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Ministry Experience Scheme Leader**

The Bishop of Lincoln is pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Edward Martin as Incumbent in the United Benefice of Edenham with Witham on the Hill and Swinstead, as Warden of Edenham Regional House and Ministry Experience Scheme Leader.

Father Edward has most recently been working as Priest in Charge of Grimsby Saint Augustine and Great Grimsby Saint Andrew and Saint Luke.

The licensing service will take place on Thursday 14 February 2019, 7pm at St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill, with the Bishop of Grantham, the Bishop of Richborough and the Archdeacon of Boston officiating.

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Parish News

As usual, Christmas was a great opportunity for members of our parishes to show their community spirit. Be it the Edenham children's Christingle or the Manthorpe and Witham village carol signing, our community, once again, has shown its generosity. So, on behalf of everyone who organises these events, takes part in and supports them, I say a **BIG THANK YOU**.

Reports from these events:

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at Edenham church on the 16th December raised £75.21p for the Childrens Society. Many thanks to the children of Edenham School who collected and attended the service and to the helpers who helped make up 100 Christingles .

CAROL SINGING in Witham on the Hill raised £99.20. Thank you to the singers and the generous donors, especially those who gave us refreshments. Well done everyone!

CAROL SINGING in Manthorpe raised £152.96. Although a couple of our regular Manthorpe singers have now moved out of the village, we still managed to sing loud and strong! Many thanks to all who turned out and to everyone for their generous donation of money and/or refreshments.

GOODBYE Marion and Robert Patterson. Good luck in your new home in Braceborough.

WELCOME Toni at Briar Cottage, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

WELCOME Veronica & Valentino (Val) at Brookside. We hope you will be very happy in Witham on the Hill.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sophie O'Hara (of Witham on the Hill) and Daniel Gates on your engagement on 8 January.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jess (nee Stanton) and James Tarver of Witham on the Hill, on the birth of Philippa Primrose on 10 November. May she bring you much happiness.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gemma & Alex Exton of Witham on the Hill on the birth of Lettie on 9 December. May she bring you much happiness.



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CONGRATULATIONS to Clarissa and David Hawes on the birth of Rafferty Emmanuel on 20 December. A brother for Hattie, Hughie, Rufus and Aggie. Yet another grandchild for Father Andy & Sian!

BAPTISM Noah Gwillan Thomas King, baby son of Hannah (nee Hawes) and Patrick King on 23 December at Edenham church.

THANK YOU to all who supported the Macmillan coffee morning on 19th January in Edenham. You raised the magnificent sum of £630!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 1 February 9am, Celebration Assembly - Edenham Primary School.

Thursday 14 February 7pm, Fr Ed Martin's licensing service - St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill. All are welcome.

Thursday 15 February, last day of term - Edenham Primary School.

Saturday 16 February 8.30am -10.30am, BIG BREKKIE - St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Come and enjoy a full English breakfast before heading to the shops! Donations to Christian Aid.

Thursday 21 February 10.15am, FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Eucharist at 10:15 in St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill, with bible study at 11am in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, followed by a simple lunch at noon – donations to Christian Aid. All welcome to one or all!

Wednesday 27 February 15:30, Parent Evening - Edenham Primary School.

Thursday 28 February 16:00, Parent Evening - Edenham Primary School.

September 2020 - PASSION PLAY in Oberammergau, Bavaria. Julia Pirie, who belongs to a Wives Fellowship group near Nottingham and is known to many in Edenham, is looking for people interested in joining a trip to the world famous Oberammergau Passion Play in the foothills of the German Alps. The villagers of Oberammergau have put on this play once every 10 years **since 1634** as a thank you pledge to God after they were spared from the ravages of the bubonic plague in 1633. Over 2000 villagers take part in the production which tells the story of Christ's Passion covering the short final period of his life from his visit to Jerusalem until his crucifixion.

