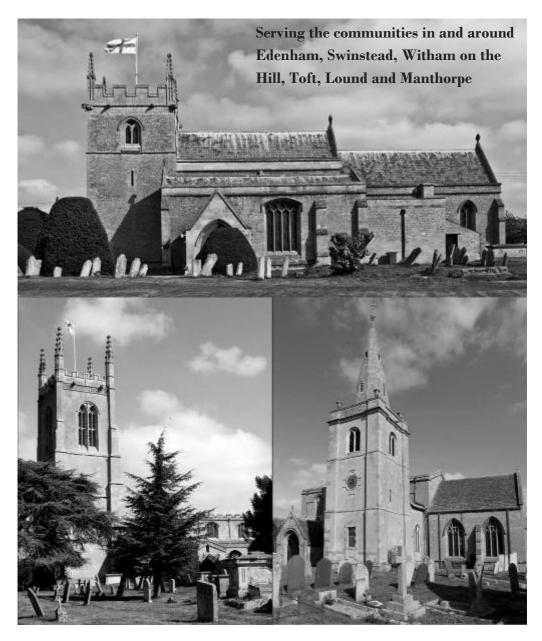
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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 11th June, Manthorpe Playing Field, Toft cum Lound with Manthorpe Parish Family Fun Day - from 11.30am onwards. Free BBQ, mid-day Hurricane & Spitfire flypast, children's games, Pétanque, cake competition and more. Dress code Red, White and Blue. Bring your own chairs, glasses and drinks. All members of the Toft cum Lound with Manthorpe Parish are welcome. Please reply to your invitation that dropped through your door soon should you wish attend. The organisers need the numbers so as not to waste uneaten food!

Sunday 12th June, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Afternoon Tea - As a celebration of the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth - 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 drink!

Friday 24th June, Edenham Village Hall, Barn Dance/Ceilidh -7.30pm until late. Music by Waggon Load of Monkeys - Tickets £10 per person and includes a ploughman's supper. To ensure that there is sufficient food please contact Nikki 07908 111690 or Pat 01778 591004 for tickets before the 24th.

Saturday 25th June, Edenham Village Hall, Family Fun Day - 10am to 4pm. Games, food, bar, face painting, tug-of-war and much more.

Saturday 9th July, Edenham Garden Church Fete - If you can help set things up please be at the Vicarage for 10 am.

Parish Notices

THANKS - Tony Spratt wishes to give a huge thank you on behalf of himself and Thorpe Hall Hospice for the fantastic support his London marathon appeal received. A total of £1,215 was donated, most of this from Witham and the surrounding area.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS - Benjamin Sandall & Toni Read, married at St Andrew's Church Witham on the Hill on 21 May. We hope you will both have very many happy years together.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS - Helen Fullock & Elton Holmes, married at St Andrew's Church Witham on the Hill on 21 May. We wish you both a very happy life together.

CONFIRMATION DAY - Sunday 8 May at St Andrew's Church. Congratulations to Jemima & Tabi Gervis, Hannah Scott, Jessica Stamp, Eleanor Langman, Jean Downey, Joe Fox, Emma King, Isobel Golland and Fion Trundle on your confirmation. Welcome to our Church family. What a wonderful service it was - very joyful and uplifting, led by the Bishop of Richborough, Norman Banks. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making it such a successful day and helped to clear up afterwards. With almost 180 attending it was a very busy day! Well done everyone, very much a community effort!

FAREWELL - On 15th May Edenham church bade a sad farewell to Stephen Webb their organist for nearly ten years. Steve has been more than a musician in that his own faith and creativity enhanced the life of Edenham Church in so many ways: always generous with his time to both Church and School his presence will sing on in the hymns and anthems he wrote for us. We wish Steve and Jane every blessing in their new Devon home. They will both be missed in Swinstead where Steve also played and was a parish councillor . In all things Jane was his aid not least in being clerk to Swinstead Parish Council.

THE VICAR WRITES

I have been asked over the past month or so what my view is on the Referendum. My answer always is - 'it's a secret ballot.' Sometimes I am pressed a little harder but I am very wary of giving my opinion. When it comes to politics, Christianity is a little bit slippery! Jesus was asked for his political opinion about the vexed subject of paying tax to the occupying Romans. His answer was to have a coin produced and then ask the question 'whose head is this on the coin?' The answer 'Caesar's'. Jesus then offered his advice; ' give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's.' In other words work it out for yourself.

The way we approach any political question will be shaped largely by our own circumstances: for example - the European Union has done very little for my home town of Grimsby after wrecking the fishing industry but the surrounding agricultural economy has more to be positive about in its view of the EU. It is a very complex issue and thereby hangs one of the difficulties about referenda: how can so many people make an informed decision when the material used to weigh up the decision is so complex?

The referendum debate has thrown up huge questions about

the presentation and dissemination of information. To my mind it has been quite shameful that no one can claim to have presented simple straightforward facts. Our political and economic organisations are so 'spin ridden' that we have all become strangers to the truth.

