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# Parish Notices

**CONGRATULATIONS** Lizi and Rob Muirhead on the birth of Sebastian On 23 October, a brother for Angus. Tenth grandchild (eighth boy - getting closer to the football team!) for Andy and Sian Hawes.

**CONGRATULATIONS** George and Nicky Blanchard on the birth of Ralph.

**WELCOME** to Irene and Stella at Redlands, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will both be very happy here.

**CAROL SINGING** will take place in Witham on the Hill on Sunday 20 December. Meet at the Church at 6.30pm - all welcome, especially musicians to make a joyful noise! Refreshments en route will be gratefully appreciated.

**“FOOD FOR THOUGHT”** – bible study at 11am, followed by a simple lunch at noon, in St Andrew’s Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Donations to Christian Aid. Thursdays monthly: 21 January, 11, 18, 25 February, 3, 10, 17 March (weekly during Lent) 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, & 21 July.

**THANKS** On behalf of the Royal British Legion, Mr D.Atter thanks all the collectors for their continued hard work and to everyone who gave to the Poppy Appeal this year. The totals raised were:- Grimsthorpe £62.25; Five Bells, Edenham £50.53; Edenham School £165.13; Edenham village £176.14; grand total of £454.05.

**CONDOLENCES** to family and friends of Jean Mason, who passed away after a short illness on 6 November. She celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in April. Jean, and husband George, who died some years ago, lived at The Butchers Arms, in Toft for many years and then retired to Bourne. Jean was a founder member of Witham on the Hill WI. She leaves a son and daughter.



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## THE VICAR WRITES

The other day I received some junk mail from holiday lettings, 'luxurious Christmas Cribbs available! 'Plenty of room at the Inn.' This, to my mind, is fairly bad taste, but not as horrid as Virgin Megastores 'All you need is a Virgin!' (It is one of the ironies of our culture that the Christian Faith is immune from the political correctness that protects other faiths from ridicule.)

These marketing ploys support my contention that the secular Xmas with its 'seasons greetings' has not one tiny thing to add to the true meaning and celebration of Christmas. There is an unavoidable contradiction between the feeding frenzy of the commercial Christmas and the fundamental claim of Christmas – that God the creator, in order to redeem his beloved creation, entered time and space in the poorest place imaginable, in the vulnerability of a new born child. Simplicity, faith, poverty are the spiritual themes of the season.

Being 'Christmassy' is very

enjoyable feeling – friendliness among people, the beauty of all the decorations and indeed the wonderful carols, but Christmas is much more than that! This ongoing conflict between the drinking and eating of the pagan 'yule' at the celebration of the midwinter solstice and the pure examples of self-giving adoration of the Christmas story in the Gospels is generations old. At this moment 'Yule' (21st December) and its Roman equivalent 'Saturnalia' (25th December) seems to have the upper hand.

The consequence of the supremacy of the material over the spiritual and the commercial over the religious has a consequence. It leads to a gradual deadening of a spiritual consciousness and with it a gradual deadening of conscience. The inevitable outcome of this is the straightforward blasphemy of the marketing mind and a society in which everything goes!

If we desire to know the Christmas spirit, we must have a few times of stillness and quiet and

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contemplate for a little while the origins of the Christian festival as expressed in the carol: 'low within a manger lies, he who built the starry skies, teach us to resemble thee in his sweet humility.' Our churches are open during the day throughout the Christmas season, enjoy their beauty, decked as they are for Christmas - the Christmas Crib taking pride of place.

With prayers and best wishes for a peaceful, joyful, and holy Christmas.

### **Carolling Party**

Everyone is invited to a 'carolling party' on the 8th day of Christmas (Sunday 3rd January) from 6.00pm at the Vicarage. Sing carols and listen to the Three Parishes Choir sing some favourites old and new. As one might expect there will be food and drink! Just turn up!

### **Greetings**

Father David wishes all Parishioners a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Saturday 5th December, 5.30pm, Witham village green -**

**Christmas Lights.** Followed by festivities in the Parish Hall. Hot dogs, mince pies and mulled wine. Lucky Dip for the children. £3.50 per head, children under 7 free.

**Tuesday 8th December, 6pm, St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, Light Up a Life.** A short

celebration service will be held and the Tree of Life will be lit. See more details on the next page.