There are leaflets both in St Andrews church and in the Edenham Regional House. Further information from Julia Pirie - email: Julia.pirie@outlook.com

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February 2019

Letters of Thanks have been received from all the boys to whom the Committee sent the Christmas gift of a sovereign. (a gold coin with the nominal value of £1) We quote a few extracts from these letters. "It is very nice to know that we are not forgotten by our old friends at Witham." "I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your kindness." "Thank you very much for such a handsome gift to the lads who represent the dear little parish." "I have been in several parishes, and I don't think I have found any to beat Witham for patriotism, and for what they have done for the benefit and welfare of the boys who went and did their little bit to help to bring the war to such a glorious end." And this from our W.A.A.C.: "There is little need to explain how it helps one along to know our friends are thinking of us at home. It is the greatest compliment you could pay me when you treat me in the same way as the boys who have done such splendid work to bring us such fine

victory." The above quotations are typical of all the letters received.

Proposed Memorial to the fallen. - A public meeting will be held in the school on Tuesday, February 11th, at 7.30, to consider this subject, and to decide what form the memorial should take. We hope that all who are interested will attend.

The Church Windows are now divested of their screening, and the church



once more resumes its old appearance. This and the striking of chimes throughout the night bring home to us as much as anything else the glorious truth of the end of the war. In reference to the latter, we quote a few lines from Punch which exactly express our feelings. They are called "Peace in the Village":

The old church clock, long silent in its tower,
Awakes to tell the time,
And cheer us at the quarter and the hour,
With its melodious chime,
Gone are the days when only sleep could break,
War's grim and tyrannous spells;
Now it is rest and joy to lie awake,
And listen to the bells!

Miss Lee has handed to the Vicar the sum of 8/- from the sale of lavender bags last year. As the Red Cross Fund is now closed, she kindly wishes it to be devoted to the Memorial Fund.



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Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting

8th January 2019

Open Forum. No member of the public present. Chairman closed the Open Forum and opened the Parish Council Meeting. 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.

Parish Council Meeting.

Interactive Speed Warning Sign (SID): The equipment is now re-located on Main Street, Edenham - near Copylawn Farm. Data showing high volumes of traffic.

Councillor Areas of Interest: After discussion the chairman proposed that each member be given an area of the parish to monitor as detailed below.

Cllr Biggs - Highways, School Lane/Church Lane - Edenham & Dolan Lane.

Cllr Whadcock - Children's Play Area/Equipment

Cllr Martin - SID relocation and Highways, Grimsthorpe>Elsthorpe>Edenham

Cllr Cranfield - Sid Relocation and Highways, Main Street - Edenham.

Cllr Wilson - Highways, A151 Oaks Grimsthorpe>Edenham

Cllr Edwards - Highways, Scottlethorpe Road.

Cllr Clarke - Admin Assistance - Grant applications/Projects.

Highways to include road condition, signage, street lighting and salt grit bins, any problems should be reported directly to Lincolnshire Highways using the 'FixMyStreet' App or via the LCC website.

Financial Matters:

i. Cheques signed prior to meeting for the following:

a. HMRC PAYE 3rd Qtr 2018/19 - £74-60p.

b. Mr LA Clayton - Wage 3rd qtr 2018/19 - £297.12p

ii. Mrs A Whadcock reimburse costs Carol Singing event £57-34p.

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Planning Applications: S18/2162 - Agricultural Building, Elsthorpe Grange. - No Objection

S18/223(LBC)1 - Removal flat roof ceiling, Grimsthorpe Castle - No Objection

Xmas Tree/Carol Singing. The event was again very successful and was enjoyed by all. Special thanks Steam Action Ladies (carols), Grimsthorpe Estate forestry staff (installing tree) Heath Cranfield (use of field and installation of lights).

Local Crime. There have been a small number of incidents within the parish of attempted break ins - farm buildings etc. Please pass on any details of suspicious vehicles or activities that you see to the Police on their 101 tel no.

Highways: Lincolnshire County Council Website (<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/>) holds a lot of information on Lincolnshire Highways such as planned works/ road closure etc along with an online defect reporting system that anyone can use to report things such as **potholes**, damaged road signs, street lighting faults (please use website - especially for potholes!!). There is also an App for your mobiles called '**FixMyStreet**' that the council use which allows a report to include photos and location data to be input prior to sending to the Council.

District/County news: Cllr Robins (SKDC) reported: Planning for the Cycling Event through the area on 31Aug/1st Sept is well underway - Parishes are encouraged to get involved (on next meeting Agenda).

Cll M Hill (LCC) reported: Extra monies from Central Government along with internal savings are allowing extra remedial highways work to be planned this year (an extra grass verge safety cut, gullies cleaned plus more manpower). NHS are to spend more at Grantham and Boston Hospitals and LCC are now the Flood Authority for the County.

