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July 2017

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Dates for your Diary

Saturday 1 July 11am to 4pm, Edenham Village Hall. Edenham Extravaganza!

Saturday 1 July 7.30pm, Edenham Village Hall. Barn dance.

Thursday July 6th at 10.30am, visit to Flag Fen, Peterborough. The tour is suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters can be booked subject to availability. There is a small café and a Visitor Centre. £8 per person. Contact Sue Cork on 01778 590204.

Saturday 8 July 8am to 11am, St Andrew's Village Hall, The Big Brekkie. All donations go to Christian Aid

Saturday 15 July 7pm, "Handful of Harmonies" Concert in St Andrew's Church. Listen to a beautiful selection of well-known songs and enjoy a glass of Pimms in the interval. Tickets £10 include a drink and canapes, are available from Suzy Grigson 01778 590401/07979 784668 or suzygrigson@msn.com. Proceeds will be shared between St Andrew's Church and Sue Ryder Hospice.

Saturday 15 July 3-5pm, Edenham Church Garden Fete.

Saturday 15th July 10am-4pm, Bishop Grosseteste University invites all to a Archaeology Open Day. Hall Farm Harpswell, DN21 5UU.

Sunday 16 July, Grimsthorpe Castle, 'The Delights of Gardening'. The 2017 decorated wheelbarrow competition. All members living in The Three Towers area are invited to take part.

20 July 11am, "Food for Thought". Bible study in St Andrew's Parish Hall. Followed by a simple lunch at noon – donations to Christian Aid.

23 July Garden Fete in the grounds of Swinstead Hall by kind permission of Nick and Loretta Ridley at 2.30pm Stalls, raffle, refreshments. In aid of Church funds.

1st Monday of each month - whist drive, 7.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall

2nd Monday of each month - bingo 7.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall

Parish News

Wedding Congratulations to Sophia Yeung and Sam Cook on their marriage at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill on Sunday 28 May.

Wedding Congratulations to Joanne Harrison and Chris Darley on their marriage at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill on Saturday 3 June.

Confirmation Congratulations to Daisy Taylor, Lucy Taylor, Clare Dexter, Noah Dexter, Hughie Cunnington, Rupert Clark, Isobel Key, Freddie Sumner, Phoebe Mason and Zoe Camamile, who were all confirmed by the Bishop of Richborough on Ascension Day, 25 May at Edenham Church. Welcome to our Church family. May God bless you all.

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THE VICAR WRITES

Observant readers will have noticed that we have had a rash of Baptisms in our parishes recently. Baptism is the rite of initiation into the Christian church. The Church of England, along with all other major Christian denominations (except the Baptist Church and the Salvation Army), practice Infant Baptism. It is a remarkable fact that despite the lamentable differences between Christian denominations, all Christian churches (except the Baptist Church) accept one another's Baptism. Baptism creates a fundamental unity among Christians. I consider that my own Baptism is the one of the most important gifts my parents made available to me. They themselves at the time of my Baptism as a baby were not 'church goers'. However, out of custom and a sense of responsibility, they took me to St Luke's Church in Grimsby [which was demolished in the 1970's] and had me Christened (the traditional English term for Baptism). In my teens, when I decided to seek confirmation, I was thankful that they had laid the foundation for my Christian life and I still am.

There is now an understandable reticence about Baptising babies. Former social and family expectations

sometimes created unwelcome pressure on young parents. In the earliest years of my ministry Baptism was also surrounded by all kinds of superstition and it was seen in some quarters as some kind of 'white magic.' As a wider gap has opened up between 'church life' and 'community life' Baptism has largely disappeared from the consciousness of many people. It can seem a very large decision to make and a daunting process to become embroiled in. I, for one, am very aware that those making a first contact about Baptism are often very uncertain and nervous. I do hope they find me sympathetic!

There is also a view that Infant Baptism does not respect the 'individual rights' of the child. Some argue that a person should be able 'to make their own mind up' rather than be lumbered with membership of the Christian Church. I think that position has integrity as long as parents ensure the child has a choice. This means making sure that as they grow up they have real exposure to the life of the church and come to a clear understanding of what it means to be a Christian. In recent years several adults have come to Faith and been baptised in these parishes - one by total emersion! All our five children were baptised as infants because it

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was our intention to instruct and nurture them in Christian living. To our mind it was equivalent to having them immunised – it was inoculating them with the life of God himself, giving them the seeds of the Spirit to grow and develop in their individual way. Living in the Risen life of Christ was and is the overarching truth of our lives and it would have made complete nonsense to have left them out. This same imperative was at work in the early church; the Acts of the Apostles tells us that whole ‘households’, i.e. everybody of all ages, were baptised together and St Peter in his first sermon at Pentecost declared ‘this promise is to you and your children.’