**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.

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# CONFIRMATION

Each year our parishes hold a confirmation service (in 2016 it is on May 8th at Witham on the Hill). 'Confirmation' is one of the signs or sacraments of the church by which God touches the lives of individuals with his own life. In the sign of Confirmation our Bishop lays his hands on the head of each candidate and prays for them that God's Holy Spirit will strengthen them in their spiritual life and faith.

In most years we have a mixture of ages. The youngest age permitted is ten but we have had people in the eighties confirmed in past years. Sometimes, when individuals are not baptised, they are baptised at the same service. This is becoming ever more usual.

Before the confirmation, candidates take part in a course lasting about three months –

children, young people and adults all have separate groups. This course is an opportunity to learn all about the Christian Faith and it really doesn't matter how little knowledge you start with!

If you would like to know more about what's involved or would like to explore the possibility then please do contact the Vicar Fr Andy on 01778 591358 or send an e-mail to [athawes@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:athawes@tiscali.co.uk)

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# St Barnabas Hospice

I would like to invite people from Bourne and the surrounding villages to the Light up a life service at St Wulfram's Church, Grantham, on Tuesday 8th of December at 6pm. A short celebration service will be held and the Tree of Life will be lit. Guests are invited to light a candle in memory of someone special and then join us for warming refreshments. Light up a Life is free and open to everyone, not just those touched by hospice care. If you would like more information on the celebratory service please call Janie on 01476 591010.

St Barnabas Lincolnshire Hospice would like to thank all the people, business and local groups such as yourselves who have helped and supported us through-out 2015. During the past year we have helped over 5,800 patients and their families living with a life limiting illness throughout Lincolnshire, and It is only with the generosity of people such as yourselves and support from the wider community that we are able to do this. Many thanks to you all and best wishes for a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Janie McCormick

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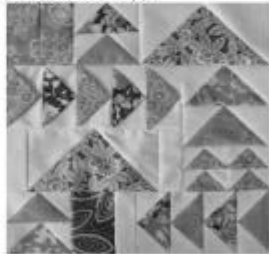
### When are these classes running?

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## **Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe Parish Council 18th November**

The annual village fireworks party had been a great success despite the weather. Chairman thanked everyone involved especially Richard Blanchard, Geoff and Kathy Collett. It was agreed to give the remaining tins of soup to the local food bank.

Highways has been busy dealing with problems created by badgers, the problems with the kerb between Stonehaven & Church Farm was still ongoing. It was felt that the road markings had been done to a poor standard, especially Manthorpe & Toft hill. Concern was expressed about the ramps either side of the bridge at Manthorpe. The footpath at Toft from the Island to Toft hill is still causing problems for walkers especially those with young children. It would be helpful if residents along that area could cut back any overhanging branches and clear away rubbish/debris off the footpath.

The noticeboards at Manthorpe & Toft require some maintenance. If you or your group have a key the

clerk would be grateful if you would let her have your contact details, for information only.

It was agreed that the Village Services & Facilities survey in connection to the preparation of a new Local Plan by SKDC include the villages should not be considered as growth villages and that there should only be infill development.

C.Cllr Trollope-Bellew reported on the Libraries, Lincoln Castle and increased pressure on the County Council due to more budget cuts expected by Central Government.

The Parish Council would support any arrangements to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday to be held on 11/12 June 2016, by forming a sub-committee. If you would like to help or have ideas please contact the clerk on 01778 560634 or email [tlampc2@gmail.com](mailto:tlampc2@gmail.com) by 15th January. Please don't leave it to others, 'NO INTEREST, NO EVENT'.

The next meeting will take place on 20th January 2016 at 7.30pm at Toft House Hotel.

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk



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## Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 10th November 2015

Open Forum. No members of the public present. All parishioners are reminded that the Open Forum is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors. Details can be obtained by contacting the parish clerk at [edenham.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:edenham.pc@btinternet.com) – or contacting any of your councillors.

Highways: Repair works now completed on A151 between Hilltop Cottages and Grimsthorpe House, Grimsthorpe. Displaced roadside grit bin and blocked drainage gullies, Main Street, Edenham reported to Highways.

Financial Matters:

Street Cleaning Grant received from SKDC (£348.40p for Oct 15 to Mar 16).

Cheque signed for £72 - SKDC - Local Election administration cost.

Cheque signed for £54 - Wicksteed Leisure - Safety Inspection of Edenham play equipment.

Upgrade of Council IT now complete - replacement laptop - £269.95p.

