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March 2016

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# Parish Notices

**Witham-on-the-Hill Historical Society** - All meetings are held in the St Andrew's Parish Hall in Witham unless otherwise stated.

**Monday 7th March, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall** - "Iron Age Camps and their Environs" by Tom Lane, Senior Archaeologist, Archaeological Project Services. Iron Age camps/forts of the county, their locations and possible functions. £2 members, £3 non-members.

**Tuesday 22nd March 7.30pm** - Historical Society Members' Meeting. Future planning and draft of Parish History during WWI All welcome.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Poppy (nee Kirkwood) and Jim Smith on the birth of a daughter, sister for Billy, and another grandchild for Janet and Ian Kirkwood.

**CHARITY APPEAL - LONDON ONE MORE TIME:** Tony Spratt is putting on the trainers to run the London marathon on 24th April. He is looking to raise money for Thorpe Hall Hospice as his chosen charity and any support would be greatly appreciated. He will call round the village in the coming weeks to sign up willing sponsors.

**COACH TRIP TO LINCOLN** - All readers are invited to join in a coach trip to Lincoln on the 9th April. The purpose of the trip to attend a service at Lincoln Cathedral, but there will seats for anyone who would like to take the opportunity to visit the sites, galleries and shops of uphill Lincoln. Coach leaves Edenham 9.30am: Service at 12.30pm and leaves Lincoln 4pm.

Cost adults £10 children (under 16) £2.50. If you would like to book a place please contact the Vicarage (01778 591358) or add your name to list at the back of each of our parish churches.

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## THE VICAR WRITES

As you might imagine a considerable amount of my pastoral work is around death. In the ordination service for a priest the person to be ordained is told (among other things) 'to prepare the dying for their death.' It is very difficult to explain what a privilege this has been over the years. In dying individuals are often 'pared down' to their essential selves: what they truly value, and the relationships that are essential to them come to the fore. When people are dying the important things in life become more important. In a family living with death everything looks different: time, possessions, achievements are seen and judged in an entirely different light. I have learnt more from people who are dying than those who are living far from the shadow of death. Someone in these parishes once spent the night before the funeral of her father by sitting in church next to his coffin. She told me 'the ancient saying is true; if you would seek wisdom spend a night with a

dead man.'

Many readers will know from their own experience that living with a dying friend or relative is a source of joy and love. In living with the dying, in caring for them and in sharing with them, living becomes deeper and fuller. We experience love in unimaginable richness. I have been following the developing arguments about assisted dying and voluntary euthanasia with a keen interest. Although it is true that medical science has progressed to the degree that a body can be kept 'alive' almost indefinitely; it is also true that the abuse of this ability is not a reason to justify the premature ending of life. As a society we seem to be struggling with deciding when a life is not worth living. A supplementary question to wrestle with is; 'is an individual's death only the concern of that individual.' In some of the recent broadcasts about this dilemma my first reaction was to be appalled at the unmitigated selfishness of some of the individuals involved. This is a natural consequence of the

exaltation of the self over anything or anybody else which is one of the hallmarks of our society.

Someone may argue (although I have yet to hear it expressed) that the crucifixion of Jesus was assisted suicide. The case for this is a strong one in that Jesus, although seeming to be a victim, had firm control on the circumstances of his own death: any reading of the Gospels will reveal that this is in fact the case. Jesus, however, did not fling his arms wide on the cross to embrace death, he took hold of death in order to change its meaning for humanity. His own death opened up the experience of deepest separation from God; as Christians say in the Apostles Creed 'he descended into hell.' Jesus' death, as he himself predicted, would 'destroy death and the one who has death at his command that is the devil.' It is Jesus' engagement with the abominable darkness of oblivion that is his real victory. In doing so he (as St Paul writes) took the 'sting out of death' and 'opened up the way to life.'

