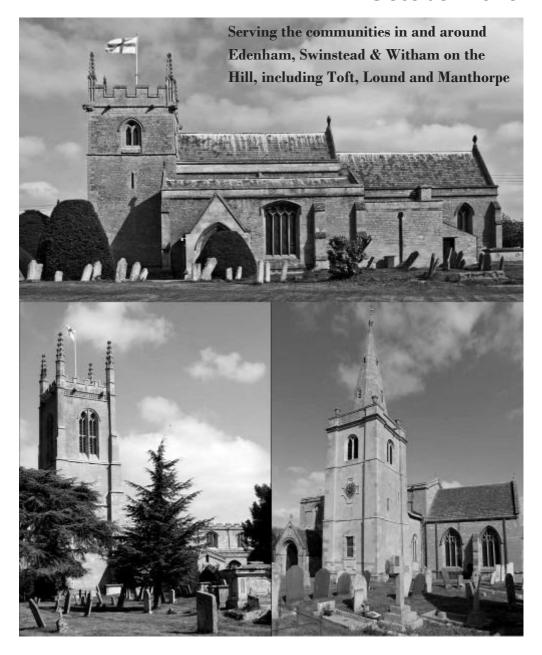
# The Three Towers

October 2015



### **Diary Dates**

Friday 2nd October 7pm, Swinstead Harvest Festival - followed by supper

Sunday 4th October 10am, Witham - Family Harvest Service Tuesday 6th October 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall – WI - "Travel Eyes" – travel guides for blind people, by Lisa Cooper & Amir Latif

**Friday 9th October 7pm, St Andrew's Harvest Festival** followed by supper. Limited to 60 people, £5 for adults, children under 14 free. Bring your own drink. Please book your tickets by signing the list in Church or contact Trudy Templeman 01780 754945 or the Vicar 01778 591358.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 11.15am, Edenham** - Family Harvest Festival **and at 6.00pm** Traditional Service with the Greenwoode Quire (who specialise in 18<sup>th</sup> century church music ) followed by supper at Edenham.

Monday 12th October 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Historical Society. Chris Chandler, "War Memorabilia" Talk and display on World War Two artefacts and the stories behind them. Uniforms, badges, Home Front, RAF, Army. Fee goes to charity. £2 members, £3 visitors on the door.

Thursday 15th October 11am, Food for Thought, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Bible study followed by a simple fellowship lunch at noon - further study on Thursdays, 19 November, 21 January, 11, 18, 25 February, 3, 10, 17 March (weekly during Lent), 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, & 21 July.

Monday 9th November, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Historical Society. Phillippa Massey, "Our Daily Bread" A short history of food and drink. £2 members, £3 visitors on the door. Saturday 21st November, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Pudding Night.

Monday, 23rd November, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Historical Society Members' Meeting.

**Sunday 27th December, 10am, Winter "Well Walk".** Meet at the Post box in the middle of Manthorpe. We will be visiting known wells in the Parish. Route to be fixed. All welcome.

### **Parish Notices**

**WELCOME** to Lily, Rob, and children Jack and Ben to KayFen, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

WELCOME to Paul at East Green, Witham on the Hill.

**WELCOME** to Mrs and Mrs Lyons and children at Hill View, Witham on the Hill.

**GOODBYE** to Clare, Darren, Rory and Erin Walker. Good luck in your new home in Cambridge.

**GOODBYE** to Ann and Richard Burbidge moved to Helpston, but we hope to still see plenty of you both!

**GOODBYE** to Wendy and Ben at Redlands, Witham on the Hill. Good luck in your new home at Holbeach.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr Adam and Mrs Rachel O'Hara on your marriage at All Saints Church, Stamford on 29 August.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** 80 years young, Jean and Ian Croft. Many happy returns.