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday, 12th March 2019 commencing at 7:30pm.

Council Meetings take place on the second Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov in Edenham Village Hall at 7:30pm.

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STEAM ACTION

Steam Action news

Hello and a very Happy New Year from all of us at Steam Action! We would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Lunch in December and to those who saw our Pantomime, Beauty and the Beast, at Edenham Village Hall. It was a roaring success and there's no rest for the wicked as this years Pantomime is already being planned and written (surely it isn't? Oh yes it is!). We had the most fabulous time practicing and performing and we couldn't do this if it wasn't for everyone's support.



Cold weather notice from Steam Action

With the cold weather looming just around the corner, Steam Action would like to offer help to those that need it. Specifically those over 60 and living within Edenham Parish. During snow and cold weather, if you find yourself stranded, in need of help or just need someone to grab milk or bread from the shops, please do give Steam Action a call and we will do all we can to help. Nikki 01778 591197 or

Lucie 07715843387. Alternatively you can call upon any Steam Action member in your area.

On a personal note I'd like to thank the dedicated members of Steam Action who come together to provide Christmas Lunch for around 70 people, as well as performing the pantomime 3 times in one weekend. It's like having a second family September-December and it feels very odd to be apart in January!

If you would like to hear more about what we do, or help out at events, then please come along to our AGM, details below. And keep your eyes peeled for our 2019 events!

Steam Action AGM, Tuesday 5th February. The meeting room, Edenham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Lucie Wilson

Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe Annual Parish Meeting

A Parish Meeting will be held on 7th March 2019 at Toft House Hotel. This is an occasion for electors to raise any concerns they may have. They may wish to discuss parish affairs, make resolutions and 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 of public service provided that they affect the parish especially and are not such as are calculated to affect the whole country or all Parishes.

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CLERK'S NOTES - TOFT CUM LOUND & MANTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 6 DECEMBER 2018

During the Open Forum the following were reported:

The fence at Fairways had been repaired, thanks to the Lees family.

Concern about parked caravans, overgrown hedges at footpaths and lack of vermin control.

Cllr Stephenson reported that he had spoken to The Road Safety Partnership regarding the speed warning sign at Witham on the Hill cross roads. It was hoped that they would be re-connecting the old sign.

Toft – It was suggested that a mirror be placed opposite the junction at Toft and back lane to Thurlby to help visibility plus an extra grit bin.

Cllr Stephenson reported on the highways walkabout which included white lines at Witham on the Hill cross roads, lorry damage to the Wilsthorpe Road, HGV's & pavement at Manthorpe, damaged bollards and a sign that had not been replaced in Toft.

Councillors discussed the planning application for Amber House, Manthorpe, which was approved in November. It was agreed that a letter be sent to SKDC reminding them of 'Best Practice'. The application of WH Munton & Son, Waterworks Farm, Wilsthorpe - conversion of farm outbuilding to dwelling was approved.

Councillors were pleased to report that two new noticeboards had been delivered and installed.

Cllr Reid reported that both authorities were looking at budgets for the coming financial year with increases similar to last year. The cutting of highways was going back to three cuts a year and spraying weeds along the highways twice a year. The County were employing four extra gangs to help catch up with the pothole problem.

The next Council meeting will be held on 7th March 2019 at Toft Hotel, commencing at 7pm. Please note that this includes the Annual Parish Meeting & Parish Council Meeting.

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Bingo:

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9th - Natasha Henson

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Clerk's Notes of the Swinstead Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 10th January 2019

Present: G Brown - Vice Chairman, Cllr C Lunn, Cllr J Cowan, CllrA Percival, C Hatch (Clerk)

Public Forum: Seven members of the public attended the forum. One attendee wanted to thank the village hall committee for waiving the hire fee of the hall for the first Christmas Day lunch, provided at personal expense for members of the community. She also suggested they advertise the event for next Christmas 2019.

Another enquired as to the progress of the Planning Application and size of the development behind Machams Close. It was confirmed that new plans for two 3-bedroom properties had been passed and building should start in the Spring 2019.

There was also a question regarding the restoration of the Market Cross. Cllr Brown said the quoted cost of repairs was in the region of £3,000, which at the time was considered too high. The Parish Clerk is to investigate a grant from the Heritage Fund, also investigate the possibility of setting up a Village Restoration Fund.