From a Christian perspective death is a door to life and as such in nothing to be feared. But some one will say –'it is not death that is this issue – it is the process of dying that compels some to seek an early death at a time of their own choosing.' The response to this justifiable anxiety is to return to some of my earlier observations. Dying is not a negative experience, and given the developments in palliative care, it need not be a distressing one. In his dying Jesus spoke seven times and each of those words or phrases have been and are cherished for their wisdom and authority. In his dying on the cross Jesus consoled, forgave, created new bonds of love and friendship and changed peoples' lives for ever. I have seen this when others have died: I have felt it and experienced it. My deepest dread is that in seeking death and avoiding dying individuals will permanently wound those they love and impoverish themselves. But as Jesus himself said ' God is the God of living and the dead – and none are dead to him.'

## Toddler Church

Toddler Church at Edenham Vicarage on a Monday afternoon between 1pm and 3pm, stories, songs, craft activities and play.

Contact Lizzie Muirhead  
lizzie\_muirhead@hotmail.com or  
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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!

Contact the Vicar Fr Andy on  
01778 591358 or send an e-mail to [athawes@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:athawes@tiscali.co.uk)

## 2016 The Jesus Story

The exciting biblical story of Jesus Christ has been retold in 18 songs with narration, in a new musical entitled The Jesus Story. The musical was written by Richard Rice-Oxley, now a retired priest living in Swinstead, South Lincs. The first performances, given by a local choir and musicians in Swayfield and Corby Glen, were warmly received by packed audiences.

**Sunday 20th March** 4pm  
Edenham Village Hall  
Church Lane, Edenham  
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We have already forged links with the Grimsthorpe Estate and Father Andy at the Parish Church – who comes every Friday morning – and look forward to widening these links to the local school and community. If you would like to visit us for a look round and a coffee, you are most welcome to pop in any weekday morning from 10am to 12 midday.

From time to time, we have open

days and fund-raising events for our Amenities Fund and we will advertise these in the magazine.

In addition we are offering a hot 2-course meal on a Wednesday at 12.30pm for £3.50 – places are limited to 4 each Wednesday. You can call in to book or ring 01778 591481 (no message service, so, if no answer, either ring again or pop in to day service). Bookings need to be received by 3.30pm Tuesday at the latest.

## 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: 3, 10, 17 March (weekly during Lent) 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, & 21 July.

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## **Witham on the Hill WI**

Our speaker this month, Richard Haynes, is very well known to our president, Julia, as he is her husband. Richard came to talk to us about his experience of boarding schools.

First he gave us a history about education – the oldest school being Kings School in Canterbury, built in 597AD. 120 schools that were built before 1600 are still in existence – 93 of which are in England 10, in Germany and 6 in Scotland. Schools were originally attached to a Cathedral or Abbey, and were just for boys. Richard then told us about his own schooling. As a child in an Army family, he travelled and went to different primary schools in Germany and Edinburgh.

Richard was brave and read to us some comments from his school reports of which some weren't very complimentary. Aged 11 he went to Reading School as a boarder; and spoke of the routine there. Every morning his bed was checked by a prefect and if it wasn't aired correctly he was fined

one penny out of his 2s 6d pocket money. Days were busy doing prep, having to polish shoes and going to chapel 3 times on Sunday. There was very little leisure time. Punishment was being caned, and the school buildings were always freezing and he was always hungry!

As he had not enjoyed his time boarding at Reading when Richard became House Master and teacher at Stamford Boys School he decided to make major changes to the way the boys were cared for. This included making the dorms more like a family. The prefects, who had previously been in charge of the dorms, went on hunger strike when they realized Richard was going to reduce their responsibilities and spend more time in the dorm caring for the boys. Richard talked of busy but happy times in his ten years at Stamford, and felt he'd made a real difference to the life of the boys boarding at Stamford School. Vote of thanks was given by June Dandridge who had also been at boarding school and had many

memories brought back by  
Richards talk

Raffle winner: Sandie Streets

The competition was a school  
memento which Sandie Streets  
won, she brought in a strap used  
to hit children with that Richard  
recognized from his school days in  
Edinburgh. Anne Marie Lilly came  
2nd and Barbara Vann 3rd.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday  
1st March 2016 at 7:30pm. Tim  
Hudson will be talking about Relics  
of the Raj. The competition is a

favourite curry recipe. All visitors  
are sure of a warm welcome.

