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# Parish News

**THANK YOU** to all who donated to Marie Curie via envelope collection last month. The total raised was £35.00. - Mr D.Atter

## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 6 May, Rogation Sunday (see service schedule on back page).**

**Monday 7 May, Crowland Abbey.** Spring Craft Fair; includes a wide range of locally made crafts available plus a raffle and light refreshments. Entry £1.

**Wednesday 9 & 23 May, 10.30 to 12 noon, Swinstead Village Hall.** Coffee morning, tea/coffee and cakes £2. All welcome.

**Saturday 12 May, 9am onwards, St Andrew Church.** Church and churchyard working party in preparation for the Confirmation service by Bishop Norman on Sunday 13 May. There will be lots to do as the roof repair work should be finished that week, so please come along to help if you can spare an hour or two, any time from 9am onwards. All help gratefully appreciated – thank you in anticipation.

**Saturday 12 May, 10am to 2 pm, Edenham Indoor Market.** Hazel Stubbs will be serving refreshments , all profits for Edenham Church funds. Come and stay for a bacon roll and a cup of tea! £70 was raised in March.

**Saturday 12 May, 2pm, Swinstead Village Hall.** Table Top Sale - tables can be booked at £5 per table. Contact 01476 552169 or 01476 550972

**Saturday 12 & 26 May, 7.30pm 'till late, Swinstead Village Hall.** Pub games and Social Evening - no cover charge - darts competition. All welcome.

**Thursday 17 May, 11am, St Andrew Parish Hall.** Food for Thought - Bible study followed by a simple lunch at noon – donations to Christian Aid. (Further dates: 14 June, 26 July, 16 August, 13 September, 18 October, 15 November, 13 December. )

**Saturday 19 May & 7 July, 8 to 11am, St Andrew Parish Hall.** BIG BREKKIE. Donations to Christian Aid. Come and start your day with a Fr Andy special!

**Saturday 19 May, 7.30pm, Swinstead Village Hall.** Prize bingo evening.

**Monday 11 June, 7.30pm, St Andrew Parish Hall.** WOTH Historical Society AGM.



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**Saturday 7 July, The Vicarage Edenham.** Garden Fete - more info to follow.

**Monday 9 July, 2.30pm, WOTH Historical Society visit – Prebendal Manor, Tithe Barn and gardens, Nassington, PE8 6QG** £8.00 per person. Optional afternoon tea with cake £4.70 per person. Please book via Sue Cork, stating if you require the tea.

**Wednesday 5 September, 7.30pm, St Andrew Parish Hall.** WOTH Historical Society talk by Stuart Orme: “An Introduction to Peterborough Cathedral” The remarkable history of the Cathedral and its site, including what goes on behind the scenes, revealing the 900-year-old story of this remarkable institution and its place in the city. Members £2, visitors £3, All Welcome.

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Rogationtide used to be a very important time in village life. The custom of 'beating the bounds' has long since disappeared but that was the chief way that parishes both marked and policed their boundaries. On Rogation Sunday (which this year falls on the 6th May) the congregation after the morning service would set out – often in procession with the choir leading the way- and visit the parish boundary in significant places. At each point the youngest members of the boundary would beat the ground with a stick thereby lodging the place in their memories. In this way the community memory carried the knowledge of the boundary into the next generation.

What has survived of this practice throughout the English countryside has been the prayers that accompanied the procession. The prayers ask God's blessing on the growing crops and on the people who look after them. There are prayers for corn, root crops, hay, orchards and gardens and even pounds and streams. This continues in these parishes in a small way with the Rogationtide walk; details of which are found in the list of services. The walk through Grimsthorpe Park is quite magnificent and takes us

through forest plantations, fields of different crops, past the lake and into pasture. At each different aspect of the stewardship of the land a prayer is made. All are welcome to this but please bring stout shoes – the walk takes around an hour including the stops.

Apart from the Rogation Sunday there are Rogation days on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday following. Originally these were days set aside for fasting and prayer for the crops at such a crucial stage of growth. Rogation has its origin in the Latin verb 'rogare' meaning 'to ask.' True and effective prayer of asking comes out of the heart of our need: fasting is the surest way to come to recognise the vulnerability of our life and well-being. Jesus taught that some kinds of problem and evil can only be overcome with 'prayer and fasting.'

For around forty years the charity Christian Aid has adopted Rogationtide for its own campaign and fundraising week. Not so long ago most homes would receive an envelope for a door to door collection. This has died out across most of the country. The key reason being a lack of volunteers willing to deliver and collect, this reluctance has been reinforced by more frequent encounters of an unpleasant

kind on doorsteps. The collection stopped in these parishes around seven years ago.

Enormous credit is due to the congregation at Witham on the Hill who have organised lunches and breakfasts to support Christian Aid and over the past eighteen months have raised nearly £2,000. True charity does not always begin at home and we should always have in mind the needs of others. God knows there is more than enough need in the world and more than enough to go around if it could be shared. If we drift away from our own fundamental needs and the needs of others it is inevitable that we will also drift away from God. That's a fact of spiritual life.

