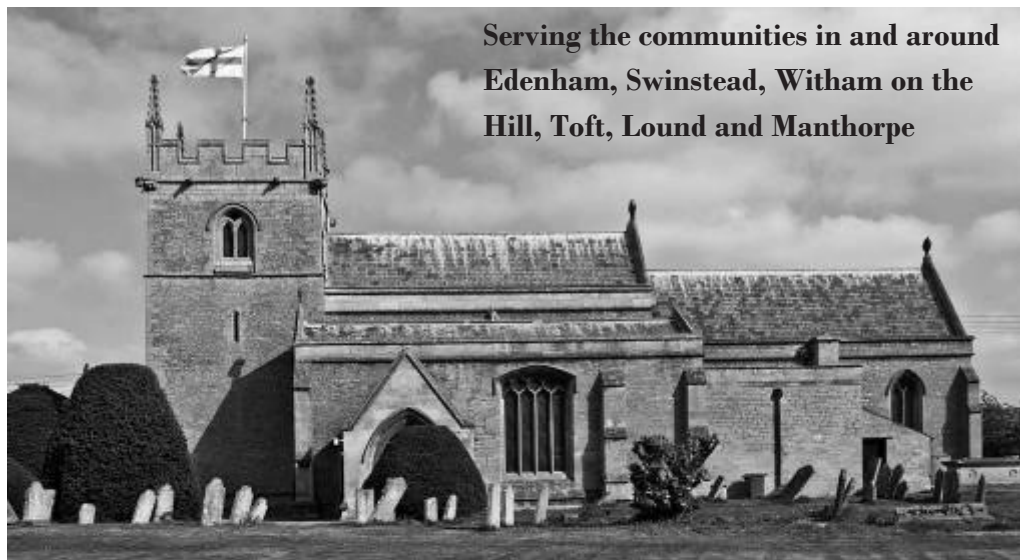


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Any queries contact Karen Lawrie on 01780 759159

“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: 19 May, 16 June, & 21 July.

CONGRATULATIONS Madge Carmichael on reaching the grand age of 100 years. We hope you enjoyed your birthday party!

WELCOME HOME Edna Rose. We are pleased to see you back in Witham on the Hill, after your extended visit to Rippingale!

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Gabriella Smith (daughter of Diana and Paul Smith of Witham on the Hill) and Thomas Gutteridge, married at St Andrew’s Church Witham on the Hill on 23 April. We hope you will both have very many happy years together.

CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of Joyce Fisher, of Edenham, who died suddenly aged 90.

THANK YOU to all who helped clean St Andrew’s Church and tidy the Church yard on Sunday 10 April. The Church smells much sweeter of polish now, and the paths and lavender beds look fit for a bride to walk along.



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THE VICAR WRITES

In Lent I received, with every other parish priest in the Church of England, a letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York inviting myself with everyone in the parish to join in a week of prayer for the 'evangelisation of our nation'. This I am more than happy to do! They write that 'at the heart of our prayers will be the words the Jesus taught us 'thy kingdom come, thy will be done.' As they say 'it is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a lifetime of prayer.' They add: 'when we pray with sincerity and joy there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory. '

That prayer of Jesus praying for the Kingdom to come is one that is challenging to fully understand. The Kingdom of Christ is present wherever people allow him to have authority. This has to begin with each individual acknowledging the kingship and rule of Christ in their own hearts, and in doing so seek to order their priorities around His. This means living simply within our needs; seeking to be a person of

forgiveness and reconciliation; being aware of the needs of those who are our neighbour and being active in response to them.

When a group of people come together seeking to live under the authority of Christ then they can become a transforming presence in their community. We see this clearly in looking back at the various times of spiritual renewal and revival in our own country and in others. In this way, as Jesus taught, those seeking his kingdom are like light, salt and yeast bringing dynamic change and life.

Any act of prayer, no matter how simple or faltering, is an acknowledgment of the Kingship of Christ. Jesus is the Lord of Love who through the Spirit searches everything – even the depths of our hearts. We simply have to stop, be quiet, close the door and in the experience of solitude ask the King to come and reign in our hearts, our homes, our village and our nation. In praying this prayer we ourselves are changed.

If anyone would like to take part in this 'wave of prayer' apart from our usual weekday services there will be a special service at Witham on

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the Hill at 12 noon on Thursday 12th May. Prayer bookmarks will also be available in church for anyone to collect and use at home.