The final suggestion was for a list of volunteers to be compiled with names of members of the community who are happy and willing to lend a hand with minor tasks around the village. It was suggested this request be put on the Village FaceBook page.

Apologies: Chairman B Lynch – Illness.

New Parish Clerk : The new Clerk confirmed he had updated all relevant parties with his contact details, familiarised himself with all paperwork of the Parish, he also highlighted a discrepancy in the 2017/18 audit, an amount of + £44.41. Having taken advice from the accountants, PKF Littlejohn, they confirmed a full audit was not necessary under the Exemption policy. This was presented to the Councillors and accepted. He confirmed receipt of correspondence from four members of the village expressing an interest in standing in the May Parish Council elections. Parish Clerk to attend a training on 4th March specifically to support election delegates.

Annual Precept: The precept was discussed and the figure of £3363.00 agreed and now applied for.

Parish Cleaner: It was agreed, the parish cleaner continues to provide a wonderful service for the Village. The Parish cleaner highlighted three areas in and around the Village where illegal fly-tipping has taken place. Parish Clerk to liaise with SKDC regarding clearing these sites.

Road Safety Signs: The Parish Clerk confirmed 6 x Check your speed signs can be obtained from SKDC free of charge. It was agreed unanimously to proceed and request the signs.

Croake Hill Fence: Three quotes are required for the replacement of the fence and gate. The Parish Clerk to action this and report at the next Parish meeting in March.

Financial Matters: It was agreed the Parish Clerk should commit to ten hours work per month. LALC annual subscription is not due for payment until April 2019.

Jubilee Orchard: It was identified that the tree guards now need removing to allow the trees to grow unhindered, also the need for a more secure fence to protect the Orchard from the Deer who cause damage to the trees. Quotes to be obtained by the Parish Clerk. Site meeting to be arranged ASAP.

Any Other Business: Cllr Cowan suggested a goodwill gesture of £50 is made to the organizers of the Christmas Party; however, was rejected. Cllr Brown suggested future gatherings of this nature could be funded by "Fund raising events" within the village.

It was also suggested and agreed, that a letter from the Parish Council should be sent to the individual who made a substantial financial contribution to the Swinstead Village Defibrillator.

Cllr Lunn informed the meeting that on a recent visit to the church yard a couple were exercising their dogs. Cllr Lunn pointed out to the couple that dogs other than guide dogs for the blind are prohibited from the church yard, he also noted that dog excrement, although in a black bag had been placed in the green bin. It was unanimously agreed that a notice be put on the church yard gate prohibiting dogs into the church yard as a matter of urgency.

The Meeting closed at 20.30

Date of the next meeting 7th March at 18.30 in Swinstead Village Hall. (Members of the public most welcome).



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EDENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Parents/Carers Survey A paper copy of our Parents/Carers survey has been sent home with each child. We very much value feedback and thank you in advance for time and support in this matter.

Celebration Assembly Our next Celebration Assembly for parents/carers and governors takes place on Friday 1st February at 9am. We very much hope you are able to join us to celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

Parking We have received some feedback from The Five Bells with regard to parents parking last term, causing the pub to lose some custom. Whilst we appreciate that parking space around school is limited, we ask that parents do not use The Five Bells car park during school hours. The landlady has kindly said that parents can use the car park in the morning for school drop off and in the afternoon for collection from school (before 9am and after 3pm). Parents are welcome to park in the Village Hall car park but are kindly asked to be considerate to residents and others who may use the Village Hall. Please can we also ask that there is no parking or dropping off on the yellow zig zags during the school

day for the safety of our children. Thank you.

School Closure due to bad weather

The decision to close the school is never taken lightly. We appreciate that many of our pupils live within walking distance of the school but we also have to take into account where our staff live and their ability to travel to and from school. If a decision is made to close the school, the information will be broadcast on local radio: 107.5 Lincs FM and 107.5 BBC Radio Lincolnshire Lincolnshire County Council will also put details of this on the school closure page at: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures.

Where possible an email and text will also be sent from school.