### **Witham Church and School Estate Education Fund**

This charity is able to make grants to those residents of the Manthorpe, Toft, Lound and Witham on the Hill who are undertaking courses at colleges and universities and also those who are on apprentice schemes. If you would like to make an application please write a letter setting out the nature of your course and the reasons for seeking a grant.

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# 100 years ago this month

(From entries made by the Rev L H Cooley into the Parish Magazine—reproduced by kind permission of The Witham on the Hill Historical Society)

## May 1918

**Easter.** - No sadder Easter surely ever dawned for us before, for it came just at the time of our greatest national anxiety. For that very reason its message must have brought infinite comfort to many a soul in deep distress. The church was, as usual, beautifully decorated, and we thank all our kind helpers and the donors of flowers. The Easter offerings amounted to £1/18/6, which the Vicar proposes to give towards the memorial to our fallen soldiers.

**Second-Lieut. Leslie Metcalfe.** - On the morning of Easter Day Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe received news that their son was reported missing since March 21st, the first day of the recent great enemy offensive. The tidings threw a gloom of sorrow and anxiety over us all, and the deepest sympathy was felt for all Mr. Metcalfe's family, to whom the news came, tragically enough, shortly after returning from the early celebration.

After nearly a fortnight of suspense, it became known that he was a prisoner of war and unwounded. Particulars at the time we write are still lacking, but it is supposed that under cover of a ground mist his detachment was cut off and enveloped by the enemy and captured bodily. In any case, we are more thankful than we can say for the news that he is alive and well, even though a prisoner.


**L.-Cpl. Jack Haddon,** we grieve to say, died on March 25th from diphtheria. He was taken to a clearing station in France on the previous Saturday, and lived only two days. The news of his death was not received by his family until Easter Eve, and cast still another shadow over the Easter Festival. We venture to express our heart-felt sympathy with his parents and family. Born at Manthorpe in 1896, Jack Haddon had lived all his life in the parish, and was closely associated with us as chorister and ringer. With his sunny and engaging disposition, he was a general favourite, and his loss will be mourned by many beyond his family. By a tragic coincidence his sister's marriage was arranged to take place on Easter Monday, and had to be carried through, as the bridegroom was home on leave from Italy, but a



# Edenham Indoor Market

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gloom was naturally cast over the ceremony. *(Sydney Raymond Tunnicliffe married Jane Ann Haddon April 1st 1918)*

**John Joseph Haddon**

Rank: Lance Corporal

Service No: 25353

Date of Death: 25/03/1918

Age: 22

Regiment/Service: Machine Gun Corps  
(Infantry) 35th Bn.

Grave Reference: VI. B. 18.

Cemetery: MENDINGHEM MILITARY  
CEMETERY

Additional Information: Son of Mr. and  
Mrs. J. Haddon, of Toft, Bourne, Lincs.

**Pte. Alfred Weldon**, who has been  
missing since last June, is now  
presumed dead, and official notice to

that effect was received by his  
mother last month. It is supposed  
that he was killed in action on June  
7th, 1917, when the Lincolns covered  
themselves with glory at the storming  
of the Messines Ridge. We all deeply  
sympathize with Mrs. Weldon and her  
family, who have had to bear this  
cruel anxiety for all these months.

**Alfred Weldon**

Rank: Private

Service No: 201410

Date of Death: 08/06/1917

Regiment/Service: Lincolnshire Regiment  
2nd/4th Bn.

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Sunday, April 14th, and was largely attended. Both were baptised in our church, both had been choristers in the past, and they were confirmed together eight years ago. - R.I.P.

**Capt. A. L. Fenwick.** - We deeply regret to state that the report of Capt. Tony Fenwick's death, on February 16th, has been confirmed. His body was found and was buried in a cemetery near the lines.

**Anthony Fenwick**

Rank: Captain

Date of Death: 16/02/1918

Age: 24

Regiment/Service: Lincolnshire

Regiment 6th Bn.

Awards: Mentioned in Despatches

Grave Reference: III. C. 20.

Cemetery: PHILOSOPHE BRITISH  
CEMETERY, MAZINGARBE

Additional Information: Son of Walter Lionel and Millicent Fenwick, of Witham Hall, Bourne, Lincs.

**The Social Evening** which had been arranged for Easter Monday was rightly cancelled, in view of the widespread grief and anxiety.

**Second-Lieut. C. Haslam**, son-in-law of Mr. Groves, has been missing since March 21st, and his relatives are

anxiously awaiting tidings of him, which, up to time of writing, they have not received. It is hoped that he, like Mr. Metcalfe, may be a prisoner of war, as they were attached to the same Division.



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## Data Protection Act - General Data Protection Regulation

You may have wondered why you are being contacted by companies and charities informing you that the law is changing on how these organisations store and use your personal data. This is down to the reform of the legal framework designed to protect your rights. The date that matters to readers is the 25th May 2018 when the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will replace the Data Protection Act and a Data Protection Directive (DPD) is introduced.

The GDPR is designed to give us better control of personal data. Whilst the DPD instructs the police and criminal justice system to protect the data of victims, witnesses and suspects of crimes.

