (Coach House), Bill and Brenda Dean, Anne Thompson, Glenys Peeling, Jane Bradley, Pat Smith, Hereward Group Dispensary girls, Stephanies Flowers, Liz Porter and Ruth Atter.

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Witham on the Hill WI July Meeting

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NEXT MEETINGS:

4th August John Burrows - head gardener at Burghley

1 September "Here be Dragons" - a slide show of Equador & Galapagos by Richard Adams

6 October "Travel Eyes" – travel guides for blind people, by Lisa Cooper & Amir Latif

3 November - Adnams wine tasting – Chris Church

1 December - Christmas party & supper

Visitors and new members are always most welcome. For further information, contact Jane, Secretary, tel 01778 590232.

Steam Action 39th Annual Veg & Produce Show

Saturday 12th September

New Classes announced!

Homemade – “Homemade Beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)”.

Photography – “Garden friends or enemies” and “Portrait of a vegetable”.

Schedules to be released shortly.

Entries 25p

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Edenham Church Garden Fete, 4th July

The Edenham Church Garden Fete was held on a fantastic summer day, just like the ones I remember we had for the fete when I was a little girl! It was like turning back the clock, sun blazing down, the same traditional games to play, loads of people enjoying themselves, heaps of willing helpers on hand and great afternoon homemade teas to scoff. Yum!

It was a terrific effort, thank you to

all who helped, in any way, to make the fete so memorable. The total raised, which will go towards paying for the Roof repairs, was a fantastic £1,179.15.

Well done all.

Ruth Atter

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Edenham Extravaganza

Despite the rain we had lots of people turn out in wellies and umbrellas to support the Extravaganza. Rain didn't dampen the spirits of the stall holders either, we had lots of stalls from sweets, exotic pets, tombola's and many more, but the only stall holder that didn't mind his stock getting wet was David's Fuchsias. The classic car/ vehicles and steam engine were a great hit with the public and the children loved looking around them. Unfortunately it was the last appearance for the model fairground which went to its new home straight after the show. The swing boats were in full swing thanks to KandM Amusements and none of the children minded getting wet bums!

The Hall provided great shelter from the rain but most importantly it housed the TEA and CAKE! Kindly donated from members of Steam Action and the public. Thankyou Bakers!

In the evening the Barn Dance proved to be great fun and eye opening! Amongst us village folk there are some very good dancers, but also some that have two left feet and no coordination (me being one of them) but it all added to the fun of the night. Our star raffle prize of a lawn mower was gratefully received by a lady that didn't have a lawn! But we hear that it has been passed on to her son whom was even more appreciative of it.

But most of all we raised enough money to be able to give the senior citizens of our parish a well-deserved Christmas Lunch and panto.

Steam Action would like to thank EVERYONE who attended, all the stall holders, everyone that donated items and their time, the band "A Waggon load of Monkeys" and everyone that came along and had a wonderful day and evening out. See you all next year - I'm booking the weather now!

Nikki Gunn

Edenham School News

Edenham School finished the year with the traditional Leavers' Service and Rounders Match. At the time of writing this, the outcome was not yet known but the pupils are looking quite threatening in the Rounders-Stakes particularly as they have just become area champions for the second year in a row.

Having said that the Leavers' Service is a tradition, every year has a different flavour thanks to the brilliant uniqueness of our pupils and families. It is a moving time for everyone and the staff find themselves reflecting back on many years getting to know many of the families. This year's group of pupils have been superb organisers, outstanding dramatists and musicians and very successful in sports across the board. All this as well as achieving great results in the SATs –their progress has been truly amazing. Extremely well done, all Year 6!

We have two members of staff leaving us too at the end of this term – Mrs Beryl Dean has elected to end her time at Edenham School. Many of you will know that she was our caretaker for many years, and has continued as a midday supervisor and play supervisor. Her service to the school, has been over at least 34 years – some of you parents may even have known her as pupils yourselves! We wish her the very best for her retirement and send huge thanks for all her hard work and commitment. Thanks to those families who have sent messages or made donations to her leaving gift.

Mrs Elisabet Percy has been with us as a Teaching Assistant for 2 years. She has played an outstanding role in school, has had a huge impact on the progress of our pupils and become a great friend to many of us in the school. Sadly, we have been unable to renew her temporary contract however, she will remain on hand in case we need her in the future. Elisabet, you will be missed and we hope to see you back in school soon.

We look forward to another exciting new year in September, welcoming a very large group of 20 pupils into our Reception class.

Wishing everyone a very happy summer break.

Best wishes Kris and all at Edenham

Job Vacancy at Edenham School

We are currently **seeking a midday supervisor** to assist with the serving of meals and supervision of pupils at lunchtime. The role has arisen due to the demands of an altered support staff timetable and a review of the needs of our pupils.

We would love to welcome someone with a ready smile, good humour, willingness to work as part of our team, ready to be flexible when things don't quite go according to plan and good level of fitness (for moving tables, chairs and joining in with play activities). Crucial training will be provided in safeguarding pupils and health and safety. Opportunities to participate in wider school life will be available such as accompanying classes on school trips, supporting our young Positive Play Leaders etc.

Hours would most likely be 11:40 am to 1:00 pm Monday to Friday.

A formal application process will need to be completed and we will hold an interview process. An offer of the position will be subject to DBS vetting and checks, and successful references.

However, in the meantime, we would be pleased to hear from anyone who feels this might be the job for them. Please contact the Head Teacher, Mrs Kris Radford-Rea with any questions at enquiries@edenham.lincs.sch.uk at any time or leave a message on 01778 591207.

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PARISH SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2015

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| 2 nd August 9 th after Trinity | 8.45am Parish Communion 4pm Grimsthorpe Evening Prayer | 10am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 9 th August 10 th after Trinity | 8.45am Parish Communion 4pm Grimsthorpe Evening Prayer | 10am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 16 th August 11 th after Trinity | 8.45am Parish Communion 4pm Grimsthorpe Evening Prayer | 10am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 23 rd August 12 th after Trinity | 4pm Grimsthorpe Evening Prayer | 10am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 30 th August 13 th after Trinity | 10.30am Three Parishes Communion 4pm Evening Prayer | | |

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PARISH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

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| 6 th September 14 th after Trinity | 8.45am Parish Communion 4pm Grimsthorpe Evening Prayer | 10am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 13 TH September 15 th after Trinity | 8.45am Parish Communion 4pm Grimsthorpe Evening Prayer | 10am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism |
| 20 th September 16 th after Trinity | 8.45am Parish Communion 4pm Grimsthorpe Evening Prayer | 10am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 27 th September 17 th after Trinity | 8.45am Parish Communion 4pm Grimsthorpe Evening Prayer | 10am Parish Communion | 11.15am Patronal Festival Eucharist followed by refreshments |
| 2 nd October Friday | 1900 Harvest Festival followed by Supper | | |
| 4 th October 18 th after Trinity (St Francis of Assisi) | 8.45am Morning Prayer | 10am Family Eucharist for Harvest 6pm Franciscan Service | 11.15am Parish Communion |

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