Diary Dates

Fri 1st Feb Celebration Assembly
Wed 6th Feb Roman Day for Classes 3 & 4

Wed 6th Feb Phonics/Early Reading Workshop for Classes 1 & 2, 6.00pm
Tues 12th Feb Children's Height and Weight – all year groups
Fri 15th Feb Last Day of Term 3
Mon 25th Feb Term 4 Begins
Got Talent evening – more details to follow.

Witham on the Hill WI October 2018

In December Julie Ede came to talk to us about Wallis Simpson's role in the abdication of King Edward VIII. Wallis was born in 1885 and in 1916 she married Earl Winfield Spencer, a naval officer and a drunk, who assaulted her. She decided to return to America, got divorced, met Ernest Simpson and married him in London in July 1928.

In 1931 Wallis was invited to a party by Thelma, Lady Furness, the then current mistress of Prince Edward, where Wallis first met the Prince. Wallis invited him to a very extravagant American dinner party. The Prince complimented her on the raspberry soufflé, she sent the recipe to him, and they started a relationship. Wallis and the Prince were the talk of London Society - the newspapers were full of pictures of her fashionable clothes and expensive jewellery. Her engagement ring was worth £2 million.

King George died in January 1936 and Edward became King but, because Wallis was a divorcee, the press and public gave the couple a very difficult time. King Edward decided to abdicate so he could marry Wallis and his brother was crowned King instead. In June 1937 Wallis and Edward got married in France and left for honeymoon with 286 pieces of luggage. A very wicked, wily, wonderful lady indeed!

Vote of thanks was given by Melanie Russ.

The raffle winners were: Juliet Renner, Jenny Stanton, Jane Clark, Frances Plummer and Jill Lessey.

As it was our Christmas meeting, we celebrated with mulled wine, a buffet supper and everyone received a gift.

The next meeting is our Annual Meeting when Nicholas Watts will come and talk about wild birds and organic farming on Tuesday 5th February at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.

All visitors are sure of a warm welcome. For further information contact Secretary: Jane Clark 01778 590232.

Witham on the Hill WI Speakers 2019

5 February: Wild Birds & Organic Farming, Nicholas Watts

5 March: Chiropractics & Spinal Health, Mark Jessop

2 April: It's Hell on Wheels, Stephen Brown

7 May: Indian Cookery Demo, Veronica Hewins

4 June: flower Arranging Demo, Sue Hodgson

2 July: From Peterborough to St Petersburg, Baikal, Beijing & Bangkok,
Ashley Baxter

6 August: Summer Games & Supper

3 September: Sleep Matters: "Can't Sleep, Won't Sleep", Jacqueline Wood

1 October: Line Dancing, Karen Holtom

5 November, Bee Keeping, Sue Jakeman

3 December: Christmas party

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Jane's seasonal recipe

If you have mincemeat left over from Christmas try these crisp tasty biscuits – a variation on the traditional Italian almond variety.

Mincemeat biscotti

75g butter

150g caster sugar

1 egg

250g luxury mincemeat

1 tablespoon brandy

280g plain flour

1 ½ teaspoon baking powder

50g toasted walnuts

Cream butter & sugar, until light & fluffy. Stir in beaten egg, then mincemeat & brandy. Add flour, baking powder & chopped walnuts, stir well. On a floured board, shape into 2 X 12 inch long logs – similar to a flat baguette. Bake on greased baking trays 160c for 25 mins. Allow to cool, then cut each log into 18 diagonal thin slices. Bake for a further 12 mins. Cool on wire rack.

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PARISH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2019

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
3rd February Candlemas		10:30am Three Parishes' Eucharist	
10th February 4th Sunday before Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist
14th February		7pm Fr Ed' Martin's licensing service	
17th February 3rd Sunday before Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	10.30am Joint Witham/Edenham Parish Eucharist
24th February 2nd Sunday before Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist
3rd March Last Sunday before Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism	11.15am Parish Eucharist
6th March Ash Wednesday	9am Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes	7.30pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes	2pm Imposition of Ashes

Pastoral Care and enquiries for baptisms, weddings and funerals should be directed to the office for the Regional House and parishes who will pass on details as appropriate.

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Administrator – Peter Knight - House Keeper – Jane Clark

Please note: any matters of a legal nature – applications for church yard monuments, faculties for the reservation of grave spaces – should be directed to the **Rural Dean** Fr Chris Atkinson 01778 422412 chris_atk@yahoo.com