On Saturday 27th February 2016  
from 10.30-12.30 at Witham  
Parish Hall we are holding a  
Swishing Morning. This involves  
swapping an item of clothing or an  
accessory for another one. Bring  
something to swap and you're free  
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from what others have offered.  
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## WHIST DRIVE

A Whist Drive was held on Friday 16th January in the Parish Hall,  
Witham on the Hill, when £73 was raised for Church funds. The  
winners were:

### GENTS

1st Mr M Brace  
2nd Mr S Osborne  
3rd Mrs G Stanford

### LADIES

1st Mrs J Templeman  
2nd Mrs S Olley  
3rd Mrs D Bennett

The raffle winners were Mrs P Collier, Mrs T Brace, Mr M Brace, Mrs J  
Templeman, Mrs S Olley, Mrs E Basden and Mr S Osborne. Thank  
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27th April to 25th May Elements - Local textile artists group Follow the Thread

1st to 28th June Summer Exhibition 2016 - Mixed media by Kim Wooldridge, Jilly Shore, Janey Hill, Mona Storey and Anne Hall

6th July to 3rd August Art and Clay - Newton Art and Pottery Club members with pictures and ceramics.

10th August to 7th September Opposites Attract - Collage artist May Jones and photographer John Byford.

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20th October to 18th November Open Art Competition - Exhibition of all entries

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## Jane's Seasonal Recipe

*This is a hearty dish which, although only having made it twice, is already a firm favourite in our home.*

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2 tablespoons olive oil

500g boneless chicken thighs

1 onion, finely chopped

90g smoked bacon lardons

1 teaspoon smoked paprika

100g chorizo, chopped

100ml red wine

400g tin chopped tomatoes

1 tablespoon tomato puree

250g tin butterbeans, drained

100g baby spinach leaves

Heat 1tablespoon oil in ovenproof casserole dish. Fry chicken until lightly browned. Remove from pan. Add rest of oil, fry onion & bacon for 3mins, add chorizo & paprika & fry a further 2 mins. Add wine, butter beans, tomatoes & puree. Return chicken to pan. Add ½ pint water, cover & cook in oven at 160c for 2 hours. Remove from oven & add spinach, giving casserole a good stir until spinach has wilted.

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## **SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL - Clerk's Notes of the meeting held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, 14th January 2016**

**Broadband:** It was noted that LCC had contributed funding toward BT's work to install high speed cabling to local villages. Corby Glen and Swayfield were completed and although work was begun in Swinstead, the work now seems to be abandoned. It was agreed to e-mail Martin Hill and inform him of the situation

**Highways:** The work on the soakaway on New Estate was completed. It was agreed to make investigations relating to an open drain under the adjacent hedgerow to see if it could be made more safe.

Work along the B1176 Creeton Road opposite the Church Car Park and in front of Nos 2,4 and 6 to repair the collapsed foul sewer scheduled for December has yet to be started, although yellow flags have been installed to identify the site of the work.

A request has been sent to LCC to ensure the Grit Bins in the village are topped-up. A request for LCC to repair the pot-holes along the High Street toward New Estate has also been made.

**Croake Hill:** It was noted that following a successful Crown prosecution, the tenant at No11 is currently serving a prison sentence. This "guilty" finding comes after the tenant was allowed to remain in the property following SKDC's previous successful application for re-possession of this property. (The tenant was allowed to have use of the property as he exhibited "habitual behaviour" problems which the judge said he should have a twelve month opportunity to correct.) It was agreed that SKDC now be contacted to confirm that following this further, proven breach of the tenancy agreement, the property will now be re-possessed by SKDC and allocated to a more deserving applicant from their housing list.