Jesus was encouraging the crowd to be independent thinkers - to work things out for themselves, to take personal responsibility in their dealings with the body politic. Like many readers I can spot an untruth when I see it! Jesus was throwing people back onto fundamental responsibilities and steering them away from immediate selfish, partisan or economic gain. In the same way we ought to be dealing in this referendum with fundamental principles rather than the coin in our own pockets.

In this decision there is one question I ask myself – 'what kind of society would I like my grandchildren to grow up in, to find work in and build families of their own in?' I find that has helped me decide how to vote.

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A unique and special friend, she will always hold special memories, she really was a legend in her own lifetime. We used to talk on the telephone, two or three times a week, not gossip, but stimulating conversation, that was Joyce's style. When my grandson, Sam, came home from University, he always went to see her; they would talk, and Joyce would top up her knowledge of interesting topics and current affairs. One of her special loves was her garden, which she made sure was kept to a high standard with Dougie and Stefan's help. She loved to be out there and involved. Another love was Peter, her black Labrador. She used to drive her car up the road, and he would be looking out of the rear window. Vera Middleton and Joyce Fisher were Scottlethorpe supporters and neighbours for many years. It's strange to think that they left the pitch only six weeks apart. We all remember Joyce's high standard of culinary skills at the Black Horse. She always had a front of

house approach. Moving to Scottlethorpe, she spent time at Madingley College. She would think nothing of getting in the car (no Satnav) and driving to the Cotswolds, Somerset and elsewhere. She always said she had a good sense of direction. She never forgot my handicapped son's birthday and Christmas. We miss you so much Joyce; and, as it said in your order of service, which was beautiful, "We will listen for your footfall in our hearts" and I am sure you are walking with us.

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Witham on the Hill WI May 2016 Report

Vicky Cox, Vice President, introduced Denise Taylor, who with the aid of slides and video footage told us all about the training of medical detection dogs. A dog's sense of smell is estimated to be 100,000 times more sensitive than humans. Dogs can detect odour associated with cancer, and are trained to identify from samples of urine. The samples come from the NHS so dogs do not have direct access with the public. The procedure is strictly controlled under licence. Medical alert dogs help people with diabetes. Addison's disease. pain seizures, allergies & narcolepsy. Other dogs can detect bed bugs, and these dogs were sold off for private business. It costs £11.5k to train each dog. which takes 2 years. Various breeds are used – gun dogs, spaniels, retrievers, and the dogs wear a distinctive red jacket. To raise funds for this charity, they are always pleased to receive used stamps, old inkjet cartridges, old mobile phones & clothing to sell. The competition, for a dog

item, was won by Susan Budden, second Julia Thompson, & third Jenny Stanton. Delia Holland Jones and Jenny Stanton won the raffle prizes; and Jenny Stanton did the teas – so a very busy meeting for her!

The next walk will start in Greetham on 18 May, with lunch at the Wheatsheaf afterwards. Ladies have been invited to a Fashion Show at Bourne Abbey Church Hall on 2 June, and to join a coach trip to the Deep, Hull, on 9 June. Some members will be aging to Tolethorpe to see Wind in the Willows on Wednesday 8 June. At the next meeting on 7 June George Waugh will speak of his life as a butler at Burghley House. Visitors and new members are always most welcome. For further information, contact the Secretary, Jane Clark, tel 01778 590232.

Some Forthcoming Events

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

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Canon Cooley was the vicar of Witham parish (including Manthorpe, Toft and Lound) from 1900 -1945. He lived in the vicarage at Witham and had a finger in nearly every pie in the parish, with hardly any committee formed without him. He hosted tennis parties at his home, played cricket for the Parish Team, was a frequent visitor to "the Hall" and was a well known local figure

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Toft with Lound & Manthorpe Parish Council

Clerk's Notes 18th May 2016

The Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting was held on 18th May 2016

Cllr Stephenson, Chairman of the Parish Council thanked Toft House Hotel for allowing the Council to meet at the venue. He gave a report on events, highways, parish property and planning applications since the elections of 2015. The Clerk gave an update on the draft accounts for year ending 31st March 2016. She thanked Tom McWilliams for placing information on the Parish website.

C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew reported on the Boundary Commission; reduction of grants from government; household recycling centre at South Fen, Bourne; Devolution; performance of the Ambulance Service and Marc Jones who was elected as the new Police & Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire in May.

D.Cllr Martin Wilkins reported that he had been re-appointed as Chairman of Development Control. The District Council has to make major cutbacks due to reduced funding; has increased the council tax & reduced rents on council properties.

Mr McWilliams reported on Edenham School, Mr Butler - The Royal British Legion, Mr Tookey – Notts and Lincs Air Ambulance and Janie McCormick – St Barnabas Hospice before they were presented with cheques by Cllr Stephenson.

The meeting closed at 8pm followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council.

Cllr Richard Stephenson was reelected as Chairman with Cllr Jeremy Dawson as Vice-Chairman.

The accounts for the end of year 31st March 2015 were approved, the council agreed to continue with Aon Insurance for the next 3 years, the Clerk's hours to remain as previously, Adrian Childs to be the Council's internal auditor.