**REQUEST** Witham-on-the-Hill Historical Society is trying to map all the wells and pumps, visible or hidden, in Witham, Manthorpe, Toft and Lound. Please contact Sue Cork, <a href="mailto:suecork8@hotmail.co.uk">suecork8@hotmail.co.uk</a> or 01778 590204 (messages can be left) with details and indication if you would allow access on the morning of 27th December, as part of the History Society Well Walk.

**NOTICE** The Swinstead Poors Land charity provides a small annual sum of money to qualifying households. To qualify for this payment your household must have at least one person of pension age and you must have lived in the village for a minimum of 10 years. One payment per household is made just before Christmas annually. If you think you qualify and have not received this payment previously please contact one of our trustees - Pat Wright, George Brown or Bryan Lynch - you can contact Bryan via email - <a href="mailto:bryanlynch@mypostoffice.co.uk">bryanlynch@mypostoffice.co.uk</a> or phone 01476 550429.

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### THE VICAR WRITES

It wouldn't surprise me if, by the end of the month, more readers had been to some kind of 'Halloween thing' than anything to do with Harvest Thanksgiving! The former is becoming a boom industry, producing, among other things, the extraordinary phenomenon of 'trick or treat' when children are sent out in the dark, dressed in strange clothes to extract money from people - some of whom are strangers! Harvest Festivals are hangover from an agrarian and 'Christian culture.' One of the reasons the Vicar is not popular is his resistance to any kind of Halloween 'celebration' at Edenham Church of England School. Even my own children used to moan at me about it! Now they are parents themselves they might quietly agree with me.

I have heard some very good arguments for integrating Halloween into the school curriculum. It has been pointed out that fairy tales are full of witches, and that there are some wonderful modern children's book about witches – 'Meg the witch' with Mog the cat was a reading scheme I

remember enjoying with my own children. Halloween provides opportunity for art, drama and dressing up, and more importantly is a way to help children reflect on the 'darker side' of human experience. All these are very persuasive from an educational view point, but as the parish priest I will always stand in the way of any provision that would endanger children by not engendering a cautious attitude to any expression of the occult.

Since the repeal of the Witchcraft Act in 1953 – various expressions of paganism and the occult have become widespread, and indeed were recorded in the results of the last census. In the thirty-five years of my own ministry I have had some very serious encounters with both those who practise, and those who are victims of occult practices. Some of these individuals have never recovered from the effects of their involvement. I am sufficiently humble in the face of the Christian tradition not to doubt the existence of an objective force for evil in the world. In Christian doctrine this is a spiritual force for good that has rebelled against the creator -

Lucifer means 'angel of light'. This is not a force equal and opposite to the creator, but has enough power and influence to inhibit and corrupt the goodness which is integral to the created order. This is why Jesus proclaimed his own purpose was to 'destroy death and the one that has death at his command – that is the devil.' That is why in the Christian rite of initiation (Baptism) the candidate or the candidates 'sponsors' must renounce the devil and all his works, and undergo a simple rite of deliverance 'from the powers of darkness.' If any 'Halloween' enthusiast had seen and heard one tenth of the things I have, they wouldn't encourage children to think that witchcraft is all fun and games and plastic fangs!

Far better to celebrate the goodness of creation 'all good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; so thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.' Even better why not celebrate on November 1st 'All Hallows' or 'All Saints Day ' – a terrific celebration of the wonderful lives of the saints who 'were lights to the world in several generations.' This is the ironic origin for 'Halloween' = 'All

Hallows Eve!' Even the very best we can do, is open to the most subtle and damaging corruption!

### 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 or book lunch in the pilgrim refectory. There is free time until 2.30pm when we take part in the healing service which involves the sprinkling with water from the Well. There is more free time until we depart at 4.15pm.

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.

### **Vacancy**

### **Bean Counter or Abacus Addict required!**

Have you any book-keeping or accountancy skills? Or do you just like counting someone else's money?

St Andrew's Parish Church, Witham on the Hill, will require a treasurer in the New Year. Under present arrangements all monies are banked by a churchwarden and the treasurer keeps records, pays bills and deals with gift aid.