Diary Date

Edenham Church and Churchyard spring clean: friends of Edenham Church and parishioners are invited to come and help on Saturday 21st May from 9.00am onwards. Please bring any tools and equipment with you.

News from the Regional House Edenham Vicarage

Day of study and reflection

Friday 20th May: A Day with St Clare. St Clare lived 800 years ago, but still speaks to us today.

We will hear her life story. We will question her radical commitment to poverty and ask how it can be relevant to us today. We will look at how creatively she used the restrictions imposed upon her by the authorities of the day, and explore how we can use our limitations more positively. Led by Canon Valerie Rampton.

These days begin at 10am for a 10:30am start and end by 4pm. Suggested contribution to cover

costs is £15 – including lunch, to find out more phone 01778 591358 or www.edenhamregionalhouse.org

Smuggler Jack

Grateful thanks to everyone who supported this event. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. Over £478 was raised for Church and Parish Hall funds. A special thanks to Andy & Peta Cordial for the use of their barn, and for all their help, especially with the electrics! Thanks to all the caterers who provided the chilli and to Trudy for scrubbing so many jacket potatoes! Thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes and to Miriam for selling the tickets. Thanks to the men and boys who shifted all the chairs and tables - many hands make light work. Well done all of you!

Swinstead Parish Council Minutes

In addition to the Clerk's notes that appear in this magazine, the full minutes of the Swinstead Parish Council meetings can now be found on the SKDC website. Either type "Swinstead Parish Council Minutes" into you favourite search engine and choose the link that begins with "**moderngov**".

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VERA MAY MIDDLETON 1920-2016

A component is an essential part, and this is what Vera was to the community of Edenham for 65 years. She was born in November 1920 to John and Beatrice May Breathwick in Warsop, Nottinghamshire. In 1936 she moved to a remote farm in the Peak District, 3 miles from Chatsworth. When the war came she was drafted into the Army. She had a busy war, stationed the whole time on an ack ack battery near Battersea Park Power Station. She was a corporal cook, which was constant hard work, but wonderful training for the super cook she became – constantly in demand for wedding cakes. Vera was apart from her beloved Colin for 4 long years, while he was in the Royal Corp of Signals, first at Dunkirk, then the Middle East. They were both demobbed, and were married at Old Brampton Parish Church, Derbyshire. So many people came to the wedding that the hayloft was brought into use for extra sleeping accommodation. For a while they lived in Chesterfield, but Vera's family moved to Edenham, where her Dad had old family ties. Vera's husband got work on the Grimsthorpe estate as a carpenter, and they moved to Swinstead, and then to School Lane, Edenham, where daughters Janet and Jill were born. They moved once more to Scottlethorpe Lane; but sadly Colin died suddenly aged 53, so Vera was a widow for 42 years. She had the wonderful support of her daughters, and became involved in various aspects of village life: working at the school, a competent conscientious Parish Council Clerk for many years, Women's Fellowship member, Church flower arranger and organiser, dancing classes, painting classes, British Legion Poppy organiser and seller. Faye Carter would tell the children at school when Mrs Middleton was bringing the poppies. On the appointed day the children would gather round to buy a poppy. One little boy asked Vera: are you an old lady? She answered: yes I am. The little boy persisted, and asked are you a **very** old lady? So she repeated: yes I am. Not to be outdone, the little boy asked: but have you got false teeth?

The highlight of her life, since her grandchildren have grown up, was their visits to see her, and taking her on little trips out. It is difficult to do justice to this invaluable and much loved friend to so many people. There is a place in so many hearts that will be for ever Vera's. God rest her soul with the angels. Amen.



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WHIST DRIVE

A Whist Drive was held on Friday 15th April in the St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, when £67 was raised for church funds. The winners were:

GENTS

1. Mrs A Blanchard
2. Mrs P Garrard
3. Mrs G. Stanford

LADIES

1. Mrs E Brewster
2. Mrs W Stratton
3. Mrs S Olley

The raffle winners were Mrs M. Imminck, Mrs G Stanford, Mrs J Templeman, Mrs E Brewster, Mrs P Garrard and Mrs S Olley. I would like to thank all those who have supported these evenings throughout the season as this was the last one, and all those who have generously contributed towards the prizes. They will start again on Friday 16th September.

Witham on the Hill WI

Witham on the Hill WI AGM Meeting

We don't usually go to an Annual General Meeting expecting it to be an entertaining evening but this year Witham on the Hill WI managed a very interesting and informative one.