Planning application to erect a dwelling at Bourne Road, Lound, was refused by the District Council planning officers. The Parish Councillors had no objection to the crowning of 3 trees at The Gables in Toft.

The Queen's birthday celebrations are progressing well, the Chairman has received a letter from Windsor Castle thanking him for his invitation but the Queen was unable to attend the event. Her Majesty sends her good wishes to all parishioners. HGV's continue to cause problems and a letter has been sent asking that they find an alternative route. Clerk reported that both defibrillators were working correctly and that the playing field had new fencing.

Councillors would like to thank the person or people who removed the debris out the gutters and cleaned up the bus shelter at Toft. Quotations are being sorted to have the branches removed from trees which overhang the building and replace the tile.

Meeting concluded at 9pm. Next Parish Council meeting 20th July at 7.30pm at Toft House Hotel. All welcome.

Rosemary Woolley, Clerk to the Council.

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Glen Ward - District Council

The District Council election of 5th May 2015 saw the Conservative Administration returned with a large majority. I was elected as District Councillor for the newly formed Glen Ward & re-appointed as Chairman of the Development Control Committee. The Planning Department has been very busy over the last 12 months with some major applications although none of significance within the Parish. SKDC has suffered major cutbacks in Government funding and has had to make significant savings whilst still maintaining the front line services. The Council Tax was increased in line with Government guidelines resulting in an increase of £5.00 a year on the average Band D house. The overall Council Tax bill is approximately £1,500 a year but of this only £132.03 goes to SKDC. The rest is essentially spent by the County Council & Police. Again following Government policy the rents on Council Properties have been reduced by 1%.

SKDC has been able to build some council properties – 33 last year in phase 1 & 27 scheduled for this year in phase 2. SKDC has continued to provide 144 services to the population of the District.

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Notes from the Edenham Parish Parish Council Meeting Council Meeting 10th May 2016

Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman welcomed one member of public present for the Annual Parish Meeting. Minutes of the last meeting read and signed as a true record. The issue of broadband upgrade was raised again, Cllr Hill(LCC) gave an update on how the LCC project manager and BT are working on solutions to the delays in rolling out the service to the local parishes where upgrade is proving to be challenging. Secretary to contact project manager for a formal update and to express residents and businesses concerns over delivery of the service to remote/challenging rural locations

A brief overview was given on the Grimsthorpe & Drummond Castle Trust's aim to renovate/convert disused farm buildings in the Parish, primarily to form small individual accommodation units

All parishioners are reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting and 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.

Election Of Officers: Cllr Cranfield re-elected as chairman, Cllr Biggs re-elected as Vice Chairman for the forth coming year - 2016/17.

Financial Matters¹

a. Clerk's Administration Costs year 2015/16 (Cheque signed -£39-07p).

b. Council Insurance renewal -Year 2016/17 (Cheque signed -£233.24p)

c. Annual Audit - Prepared accounts along with Internal Audit (thanks to Mrs M Marshall) for year 2015/16 accepted by the council, Audit Annual Governance Statement and Annual Statement of Accounts agreed and approved by the council. Completed Audit forms to be sent to External Auditors - copies along with full Accounts and Bank Reconciliation to be publicised on the Parish Council website

d. Precept now received for year 2016/17 (£2750).

Highways: A151 - dangerous drops in verge alongside carriageway between Home Farm and Grimsthorpe to be reported to Lincolnshire Highways. Resurfacing of Elsthorpe Road, Grimsthorpe scheduled for this financial year.

Planning: Application No S16/0688 (replacement public access gates Grimsthorpe Castle) considered prior to meeting - no objections. Application No S16/0122 (Agricultural Development) Grain Silo - Home Farm Grimsthorpe, Details not required.

Parish Christmas Tree/Lights:

Project underway - funding for lights now received from the LCC's Big Society Fund (thanks to Cllr Martin Hill).

Security Lights: Comments from residents about the intrusive and sometime dangerous effect that some security lights on properties within the parish are having. Please ensure that if you do have such lights that they are set properly so as not to intrude on other peoples properties, operate for the minimum time required and in particular do not cause a hazard to motorists. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Property Address:

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The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday, 12th July, 2016 commencing at 7:30pm.

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14th September to 12th October A Changing Rural Scene - Corby Glen Local History Society

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



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!



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RHUBARB & ALMOND TART

3 TABLESPOONS JAM

4 OZ GROUND ALMONDS

1 OZ PLAIN FLOUR

12 OZ YOUNG PINK RHUBARB

REDCURRANT JELLY TO GLAZE

Make pastry & line a 9 inch flan dish. Prick base & smear with jam. Beat marge & sugar until pale & creamy, gradually add eggs. Stir in ground almonds, flour, grated orange zest & juice of half the orange. Mix well. Pour into pastry case. Cut rhubarb into 1 inch pieces & arrange in circles, like spokes of a wheel. Push slightly into the almond mixture, but do not submerge. Bake at 180c for approx. 50 mins until firm & golden. Melt jelly & brush over tart to glaze. Serve warm or chilled with crème fraiche.



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