There is oodles of support available. It is not essential to be an Anglican although it would be necessary to be on the Church Electoral Roll; and to be a member you are required to be baptised.

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#### LINCS CHURCHES TRUST CYCLE RIDE REPORT

Bob, Leah and I set off on an overcast damp Saturday morning to tour the deanery on our bikes. Having set up the biscuits and drinks for fellow cyclists, we left Witham Church at 10.30am, picking up Leah on the way, and headed for Little Bytham St Medard's Church. We discovered that Denis Murray had already been and gone. We cycled on to Creeton, but didn't go up the hill to the Church as the refreshment stop was at the bottom! A drink and brief chat with Anne Garbutt, then on up the hill to Swinstead, with me at the back – which I was most of the time! In St Mary's, we met fellow cyclists Sylvia and Richard Rice-Oxley, who then followed us to St John's, Corby Glen, where we admired the medieval wall paintings. The sun came out, so we took off our waterproofs and headed to the Pantry, where Leah and Bob chose sausage rolls to sustain them, but I couldn't resist a slice of cranberry and orange cake which tasted as good as it looked! On to the delightful village of Irnham, and the lovely church of St Andrew, with its facsimile of the Lutterell Psalter. Next we cycled to Kirkby Underwood, along peaceful tree lined lanes. We stopped there for lunch and a very welcome cup of tea made by Mrs Hudson, and Leah was pleased to see Melissa, an old school friend from Edenham. Bob chatted to Frank Wyer, who told him all about the problems of damage by badgers in the Churchyard and showed Bob the evidence! From there we went through Stainfield and on to Morton Church, and then back through Hanthorpe. The long drag up Gunborough hill was very hard work, with a head wind it didn't seem like we would ever get to Edenham! But get there we did, and then made our way to the Village Hall where we were rewarded with a cuppa and cake, and we admired all the wonderful produce and handicrafts in the Steam Action produce show. Cycling home was quick and easy, arriving about 4.30pm, saddle sore, with aching legs! Many thanks to all our generous sponsors, we covered 29 miles, visited 10 churches, and raised £160, half of which goes to our own Church, and the other half to the Lincolnshire Churches Trust. Jane Clark

### Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Clerk's Notes Parish Council Meeting 15th September

Meeting was held on 15th September at Toft House Hotel.

Present were all Parish Councillors, Clerk, three members of the public and C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew.

It was reported that the annual fireworks party was progressing well with the hope of fine weather on the night. A third quotation had been received for the replacement of fence and rabbit netting and it was agreed to organise a working party.

Concern was expressed at the meeting about the difficulty of using the footpath from Main Street to Back Lane, Toft due to overgrown bushes and grass. It was also reported that the curb had dropped at The Forge, Manthorpe.

A report was given about the highways walkabout which had taken place in July with Lincolnshire County Council Highways.

Planning permission had been given to Manor House Farm, Lound for replacement windows & retention of satellite dish.

It was agreed that Cllrs Stephenson, Dawson & Hartley should replace the existing signatories on all bank accounts.

The annual financial return for year ending 31st March 2015 had been received from the External Auditors and the notice of conclusion of audit had been placed on the noticeboards.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported that both County & District Councils had signed the proposed notice of interest for devolution.

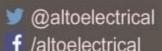
There was a consultation taking place about the closure of Grantham Magistrate Court, which would leave only Lincoln & Boston open in Lincolnshire.

The next meeting would take place on 18th November at 7.30pm at Toft House Hotel. All welcome. Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council.



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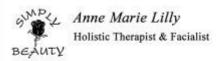
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I would like to extend a huge thank you to all those kind people who helped with this event and to all those who contributed in any way at all, it was very much appreciated. It was a wonderful, warm summer afternoon, everyone was in good spirits and we managed to raise the magnificent sum of £600 for the church roof fund. Once again thank you!