Vicky Cox and Frances Plummer gave a fascinating talk on their experiences on their holiday to Australia visiting Sydney, Ayers Rock, Cairns & Melbourne. The reason why our WI was so interested in their holiday was because they went with Travel Eyes - a travel company for blind and visually impaired people. The idea of the holidays are to share sight and experiences between sociable likeminded people who are keen to travel. Sam Thorpe from Travel Eyes came to talk to us back in September and gave Vicky and Frances the idea of going to Australia.

Rebecca Main is the new area WI adviser. She gave an inspirational talk, with a brief history of her life, with help from her props: a pair of wellies – because she was

brought up on a farm, nail polish - for her career now, RAF wings - in memory of her husband, and her WI adviser badge – because the WI has meant so much to her and her family.

Jane Clark gave a report of the LSFWI spring council meeting at Spalding. The main speaker was John Kettley, the TV weatherman. He predicted that as the current weather pattern was similar to 2006, we are in for a good July!

Then the AGM business was held. The record of the last annual meeting was read. The treasurer presented the audited annual accounts. The Committee's annual report was read by Secretary Jane Clark. Julia Haynes gave her presidential address, mentioning her personal highlights of the year & thanking every single member for their individual contribution.

The new committee was announced and the Ballot for President was supervised by Rebecca Main. Julia Haynes reluctantly agreed to do a final year with help from 2 Vice Presidents; which was authorised by Rebecca Main as the WI adviser.

The raffle winner was Kaye Mundy.

We had refreshments and a chocolate anniversary cake made by the President. Members admired the collections on display of ducks, badgers, cats, boxes, seashells and WWI postcards.

Our speaker for next month's meeting is Denise Taylor who will be talking about Medical Detection dogs on Tuesday 3rd May at 7:30pm.

WI Programme 2016

3 MAY - Denise Taylor - Medical Assistance Dogs

7 JUNE - George Waugh – Life as a Butler

12 JULY - *At Carlby Village Hall* - Alan Gray - Wimbledon Umpire

2 AUGUST - Tony King – K2 or Bust

6 SEPTEMBER - Eve Marshall – Felted Beads

4 OCTOBER - Ruth O'Mellia – St Barnabas Hospice

3 NOVEMBER - Keith Appleyard – Life as a Spook

1 DECEMBER - Christmas party

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Toft with Lound & Manthorpe Parish Council

Clerk's Notes 16th March 2016

Cllr Stephenson reported on the highways meeting with Lincolnshire County Council highways department. Concern was expressed that HGV's travelling through Manthorpe were mounting the footpath at the junction to Wilsthorpe. The clerk would be interested to hear from anyone who has witnessed this with the details of the Haulage Company and registration number of the lorry. It had been agreed that a party to celebrate the Queen's birthday would take place on 11th June, with the theme 'Windsor Castle'. Further information please contact a member of the Parish Council.

It was agreed 'no objection' for the erection of a dwelling at Bourne Road, Lound.

It was reported that Cllr Dawson had received a new quotation for the fencing of the Playing Field and more people to be placed on the grass cutting schedule. A resident reported that the Toft bus shelter required maintenance and the council was asked to provide a

waste bin.

It was agreed that outside bodies that were given money from the council would have to attend the Annual Parish Meeting and give a short report before they received a donation.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported that a motion to 'come out' of Europe at the full council meeting had a majority agreement. He also gave an update on the financial situation and what cuts could be expected at county level.

The next meeting would take place on 18th May at 7pm at Toft House; this would include the Annual Parish Meeting (APM), AGM of the Parish Council and Parish Council Meeting.

The APM is an occasion for electors to raise any concerns they may have. They may wish to discuss parish affairs, make resolutions & vote, but these are not legally binding for the council. The Parish Meeting may pass resolutions on the public activities or policies in the parish of any local authority, public body, government department or public service provided that they affect the parish specially and are not

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Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 8th March 2016

Open Forum. An e-mail received from a parishioner reporting potholes in Scottlethorpe Road, Edenham and their concern over slow progress of the areas broadband upgrade was read. Cllr Biggs briefed meeting on his recent site visit around the Parish with Lincolnshire County Council's broadband project manager, highlighting business and residential concerns over the projects progress. The manager indicated that the countywide project has reached a target of 93% coverage but that the remaining 7% would prove challenging to achieve. However, the visit had given him a good insight into the parishes particular concerns. It is hoped that several alternative technical solutions may be suitable/viable to overcome the areas issues with its current telephone infrastructure and the many remote residences/businesses.