Commemorative Village Signs: Application for a grant under the SKDC Community Grant Scheme being progressed to provide funding to replace the old signs. The parish council will also contribute financially (and provide any necessary labour for installation) along with a much appreciated donation from our county councillor Cllr M Hill pending successful grant allocation.

Planning: S15/2730/MJNF/PC1 - Application, additional poultry rearing unit at Scoth Farm, Edenham considered - no objections.

S15/1485/Full - Planning Permission Granted, Change of use - agricultural land to car park, Grimsthorpe Castle, Grimsthorpe.

Spring Bulbs: A selection of Daffodil/Narcissus bulbs have now been delivered and by the efforts of council members have been planted throughout the parish - hopefully a colourful display will ensue in the spring. Thanks to all who became plants men/women.

SKDC Garage Site - School Lane Edenham: It is hoped to arrange a



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site visit with SKDC Property Management to discuss condition of the site and its long term future.

Edenham Bus Shelter: Repairs to roof carried out and ivy removed from walls - thanks to Mr H Cranfield.

Suspicious Vehicles: All parishioners are reminded to be vigilant in their local area and report anything suspicious, however minor, to the Police using the Police 101 tel no.

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, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7:30pm.

## **THE POEMS OF WOODBINE**

**WILLIE** On the evening of Armistice Day the Rev Richard Rice–Oxley set some of Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy's poems to music and sang accompanied by the guitar. As Richard was suffering with a cold, Sylvia, as well as reading biographical notes, also read some of the poems. Geoffrey born in 1883 became Vicar of St Pauls, Worcester in 1914. On the outbreak of war he volunteered as chaplain on the Western front to boost the morale of the troops with his remarkable faith and courage. He was awarded the military cross in 1917 for helping the wounded, at great danger to himself. He had great respect for the British Tommy. Some colloquial poems were beautifully read by Sylvia and the songs were sung with great feeling by Richard. It was a very moving evening on such an auspicious day; but the finale, an upbeat Marching Song, hoped for a better world. Woodbine Willie died in 1929 in his mid-40s. Thank you Richard and Sylvia for a very thought provoking evening!

Jane Clark



# Witham on the Hill WI

The November meeting was slightly unusual for the Witham WI. Members arrived clutching tankards for this month's competition and bras which we are collecting for Zimbabwe! We also had 6 men join us as it was an open meeting. They were drawn by the opportunity to do some wine tasting.

Tomasz from Adnams came to speak to us, and better still he brought a selection of 3 white and 3 red wines for us all to try. He had organised a quiz for us which meant that as he told us about the wines and how to differentiate them we had to decide which country the wine was from, and/or which grape variety the wine was made from. Some people were very good at this – we're not sure how they gained their knowledge.... The rest of us just knew which wines we liked and couldn't necessarily pick out the flavours of limes and pears, or the differences between the aromas of cranberries, blackcurrants and red cherries. Definitely more practice required. Jill Lessey gave the vote of thanks to Tomasz for a very interesting evening.

The raffle winners this month were Jenny Stanton and Pam Wood. The competition winning tankards were owned by Juliet Renner, Pam Wood and Jane Clark. Our Christmas party is on the 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7:30pm and the Committee is providing the entertainment. All visitors are sure of a warm welcome.

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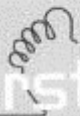
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# Whist Drives

A Whist Drive was held on Friday 20th November in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill when £95 was raised for Church Funds. The winners were:

## GENTS

1st Mrs.A.Blanchard

2nd Mrs.D.Bennett

3rd Mrs.M.Imminck

## LADIES

1st Mrs.W.Stratton

2nd Mrs.J.Templeman

3rd Mrs.P.Collier

The raffle winners were Mrs G Stanford, Mrs M Imminck, Mrs J Templeman, Mrs P Cranfield, Mr S Osborne, Mrs S Olley, Mrs J Osborne, Mrs A Blanchard, Mrs E Basden, Mrs H Strickson and Mrs P Garrard. Thank you to all those who supported the evening and to all those who kindly donated prizes - much appreciated. The next Whist Drive will be on Friday 11th December Christmas event - lots of prizes and refreshments. The January Whist Drive is on Friday 22nd January.