People often ask what difference being Baptised means. In practical terms in adult life not being baptised means that you can’t be a member of a church electoral roll or an office holder of any parish church. It also means you cannot be a Godparent or a Sponsor of a person for Baptism or confirmation. In marriage within the Church of England if neither party is baptised a Christian marriage cannot take place. In the case of funerals, some of the prayers for the departed are different when the deceased is not Baptised. For people living in some Islamic states in the Gulf they

cannot claim any privileges of being a Christian without proof of Baptism. Some Christian educational foundations require Baptism as one of their entrance criteria.

In terms of relationship to God, Baptism makes no difference whatsoever to the love that God has for that person. But in Baptism an individual becomes part of the New Testament or New Covenant with God. In Baptism an individual becomes a personal beneficiary of the death and resurrection of Jesus and is grafted into the life of his Body, which is the church. They receive as a personal gift the same Spirit by which Jesus was raised from the dead and they are adopted as a child of the Heavenly Father. Baptism ensures full membership of the Church and the Christian life is nothing more than living and growing into the life given at Baptism.

If you would like to know more about Baptism and how Baptism is celebrated in these communities then please do get in touch. I always assume that when I am contacted about Baptism that it is best to start with the assumption that those enquiring know nothing or next to nothing about what’s involved and I do my very best to help people

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understand what is involved for themselves or their children. For many years in these parishes, Baptism takes place in Sunday Worship to fulfil the requirement that Baptism is celebrated 'by the parish priest, in public worship, on a Sunday.' I can say without fear of contradiction that Baptisms in these communities are great occasions for everybody! It's a pity we don't celebrate more!

Edenham Regional House

Creative Fridays are free. The next event is on Friday 28th July from 10am to 3pm - Paint and Pray Workshop – follow your own inspiration with Kate Austin of Christ Art. More details 01778 591358 or on www.edenhamregionalhouse.com

The Annual Gig in the Garden

On Saturday 8th July from 6.30pm – 9.30pm 'Smuggler Jack' will play in the garden at Edenham Vicarage. Tickets are £7.50 for adults and children are free. Please bring your own picnic. Proceeds to be divided between Edenham School fund and Edenham Regional House. Phone 01778 591358 or email edenhamoffice@gmail.com for tickets.

Further Adventures of Augustine

One day Augustine was going around the Church of St Agnes on the Hill admiring the new look and feel of everything since Father Andrew had become the parish Priest. There was the smell of polish, a caring and loving aroma flooded the Church. Suddenly Augustine's nose twitched, he could smell roses, and the burning of candles. Augustine thought he knew where these delights were coming from. He made his way to where the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary used to stand and sure enough she was back in her proper place, surrounded by more red and white roses he had seen for many a year. Also, in front of the statue was a candle stand, full of lighted candles all burning away, candles that had been put there by people offering their prayers through the special channel of the Mother of God. Augustine returned to his cupboard a happy mouse, thinking everything was right with the world, and things could only get better. Augustine is off on his hols. Back in the autumn.

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Stamford Infirmary Collection. -

The result of the house-to-house collection in June for the Infirmary was gratifying in the extreme, and we beg to thank most heartily all who subscribed, as well as the ladies who so kindly collected. The sums are as follows: Witham (collector Mrs. Wilcox) £4/5/9; Manthorpe (collector Mrs. Ash) 14/-; Toft-cum-Lound (collector Miss Lee) 12/3 - total £5/12/0. This is in excess of last year's collection, and in all probability we shall keep our reputation of sending the largest amount of any parish in proportion to the population. Considering the numerous calls upon us of late, we are doubly grateful for the generous response to this deserving appeal.

Netley Hut. - Some of our monthly subscribers are somewhat behind with their contributions. May we venture to ask them to continue their regular help of this most necessary fund. Also we earnestly beg for further subscribers who will contribute either 1/- or 6d. monthly. Our district by this means maintains ten beds at Netley

Eggs for the Wounded. - The number collected and despatched in June was 146.