### **Use by Date**

We are all familiar with "Use by date"...."Sell by date", and other such instructions on the food products we buy in our supermarkets. I was checking the contents of my refrigerator the other day to see how many items I could safely consume. It got me thinking. What could happen if I completely ignored the "Use by date"? I might suffer a fate worse than death, or on the other hand I could remain as I am without any ill effect. As we all know, the "Use by date" is printed on the packaging to protect the manufacturer from being sued by people who become ill through taking no notice of any warning. It also got me asking the question – does our faith have a use by date? Do we store it away and go through it every so often... as we sort out our refrigerator, and in so doing find aspects of our faith we had forgotten were there. So does our faith have a "Use by date"?

(To be continued) FATHER DAVID BRATLEY

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### **Steam Action Produce Show**

Held on Saturday 12th September at Edenham Village Hall, although a little down on entries this year, with only 243 compared to 331 in 2014, the day was still a success and we would like to thank all entrants and everyone who came down for tea, cake and the auction. At one point we were worried we wouldn't have enough cake to feed everyone, then Gill turned up with a basket of 100 freshly cooked sausages rolls - which went down a treat. Thank you to our auctioneer, Geg Atter, who didn't have any trouble auctioning off the produce at the end of the day, he even sold a few marrows for 60p!

We have already had a request for "Wood Carving", and if anyone has any other requests for categories for next year, please get in touch with Lucie Wilson on LucieJWilson@hotmail.com.

Next year will mark our 40th year of organising the Produce Show so get thinking about what you will be growing in your gardens as we will be doing something special to celebrate!

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SECRETARYS CUP (Most points in decorative) Gill Stanford

KELBY SHIELD (Most points in Veg section) Eddie Peeling

GILL GRIMES CUP (Best performance by a non-trophy winner) Bill Dean

ATTER PLAQUE (Most points in handicraft section) Linda Garfoot

DEAN SHIELD (Most points in the flower section) Gill Stanford

THE PETER ROMAINE MEMORIAL SHIELD (Winner of best hanging basket) Harold Russell

THE RUSSEL ROSE BOWL (Winner of flower section) Michael Wilson

THE JOHN SCOTT-PATTINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY (Winner of decorated chocolate cake) Jane Bradley

THE BRENDA STUBLEY MEMORIAL CUP (Winner of the most outstanding entry of veg section) Michael Wilson

THE DISASTER SALVER (Winner of disaster class) Reg Willmott

THE WILLOUGHBY TROPHY (Best photograph) Nikki Gunn

GARNER BOWL (Best overall entry) Joint - Jane Bradley and Michael Wilson

LES WARD MEMORIAL TROPHY (Best exhibit in flower section) Tim Dean

JIM PERCIVAL MEMORIAL TROPHY (Best childrens exhibit) Lydia Dean

Winner of over 7s Lydia Dean

Winner of under 7s Vincent Bradley

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### Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 8th September

**Open Forum**: Parishioners are reminded that the Open Forum is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors.

Highways: Resurfacing of carriageway on Main Road, Grimsthorpe and by the traffic lights on Main Street Edenham now completed. Potholes on Elsthorpe, Grimsthorpe to be reported.

### Financial Matters:

- a. Cheques signed for clerk's wage for 2nd quarter(£259-23p + HMRC £64-80p).
- b. Annual Maintenance Grants made to Edenham PCC -Church yard maintenance £300 and Edenham Village Hall and Children's Play Area ground maintenance £450.
- c. Replacement laptop £275.

  Commemorative Village Signs: Initial costing (£2000 for 4 signs approx) and designs for possible replacement of the Village Commemorative Signs studied. Availability of SKDC/LCC grants towards cost being investigated prior to formal decision to go ahead report at next meeting.