**Councillors' Reports:** Community Orchard- Cllr Lunn reported that the gate requires attention as the gate bolt no longer meets the hole in the corresponding gatepost. Some of the trees have died and will be replaced in the spring. There is also a need for the hedgerow to be trimmed back along the road and inside the orchard.

**Next meeting:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, 7pm.

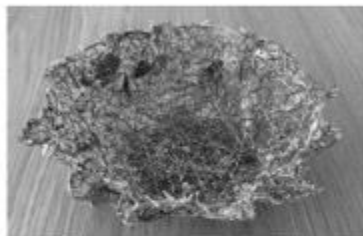
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### **Section A – Flowers (Grown by the exhibitor for at least 2 months)**

1. One red rose (any variety)
2. Vase of six roses (any variety)
3. Vase of mixed flowers cut from open border (any variety)
4. Tallest Sunflower (judged on premises)
5. Flowering pot plant
6. Vase of five dahlias
7. Vase of five chrysanthemums
8. Vase of sweet peas
9. Foliage pot plant
10. Hanging basket (judged on premises)

### **Section B – Decorative (Completed in the last 12 months)**

11. Arrangement of flowers to celebrate a ruby anniversary (not to exceed 24" overall)
12. Posy not to exceed 4" overall
13. Ruby red button hole used for a wedding (man or woman)
14. Homemade gift tag
15. A collage of leaves (maximum size A4)
16. A flower or foliage arrangement in a mug
17. Arrangement of flowers, fruit or vegetable not to exceed 12" overall
18. Painting (oil, watercolour or sketch) or drawing
19. Arrangement of wild flowers and/or grasses not to exceed 18" overall
20. One vegetable and one bloom (open to any interpretation)
21. Greenery arrangement not to exceed 18" overall

### **Section C – Vegetables (Grown by the exhibitor for at least two months)**

22. Cucumber
23. Three potatoes any colour
24. Three quality carrots with 3" tops
25. Red chilli pepper

26. Three onion sets
27. One large onion
28. Three greenhouse tomatoes
29. Three pods of runner beans
30. Five shallots
31. Pair of marrows, courgettes, squash or pumpkins
32. One large marrow (by weight)
33. Three beetroot
34. Tied bunch of three herbs
35. Box of mixed vegetables (maximum box size 18" x 12")

**Section D – Fruit (Grown by the exhibitor for at least two months)**

36. Three cooking apples
37. Bowl of dessert fruit
38. Three dessert apples

**Section E - Homemade (Completed in the last 12 months)**

39. 1lb jar of curd any flavour (must have cellophane top)
40. 1lb jar of red jam any flavour (must have cellophane top)
41. Jar of marmalade any variety (must have cellophane top)
42. Jar of chutney any variety (must have cellophane top)
43. Red velvet cake
44. Six squares of flapjack
45. Tea loaf not more than 2lb
46. Four fruit scones
47. One rich fruit cake
48. Savoury quiche in foil container
49. Apple pie in foil container
50. 1lb loaf of bread
51. Decorated chocolate cake for a 40<sup>th</sup> celebration
52. Five pieces of Shortbread
53. Five decorated cupcakes
54. Lemon tray bake
55. Six sausage rolls
56. Homemade beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)

**Section F - Handicrafts (Completed in the last 12 months)**

57. Sewing machine item
58. One meter bunting for a 40<sup>th</sup> celebration
59. Hand knitted baby or child garment
60. An item of patchwork
61. Knitted toy
62. Handmade pin cushion
63. Knitted or crocheted hat and/or scarf

## **Section G - Children Under 7 years**

64. Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
65. Home grown magic bean stalk
66. Edible item of cookery
67. Vegetable model
68. A4 poster to advertise the show (celebrating 40 years)
69. Photograph
70. Miniature garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)

## **Section G - Children (Continued) 7 years and over**

71. Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
72. Home grown magic bean stalk
73. Edible item of cookery
74. Vegetable model
75. A4 poster to advertise the show (celebrating 40 years)
76. Photograph
77. Miniature garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)