Trooper E. Pick. - Everyone will rejoice to know the re-assuring news that Trooper Edgar Pick is now going on satisfactorily. After receiving a telegram from Cairo stating that he was "dangerously wounded," his parents passed through a period of acute anxiety, which was fully shared by his many friends, but which, we are thankful to say, is now at an end. We earnestly trust that the satisfactory progress he is making will be sustained.

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2017 Wheelbarrow Event

I hope that your planted wheelbarrows are taking shape in readiness for the Garden Day at the Castle on 16th July.

Please bring your barrows to the castle before 1100 on the morning of Sunday 16th or between 1100 and 1700 on Thursday 13th.

It will be your entry ticket on the day and there will also be a prize for the barrow judged 'best in show'.

If you can't get it here yourself we will aim to collect barrows between 10-13th July. We'll need notice to collect along with a contact number and pick up address.

We will water the barrows if they need it whilst they are with us.

You will be able to collect your barrow after 1630 on Sunday 16th, or on any open day afterwards. If we've collected, we will return them, but ask for your patience.

We look forward to seeing a great display.

For 2017 the **invitation** to join in is **extended to all the villages within the Three Towers area.**

Wouldn't it be great if we had 100 floral wheelbarrows on display for everyone to enjoy?



MANTHORPE IN BLOOMIN' WHEELBARROWS!

As you can read in Ray Biggs' advert, he has widened the catchment area for all Three Towers readers to join in this year's wheelbarrow event. Manthorpe residents will be getting a flyer through their doors to invite them to join in and make a wonderful display for their front gardens and driveways in a wheelbarrow. You don't have to be a keen gardener or green-fingered to join in as long as your display is bright and cheerful with the theme 'The Delights of Gardening'. There is a small prize on offer for Manthorpe residents and also we can arrange transport if required to enter the wheelbarrow competition at Grimsthorpe on the 16th July. I will need to know who would like to enter for the Grimsthorpe competition in advance.

Look forward to seeing your wheelbarrows on show. For Further information contact Alison Whitehead, Church Farm Manthorpe. 01778 590347



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Witham on the Hill WI

We had an entertaining evening with a talk from one of our own members and a sushi demonstration. Frances Plummer gave a fascinating talk of her holiday with Travel Eyes. The holidays are to share sight and experiences between sociable like-minded people who are keen to travel. In each travel group half the group is visually impaired and the other half sighted. Every day a sighted person is matched up with a different visually impaired person. Frances has enjoyed these holidays before and this time went to Nepal visiting Katmandu. The area is still devastated from the 2015 earthquake but the group visited the elephant breeding centre and watched elephants bathing, the National Park and even canoed down a river with crocodiles!

Yuko Swindells explained the history of sushi – 300 years ago the rice parcels were 3 times bigger than today, invented in Tokyo with seaweed on the outside. 30 years ago a variation was created in California. With the aid of her laptop she

showed pictures of sushi restaurants. A variety of fillings can be used including smoked salmon, prawns, cucumber, chives, sesame seeds & wasabi paste. The rice has to be short grain & moistened with sushi dressing to make it stick. She came to UK 20 years ago and missing sushi she had to learn how to make it and then set up her own business. Yuko demonstrated 3 different varieties. A few members had a try, then tasted samples. Many were surprised how tasty they were!

Sandie Streets gave the vote of thanks. Jenny Stanton and Juliet Renner won the raffle. The competition was a Japanese item. Julia Haynes came 1st, Juliet Renner was 2nd and Anne Marie Lilly 3rd. At next month's joint meeting with Carlby WI, Michael Brown will be talking as a medieval gardener on "Death in the Garden." – not a murder mystery but poisonous plants! The meeting will be held at Witham on the Hill Parish Hall on Tuesday 4th July at 7:30. All visitors are sure of a warm welcome. For further information contact Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

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Swinstead Parish Council
Minutes of the AGM of the Parish Council
held at 7.15pm, 11 May 2017
in Swinstead Village Hall

Apologies: None

Declarations of Interest: None

Matters arising from previous AGM 12th May 2016: None

Election of Officers:

Chairman: Bryan Lynch

Proposed: George Brown; Seconded: Clive Lunn

Vice Chairman: George Brown

Proposed: Tony Moss; Seconded: Bryan Lynch

Declaration and Acceptance of Office: Bryan Lynch and George Brown both accepted their respective office.

Chairman's Report: Delivered by Bryan Lynch

The Chairman thanked all the Councillors for their help and support over the past financial year.

This year has been a difficult and frustrating year for our new Clerk and I would like to thank her for her perseverance in finally seeing the changing of the bank details through.