“Personal data” is defined in as:

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As such, online identifiers including IP address, cookies and so forth will now be regarded as personal data if they can be (or are capable of being), without undue effort, linked back to the individual.

“**So what ?**”, you may ask. The plus for us is that organisations will have to think harder about your privacy. The regulation mandates a “Risk Based Approach” where organisations are required, where appropriate, to make privacy impact assessments, focussing on protecting our data and rights.

“**And if companies break the new regulation?**” There will be a substantial increase in fines for organisations that do not comply with the new regulation. Regulators will have authority to issue penalties equal to the greater of €10 million or 2% of the entity's global gross revenue for violations of record-keeping, security, breach notification and privacy impact assessment obligations.

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- 2nd Mrs G Stanford
- 3rd Mrs P Cranfield

#### LADIES

- 1st Mrs S Olley
- 2nd Mrs V Curtis
- 3rd Mrs B Carter

The raffle winners were Mrs P Cranfield, Mr M Brace, Mrs S Olley, Mrs A Blanchard, Mrs G Stanford and Mrs B Carter. Thank you to all those who supported the afternoon and all those who donated prizes. Our last Whist Drive for the season was in April, we start again on Friday 21st September at 1.30pm

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## WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

We don't usually go to an Annual General meeting expecting it to be an entertaining evening but this year Melanie, our president, and the members managed to make the meeting fun! As it was so close to Easter, there was an Easter bonnet competition, an Easter quiz and rum cakes – traditional Cayman Island cake for members to eat with their tea, brought back from her holidays by a WI member. At the end of the meeting every member was given an Easter goody bag from Melanie.

Jane Clark gave a report of the LSFWI spring council meeting at Spalding. The main speaker was Julie Summers, who spoke of her involvement with Jambusters, and her latest book "Our Uninvited Guests" about the secret life of Britain's country houses 1939-45.

The record of the last annual meeting was read, the treasurer, Anne Marie Lilly, presented the audited annual accounts, and the committee's annual report was read by secretary, Jane Clark. Melanie Russ gave her first presidential address, mentioning her trepidation on being thrust into the presidential role and thanking every single member for their individual contribution. Due to the new requirement by LSFWI to do

accounts to year ending 31 December, we passed a resolution: "Witham on the Hill WI proposes to change future annual meetings to February each year, commencing February 2019". This was voted on by secret ballot and was passed unanimously. The new committee was announced and Melanie was elected President. Annual competition results: 1<sup>st</sup> Jane Clark with 16 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Melanie Russ 15 points, joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Julia Haynes, Susan Peskett and Kaye Mundy with 10 points. Melanie presented the cups and vouchers. Easter bonnet winners: 1st Frances Plummer, 2nd Jean Croft, 3rd Anne Marie Lilly.

Next month's meeting: Leonard Priestley telling True stories of a lorry driver & furniture removal man. Tuesday 1st May at 7:30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. All visitors and new members are sure of a very warm welcome. For further information contact Jane Clark, Secretary, 01778 590232.

## MEETINGS 2018/19

**1 MAY** True stories of a lorry driver and removal man – **LEONARD PRIESTLEY**

**5 JUNE** The search for the real

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**10 JULY** Suffragettes theme at  
**CARLBY WI**

**7 AUGUST** Summer supper & games  
night

**4 SEPTEMBER** Life experiences in  
Africa – **DEIRDRE DUNNE**

**2 OCTOBER** In house craft evening

**6 NOVEMBER** Pease, puter & pigs -  
**DAVID MAINWARING**

**4 DECEMBER** Wonderful, wily, wicked  
Wallis - **JULIE EDE**

**5 FEBRUARY** Annual meeting + Wild  
birds & organic farming – **Nicholas  
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**5 MARCH** Chiropractics & spinal  
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### **Ginger Cake**

12oz sr flour

1 teaspoon bicarb

3 teaspoons ground ginger

7oz caster sugar

4oz soft margarine

2 eggs

2 tablespoons golden syrup

8 fl oz boiling milk

Mix all the ingredients together by hand or electric mixer, until smooth. Pour into a greased & lined 7inch round deep tin. Bake at 140c for 60-80 mins until cake is shrinking slightly from the sides & a skewer comes out clean. Turn onto a wire rack to cool. This cake can be eaten straight away but can be left for a few days to allow the flavour to develop. It can be jazzed up with icing, butter cream or decorated as you wish.



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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
6 <sup>th</sup> May 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist  Meet 1530 for Rogation Walk to Edenham	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  5pm Bring and share tea followed by Rogation Service at 5.30pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May  Ascension Day			7pm Deanery Eucharist
13 <sup>th</sup> May  Sunday after Ascension		10.30am Confirmation and Three Parishes Eucharist	
20 <sup>th</sup> May  Pentecost	8.45am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evening Prayer	10am Parish Eucharist	11:15am Parish Eucharist
27 <sup>th</sup> May  Trinity Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist  4.00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction	11:15am Parish Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup> June  First after Trinity	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11:15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evening Prayer – Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel

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