All parishioners are reminded that the Open Forum at each Parish Council meeting 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 – or contacting any of your current

councillors.

Financial Matters:

- a. Clerk's Salary - Admin & Street Cleaning (inc HMRC PAYE) for 4th Qtr 2015/16 £329.23p.
- b. Invoice - Subscription Lincolnshire Assoc. of Local Councils (2016/17) - £103.04p inc VAT.

Highways. Potholes along Scottlethorpe Road and Church Lane, Edenham and standing water on A151 near to Grimsthorpe to be reported to Lincolnshire Highways.

Parish Xmas Tree. It was agreed that a Parish Christmas tree should be erected for Christmas 2016. It is hoped that this will be positioned in the field between Church Lane and Ford Cottage, Edenham for all passing through the Parish to enjoy - subject to necessary site surveys etc.

Smaller Authority Transparency Code; The council is to apply for a grant from the Department for Communities and Local Government to upgrade its IT system to include a scanner which will enable the council to meet its obligation under the code to upload documents to the Parish Website.



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Fly Tipping. This is an ongoing problem within the parish and all parishioners are reminded that the SKDC website has a Fly Tipping report section, that is easy and quick to use, so please report any such activity. If necessary report it to a parish councillor/clerk.

Suspicious Activity/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

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The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday, 10th May, 2016 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which commences @ 7:30pm.

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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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All meetings in the St Andrew's Parish Hall, unless otherwise stated.

Talk - Monday, 7.30pm, 23rd May, 2016, Jean Townsend "The English Country House, 1066-1900" £2 members, £3 non-members All Welcome.

Macbeth - Visit to Stamford Shakespeare at Tolethorpe, Thursday 18th August, 2016, show starts at 7.45pm, hopefully with a picnic beforehand (depending on the weather) Please book your own tickets, but let Vaughan Roberts know on 01778 426255 if you would like to participate in the picnic, so who brings which food can be co-ordinated. Book via Stamford Arts Centre, tel. 01780 756133, or www.stamfordshakepeare.co.uk £13 per adult, £12 concessions.

Next Members Meeting (AGM), 7.30pm, Monday, 13th June including a screening of old local postcards.

AFTERNOON TEA

To celebrate the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth, we shall be serving afternoon tea in the St Andrew's Parish Hall in Witham on the Hill on Sunday 12 June from 3-5pm. Tickets £5.00 available from Angela Clifford 590331, or Jenny Stanton 590271. The afternoon tea will be followed by a game of rounders on the village green - all welcome, whether to play or just watch! Bring a chair and some refreshments!

Jane's Seasonal Recipe

An unusual cake recipe from my Dairy Diary – that even Bob eats despite not liking dried fruit! The pepper & cloves give it a warming spicy flavour.

WESTMORLAND PEPPER CAKE

75G BUTTER

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75G CURRANTS

110G CASTER SUGAR

225G SR FLOUR

½ TEASPOON GROUND GINGER

½ TEASPOON GROUND CLOVES

½ TEASPOON FINELY GROUND BLACK PEPPER

4 TABLESPOONS MILK

1 EGG

Put butter fruit & sugar in a saucepan with ¼ pint water, melt gently, stirring. Bring to boil & simmer gently for 10 mins. Leave to cool. Stir in flour, spices & pepper. Beat in milk & egg. Pour into greased & lined 7inch round cake tin at 180c for 45 mins, until firm & golden. Cool on a wire rack. Can be served with Lancashire cheese.

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 schools 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 by 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.

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PARISH SERVICES FOR MAY 2016

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
ASCENSION DAY 5 TH MAY			7.30pm Eucharist at the Garden Altar
8 th MAY SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION		10.30am THREE PARISHES EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION	
15 TH MAY PENTECOST	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion (The Vicar is preaching at the Cathedral – no Evening Prayer)
22 nd MAY TRINITY SUNDAY	8.45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion 6pm Songs of Praise in the gardens of Witham Hall	11.15am Parish Communion
26 th May Corpus Christi		7.30pm Eucharist and ministry of healing.	
29 th May Trinity 1	8.45am Parish Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	10am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion

FOR BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, BANNS OF MARRIAGE, CONFESSIONS, OR ANY OTHER PASTORAL OR SPIRITUAL NEED CONTACT :VICAR: THE REVD CANON ANDREW HAWES SSC 01778 591358 - athawes@tiscali.co.uk LICENSED READER: MRS HEATHER LEE 01778 591338 - beltislobelle@btinternet.com