Jubilee Court is starting to mature and we have Councillor Clive Lunn to thank for its continued upkeep, and to Richard Lidstone and his staff at Park Farm for maintaining the hedgerow.

A major success this year has been the employing of a village cleaner and I have heard good reports about his effort and we continue to monitor his performance.

It's pleasing to have a new councillor on board and Mrs Percival has been a welcome addition to the council and it is very pleasing that we have had other parishioners who have expressed an interest in joining the council although we have a quorum at this present time.

It's good to note that the new village hall committee appear to be going from strength to strength and have brought much-needed new life and activities



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to the village and I hope they can keep up the good work.

The planned development at Macham's close seems to have been put on hold and the council will monitor that situation.

The situation at Croake Hill has improved and it is pleasing that we have heard little complaints about unsociable behaviour in the past year, although the lack of parking does seem to be an issue there now and the council will continue to help in whatever way it can.

Financial Report: Delivered by Parish Clerk

Due to the delays in receiving bank statements for the previous tax year it was not possible to present the Audit to councillors at this present time. An extra-ordinary meeting will be called to present the accounts when they are reconciled and ready to view.

Electors' Concerns: No electors were present

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council

held at 7.15pm, 11 May 2017

Present: Chairman Bryan Lynch, Vice Chairman George Brown, Councillor Tony Moss, Councillor Angie Percival, Clerk Wendy Benson

Public Forum: Liz and Barrie Rawlins presented the financial report of the Village Hall and are pleased to announce that the social activities currently being held there are being well represented by the local village community. It was suggested putting a diary of future events on the village notice board.

Apologies: None received

Matters arising from previous meeting held 2 March 2017: None

Declarations of Interest: None received

Policing: It was noted that we have cars exceeding the 30mph speed limit in the village and it was suggested that we monitor it.

Highways: It was reported that there are numerous pot holes on the junction of Irnham Road and A151. Clerk agreed to photograph and report to

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SKDC. It was also reported that there are potholes coming into the village from Corby Glen and the clerk agreed to photograph and report to SKDC.

It was brought to the attention of the council that a car has been continually seen to be parking on the corner at the Lane End of Swinstead approximately 08:15 each morning, and which is seen as quite a hazard. George Brown agreed to speak to the car owner when he next sees him.

Correspondence: Correspondence has been received from Mrs Pat Right regarding the annual donation for St Mary's Church, Swinstead. It was suggested that we donate £300.00.

Proposed: George Brown; Seconded: Clive Lunn

Financial Report: Barclays Bank has finally been sorted and we now have three signatories on the account plus the clerk as an addressee.

Councillors' Reports: None

Any Other Business:

The clerk reported that the telephone box in the village had been broken and it was impossible to open the door. This has been reported to BT and now fixed.

Councillor Angie Percival mentioned that the bus stop at the edge of the village has a lot of weeds and muck growing from the guttering. The clerk agreed to get this sorted.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6 July 2017 at 7.15pm

Swinstead News

First Monday in the month Whist Drive in the Village Hall
Second Monday in the month Bingo, in aid of the Church, in the Village Hall

Flower Rota

8 July - 15 July Pat Wright

22 July - 29 July Elsie Kiely

Steam actions 41st Annual Produce Show

Saturday 9th September 2017 at Edenham Village Hall

Please bring your entries to the hall 8.30am-10.30am. 25p per entry. Viewing and refreshments from 2pm. Presentation of trophies at 3.30pm followed by an auction of produce.

All classes are open to pupils of Edenham School, residents who live in the parishes of the Three Towers Magazine and any children whose relations live within the three parishes.

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

1. One 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)
11. Cactus

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

12. Arrangement of flowers (not to exceed 24" overall)
13. Wreath
14. Button hole used for a wedding (man or woman)
15. A collage of leaves (maximum size A4)
16. A flower or foliage arrangement in an unusual container
17. Arrangement of flowers, fruit or vegetable not to exceed 12" overall
18. Arrangement of garden materials (no purchased blooms)
19. One vegetable and one bloom (open to any interpretation)
20. Greenery arrangement not to exceed 18" overall

Section C – Fruit and Vegetables (Grown by the exhibitor for at least two months)