## **Section H – Photography (Maximum size of photo 7" x 5")**

78. Garden friends or enemies
79. From my window
80. Photo from 40 years ago
81. Night time scene
82. Amusing photo with caption

## **Section I – Disaster**

83. Planned entry that ended in disaster

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# Edenham School

## **Wanted! Governor! - Our School Needs You...**

Edenham CE Primary School is a vibrant village school, approximately 5 miles from Bourne in Lincolnshire. We have enthusiastic and involved families, a stable, dedicated and experienced team of staff, and a governing body who are committed to ensuring the best possible experience for pupils in our school.

Our school leadership is strong and well-established, and our Head Teacher is fundamentally committed to developing our role as governors, as a central part of our school community. We have a Vice-Chair to the Governing Body who works closely with the current Chair to support that role and will continue to do so with our new Chair.

All schools including ours, are facing challenging times and we are working extremely hard to balance our already high-quality provision with massive changes in most areas of school organisation – including a new National Curriculum, new national assessment expectations, more school converting to academy status, reduced Local Authority service etc.

Sadly for us, our superb and dedicated Chair person has chosen to stand down as her own business is rapidly growing and changing.

We therefore find ourselves in an unusual position for our school – seeking a governor who would be interested in and prepared to take on the role of both Governor and Chair to the Governing Body.

### **The Chair plays a crucial role in our school:**

Leader of the board - Confidante - Cheerleader  
Critical friend - Ambassador - Mediator

### **The Chair needs to be able to:**

Confidently work with the Head to lead a team of volunteers and professional people

Manage their time effectively – and provide a good balance of their time to getting to know us and leading governor work in the school



Understand our values and vision and, commit to supporting them

Communicate effectively with a wide range of people

Maintain a cheerful and positive approach in any situation or circumstance

Be curious - taking on new information and knowledge quickly, sometimes in areas with which they may be less familiar, for example, safeguarding, Finance or school improvement.

The changes and choices facing our school would benefit from someone who has some understanding of an Educational environment and the educational climate, particularly working with children or young people. However – this is NOT critical! Many of the governors and members of our community who have had the greatest impact have been able to share their knowledge and skill sets from any number of different walks of life.

This governor could become our Local Authority Governor, appointed Lincolnshire, or would be co-opted by the rest of the governing body.

All our governors are elected or appointed for a period of 4 years. Some serve less than this time due to other commitments, but most give at least 4 years, often choosing to stand for reselection whenever possible.

We would provide high quality support and training wherever possible including the possibility of participating in the National Governors' Association 'Leadership Development Programme'.

We believe this could be a tremendous opportunity for the right individual and extremely rewarding for them working in our school community.

We encourage you to contact Mrs Kris Radford-Rea, our Head Teacher, for further information **before the cut-off deadline of Friday 18th March.**

[kris.radford@edenham.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:kris.radford@edenham.lincs.sch.uk) or call 01778 591207.

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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
6 <sup>th</sup> March - 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist including the blessing of gifts for Mothering Sunday	10am Parish Service for all ages	11.15am Parish Service for all ages 4pm Evening Prayer
13 <sup>th</sup> March - 5th of Lent Passion Sunday Using the Book of Common Prayer	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4.30pm Deanery Evening Prayer at Edenham
20 <sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday	10.30am Palm Sunday procession and Service		4pm Evening Prayer 4pm The Jesus Story – The Village Hall
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,			7.30pm Eucharist and address – Stable Chapel
24th March Maundy Thursday			7.30pm Maundy Thursday and Liturgy followed by all night vigil until 9am Good Friday
25th March GOOD FRIDAY	10am Stations of the Cross for all ages 13.30pm Service of the Day ( ends around 1500)		6pm Meditation
27th March EASTER DAY (clocks go forward!)	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	5am Vigil Service (meet at bonfire in Vicarage Garden followed by breakfast) 11.15am Parish Eucharist 6pm Evening Prayer