  Spring Bulbs: A selection of daffodil/narcissus bulbs are now on order to be delivered and planted at entry/exists of parish

Suspicious Vehicles: Reports of

villages over next 2 months.

suspicious vehicles being spotted on farmland late at night in the parish have been received. All parishioners are reminded to be vigilant in their local area and report anything suspicious, however minor, to the Police using the Police 101 telephone number. Hedgerows: All property owners/ tenants/landlords are kindly reminded that where their property borders a footpath it is incumbent on them to maintain any hedges/ trees/shrubs etc so that they do not form a hazard or restriction to pedestrians using the footpath. Dog Fouling: All dog owners are reminded that it is their duty to

clean up after their pets wherever they are and be considerate to other footpath and road users. **Property Address**: Householders/businesses are reminded that their properties should be clearly identified with a house number or name. Could the **emergency services** easily find you if the unfortunate should happen and you called on their services?

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7:30pm. Meetings take place on the second Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov in Edenham Village Hall at 7:30pm.

### Willoughby Gallery

### 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 bequeathed 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.

### The 2015 Willoughby Memorial Trust Open Art Competition

The Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery is inviting all adult artists, amateur or professional and all budding young artists up to 18 years old (either living in Lincolnshire itself or within 30 miles of Corby Glen) to enter the annual competition. Judging is by two independent visiting judges.

Any medium of a permanent nature accepted, for example drawing, painting, collage or three dimensional artwork.

Work can be brought to the gallery during normal opening hours from 13th to 25th October.

All entries will then be exhibited from 29th October till 20th November and can be offered for sale.

Entry leaflets are available from the gallery or go to www.willoughbygallery.com

### Notes from the Swinstead Parish Council Meeting 3rd September

Present: B. Lynch - Chairman, S. Webb, A. Moss, Mrs J.M. Hunt-Webb (Clerk)

Apologies: G. Brown, C. Lunn

**Declarations of Interest:** None

Minutes of Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the previous 9<sup>th</sup> July 2015 meeting held on informally reviewed were but remain in Draft form until the meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Correspondence: The following had been received:

Two Planning Applications had been received from SKDC since the last meeting. These were circulated and no objections had been raised

An un-attributed and un-dated communication had been received and investigated. The concerns expressed therein proved to be unfounded.

Financial Report: The report was presented and agreed.

Highways: The re-surfacing work Councillors' Reports: on Park Road has completed. A further visit by the road sweeper is required as the gravel continues to travel into the Street causing potential skidding hazards. The white lines at the junction also need to be re-

instated.

Recent works to the drainage system seem to have effective with a resultant decrease in standing water through the village. A site meeting has been arranged between Superintendent of Highways and Parish Councillors at New Estate to discuss continuing problems with the drain.

Buttercross: An e-mail has been received from Dr Ben Robinson of Historic England (now a division of English Heritage) requesting that the Council continue to maintain the monument in good repair and any further works required are notified to Historic England order that they may issue the necessary permission.

Croake Hill: A re-possession notice in respect of one of the properties had been issued by SKDC and ignored by the tenant. arising implications were The discussed at length and D/Cllr Robins reported that work is now in hand by SKDC to instigate the necessary legal processes required to progress this matter.

During Deed Document: document search in the Parish Archives, a deed has come to light and steps are now being taken to ascertain whether the terms of the deed, signed in 1970, are still

by a later document.

changes in that legislation have led to Parish Councils drafting Local Plans to protect greenfield sites development. This considered not to be pressing in the case of Swinstead given the nature of local land ownership.

Community Orchard: A further cut and weeding around the base of the trees had been completed by lifting and replacing the tree guards. A delivery of bark chippings has been made and these will be placed around the

extant or have been superseded tree bases to reduce further weedgrowth.

Local Plan: D/Cllr Robins reported Date and Time of next meeting: planning 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, commencing many at 7pm.

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### **Edenham School News**

We've had a great start to the year and new families are making themselves at home. New Starters in all year groups were welcomed with Coffee and Sympathy (or celebration!) for first time, or even last time, parents of Reception children and all newcomers were welcomed in a Family Service. New pupils were presented with spring bulbs to plant at home - ready to watch them grow.