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# Willoughby Gallery

Results of the Willoughby  
Memorial Trust Open Art  
Competition 2015

## CLASS 1 Ages 5 -7

Key Stage 1

1st Tiana Brown

2nd Holly Burnside

3rd Soraya Yeganeh

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Isabell Hurst, Gracie Rubin,

Theodore Hemming

## CLASS 2 Ages 8-10

Key Stage 2

1st Amy Everest

2nd Gabriel Rudman

3rd Kayleigh Waterfall-Baker

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Sophie Witherington, Sophia Fry,

Lucie Maxwell

## CLASS 3 Ages 11 -14

Key Stage 3

1st Taylor Graham

2nd Arceni Smirnov

3rd Harriet Langhorne

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Olivia Paris, Brook Allman, Jenis

Joy

## CLASS 4 Ages 15 -16

Key Stage 4

1st equal Roma Taylor

1st equal Lei Payumo

3rd Chloe Fielding

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Leah Mortley, Beth Rice, Ewan

Lee

## CLASS 5 Ages 17 -18

Key Stage 5

1st Devon Brooks

2nd Demi Matthews

3rd Rex Briddon

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Kirstin Ringham

## CLASS 6 Adults over 18

1st Peter Nelson

2nd Pat Johnson

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

Mij Ward, Judy Merriman, Carole

Wright, Liz Underhill, John

Crampin

The Willoughby Memorial Trust  
Gallery is now closed for the  
winter until March 23rd 2016.

The programme for 2016 will  
appear in the next issue of this  
magazine.

# Jane's Seasonal Recipe

*I first tasted these delicious little tarts when I saw them in Sainsbury a couple of months ago. This recipe came from Paul Hollywood's latest book British Baking, which I couldn't resist buying when I saw the recipe for Ecclefechan tarts. At the time of writing I haven't actually tried out this recipe, but I am sure it will be fine! They are the Scottish variation of mince pies.*

## **ECCLEFECHAN TARTS**

### **Pastry:**

200g plain flour  
2 tablespoons icing sugar  
100g butter  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon lemon juice  
2-3 teaspoons cold water

### **Filling:**

150g dark soft brown sugar  
2 eggs  
100g butter  
1 tablespoon sherry vinegar  
200g mixed dried fruit  
25g chopped walnuts  
25g chopped pecans

Make the pastry: rub fat into flour & icing sugar. Add egg, lemon juice & water. Knead gently into a smooth ball. Wrap in cling film & chill for 30 mins. Roll out & using 10cm cutter, cut into 12 circles, & place in muffin tins. For filling: beat sugar & eggs, then add melted butter, vinegar & dried fruit. Mix well. Divide between pastry cases. Mix walnuts & pecans, sprinkle over tarts. Bake 20 mins 200c, until pastry is golden & filling has slight wobble. Place the tray on a wire rack to cool. It is easiest to remove the tarts when they are still slightly warm.



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To find out more about the school and see for yourself what is on offer to your child, the Head Teacher, Mrs Kris Radford-Rea, would be delighted to meet you in person. Kris invites you to phone or send an email to book an appointment to meet with her. She will then arrange for you to have a good look around school, to get a feel for what the school is all about and, of course, answer all your questions. Kris feels that this really is the best way to get to know Edenham School.

Contact Kris on: [Kris.Radford-Rea@edenham.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:Kris.Radford-Rea@edenham.lincs.sch.uk) or call on 01778 591207.

Applications for places at the school can be made online through the Lincolnshire County Council website at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions/do-it-online/apply-online-for-a-school-place](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/school-admissions/do-it-online/apply-online-for-a-school-place).

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## PARISH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2015

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Advent	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion and  4.pm Evening Prayer Edenham Stable Chapel
13 <sup>th</sup> December 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Advent	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion and 4pm Evening Prayer Stable Chapel
20 <sup>th</sup> December 4 <sup>th</sup> of Advent	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion and  4.30pm Christingle
24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	3.00pm Crib Service	4.30pm Crib and Christingle Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass	9am Eucharist (Stable Chapel- Vicarage) 6pm Vanburgh Carol Singing – Ticket only via Estate Office
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	8.30am Parish Eucharist and Carols	9.30am Parish Eucharist and Carols	10.30am Parish Eucharist and Carols
27 <sup>th</sup> December St John the Evangelist			8.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Three Parishes Eucharist

## PARISH SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2016

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion and 6.00pm Carolling Party at Edenham Vicarage. Sing Carols with the Three Parishes Choir and an 8 <sup>th</sup> day of Christmas spread! All Welcome.
10 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 1	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 3	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
31 <sup>st</sup> January Candlemass		1030am Three Parishes Eucharist	

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