21. Box of mixed vegetables (maximum box size 18" x 12")
22. Cucumber
23. Three potatoes any colour
24. Three quality carrots with 3" tops
25. Pepper (any variety)
26. Three onion sets
27. One large onion
28. Three greenhouse tomatoes
29. Three pods of runner beans
30. Unusually shaped fruit or veg
31. Pair of marrows, courgettes, squash or pumpkins
32. One large marrow (by weight)
33. Three beetroot
34. Tied bunch of three herbs
35. Three dessert apples
36. Three cooking apples
37. Bowl of dessert fruit

Section D - Homemade (Completed in the last 12 months and wrapped in Clingfilm where possible)

38. Homemade beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)
39. 1lb jar of curd any flavour (must have cellophane top)
40. 1lb jar of 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. Victoria Sponge
44. Six squares of flapjack
45. Showstopper (baked item with WOW factor)
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
52. Five pieces of Shortbread
53. Five decorated cupcakes
54. Lemon tray bake
55. Six sausage rolls

Section E - Handicrafts (Completed in the last 12 months)

56. Drawing or Painting (oil or watercolour)
57. Sewing machine item
58. Woodcraft (e.g. turned or carved)
59. Hand knitted baby or child garment
60. An item of patchwork
61. A wind chime
62. Article of embroidery or tapestry
63. Knitted or crocheted item
64. Upcycled / recycled item
65. An item of paper craft

Section F - Children Under 7 years

66. Item of cookery
67. Vegetable model
68. Flower painting or drawing
69. Photograph of a pet
70. Miniature garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
71. Home grown fruit, flower of vegetable
72. Item of handicraft (e.g. cross stitch, sewing, knitting, crochet)

Section F - Children (Continued)

7-15 years

73. Item of cookery
74. Vegetable model
75. Flower painting or drawing
76. Photograph of a pet
78. Miniature garden (maximum size 12" x 18". Traditional or modern. Be creative!)

79. Home grown fruit, flower of vegetable

80. Item of handicraft (e.g. cross stitch, sewing, knitting, crochet)

Section G – Photography (Taken within the last 12 months)

(Maximum size of photo 7" x 5")

81. Recreated photo (include old and new photo)

82. Circles

83. A Steam Action event

84. Village life

85. Amusing photo with caption

Section H – Disaster

86. Planned entry that ended in disaster

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Jane's Seasonal Recipe

Strawberry pancake gateau

8oz wholemeal flour
2 tablespoons caster sugar
1 teaspoon nutmeg
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 eggs
2 tablespoons veg oil
½ pint milk
4 tablespoons clear honey
1 small orange
12oz cream cheese
2 tablespoons milk
3 tablespoons caster sugar
8oz strawberries

To make the batter; mix flour, sugar, nutmeg & baking powder. Stir in eggs, oil & 1/4 pint milk, beat until smooth. Add remaining milk. Heat 6ins frying pan over moderate heat, lightly wipe pan with oil on kitchen paper. Turn heat to low, pour 1/3 of batter into pan. Cook for 2-3 mins until bubbles appear on surface, turn pancake, press down lightly at edge & cook 1 min. Place on cooling rack & make 2 more. Spread each pancake with 1 tablespoon honey while still warm. Cut 4 slices from centre of orange & set aside to decorate. Beat together cream cheese, milk, caster sugar, & grated rind from ends of orange. Halve the strawberries – save 3 for top decoration. Place one pancake on serving dish. Save 2 tablespoons of cheese mixture for top decoration. Spread ¼ mixture on pancake, top with ½ the strawberries. Spread cheese on both sides of 2nd pancake, place on top of 1st pancake. Spread remaining cheese on 3rd pancake, & place cheese side down on top of 2nd. Spread remaining honey on top. Place ½ reserved cheese on top in centre. Cut orange slices from rind to centre, overlap to form cones & put a little cheese in the centre of the cone. Arrange around cheese on top of pancake. Place the remaining strawberry halves between the orange slices.

SERVES 6-8

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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
2 nd July Trinity 3	0845 Parish Communion	1000 Parish Communion	1115 Parish Communion 1600 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe
9 th July Trinity 4	0845 Parish Communion	1000 Parish Communion	1115 Parish Communion 1600 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe
16 th July Trinity 5		1030 Three Parishes Family Service at Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel followed by bring and share picnic and rounders!	1600 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe
23 rd July Trinity 6	0845 Parish Communion	1000 Parish Communion	1115 Parish Communion 1600 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe
30 th July Trinity 7	0845 Parish Communion	1000 Parish Communion	1115 Parish Communion and Holy Baptism 1600 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe
6 th August Transfiguration	0845 Morning Prayer	1000 Parish Communion	1115 Parish Communion 1600 Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe

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