Forest school has seen the build of a brilliant Anglo Saxon Roundhouse and Key Stage one have become superheroes and a Carnival of Animals

We are preparing for our Harvest Celebration and already preparations for Remembrance and Advent. Join us for any Family Services - details are published on our school website:

www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk

### **Reception Age Pupils**

We have just welcomed a large group of pupils into Reception, many of whom look as if they own the place already! In the meantime, we are preparing for applications for pupils into Reception in September 2016.

We do not run open days - we prefer to meet you all in person. You are welcome to phone or email to book an appointment to meet me - Head Teacher, Mrs Kris Radford-Rea. Have a good look around school, ask any questions you want to and get a feel for what we are all about. It's the best way to get to know us.

Applications must be made in the next couple of months via Schools Admissions on the LCC website; www.lincolnshire.gov.uk . DON'T miss the deadline - it can be very stressful and heart-breaking if you miss your choice.

We look forward to meeting you.

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Best wishes

Kris and All at Edenham

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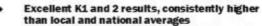




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- Great breadth of provision for ICT, Music, the Arts and Sport
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- Dedicated and creative staff
- A committed local community
- Strong pastoral and spiritual links with our local church

Contact Mrs Kris Radford-Rea (Head Teacher) to arrange an individual visit — see contact details below...

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# Witham on the Hill WI July Meeting

Richard Adams started his talk telling us he would be taking us to Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands and Rutland. We had no idea just how amazed and mesmerised we would all be by his incredible photography. He started his cinematic experience in Ecuador with pictures of Quito, the highest capital city in the world at 9,000ft. The Spanish architecture, the reflections in the large glass buildings and seeing how steep the streets are in Quito took our breath away. He had a great selection of character shots of locals including a candle seller outside a church and old and young shoe shiners. As Richard has such an artistic eye, he loves to visit Botanical gardens and showed us some incredible close up shots of very exotic looking plants. Richard then took us to the Napo River (a tributary to the Amazon River). Once he had put on some wellies he was able to take lots of photos of boats, bugs. butterflies and blowpipe musical instruments. We visited the Galapagos Islands and Richard's photos of iguanas, tortoises,

penguins, blue footed booby birds and the magnificent frigate bird made a stunning montage of photos. We were now looking forward to travelling further with Richard and he showed us his favourite photos of Namibia. He set these in rapid succession to atmospheric music including the Creole Mass and music from the Out Of Africa film. The animal and landscape shots set to music were breath taking. Richard finally took us to Rutland and showed us a lovely set of photos he took for a calendar to fundraise for Rutland Churches

Members were reminded of the outing to Grimsthorpe Castle on 8 September, the next walk on 22 September at Ufford, and to sign up for the Christmas lunch on Tuesday 15 December. The competition for a souvenir from South America was won by Vicky Cox, Sue Renner 2nd and Jill Lessey 3rd

The next meeting is Tuesday 6th October. Visitors and new members are always most welcome. For further information contact Secretary: Jane Clark 01778 590232.

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PARISH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2015					
	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham		
2 <sup>nd</sup> October Friday	7pm Harvest Festival followed by Supper				
4 <sup>th</sup> October 18 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	8:45am Morning Prayer	10am Family Eucharist for Harvest: Sunday School 6pm a Franciscan Agape (In the Parish Hall)	11:15am Parish Communion		
9 <sup>th</sup> October Friday		7pm Harvest Festival followed by Supper			
11 <sup>th</sup> October 19 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	8:45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	11:15am Family Eucharist for Harvest  6pm Harvest Festival Edenham with the Greenwood Quire followed by refreshments		
18 <sup>th</sup> October St Luke the Evangelist	8:45am Parish Communion 6pm Healing Service	10am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion		
25 <sup>th</sup> October Last Sunday after Trinity	8:45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	11:15am Parish Communion		