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Parish News

Witham Church and School Estate Education Fund: This charity is able to make small grants to those residents of Witham on the Hill Parish, which includes Manthorpe, Toft and Lound, 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. Please send it to: The Clerk to the Trustees, Witham Church and School Estate, c/o The Vicarage, Church Lane, Edenham PE10 0LS

Defibrillator Toft Hotel - Please be aware that access to the Parish defibrillator, located in the vestibule of Toft House Hotel, can only be accessed after closing time from the Golf Club car park side of the building. All other entrances to the hotel are locked.

BAPTISM Lettie Exton, first baby of Gemma & Alex Exton on Sunday 3 March at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill.

BAPTISM Isabella Grace Morgan, St Mary's church Swinstead on 10 February.

CONGRATULATIONS to Teresa (nee Murray) and Mark Faure-Walker on the birth of Joe Denis, a brother for Lucas. Another grandson for Denis Murray.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lucy and Edward Renner on the birth of Charlotte Beatrice on 4 March. Another grandchild for Sue Renner.

WOODEN PLAY EQUIPMENT Most of you will have noticed the new wooden play equipment and tables on the village green at Witham. This is a welcome addition to the play area and is thanks to a substantial grant from the Mick George Community Fund and very generous donations from both Witham Hall school and Suzy Grigson. Thanks go too to Lynne O'Hara for the large amount of work she did in form filling and liaising with the grant givers and DGF, the equipment suppliers. The play area has been backed financially by the Parish Council and grateful thanks go especially to Lynne and to Janet Kirkwood and Andrew Greenwood who oversaw the installation. May it give the local children many happy hours of play!

WELL DONE Issy Parker Humby!

Over the past 3 months alone, Issy has collected over 4 dustbin bags full of roadside rubbish just on the stretch from Lound to Toft! Not surprisingly made up of bottles, cans and fast food waste. Come on all members members of our parish community, young and old, or people out walking dogs, take a plastic bag and collect on the way!



REPORTING HIGHWAYS ISSUES - All highways issues should be reported via www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/faultreporting . The online system is the quickest and easiest way to report problems and is available 24/7.

However, you can also raise matters via customer services (by calling 01522 782070 or emailing cshighways@lincolnshire.gov.uk) or by contacting your local county councillor.

While we realise that you may prefer to speak to the local highways officer directly, we need them out dealing with highways issues not in the office on the phone. For more complex, ongoing issues, you can request an annual meeting with your local member and the highways team.

In addition, my support councillor, Cllr Perraton-Williams, and I are currently committed to visiting each parish and town council with the local highways team.

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Kind regards, **Cllr Richard Davies**

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Dates for your Diary

Thursdays 4 & 11 April (weekly during Lent) FOOD FOR THOUGHT Eucharist at 10.15am 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!

Friday 5th April, 7.30pm, Fish & Chip Supper St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. (See advert in magazine for details)

Monday 8th April, 7.30pm, Bingo, Swinstead Village Hall.

Wednesday 10th & 24th April, 10.30am - 12 noon, Coffee Mornings, Swinstead Village Hall - Tea / Coffee and Cakes - £2.00 - All Welcome.

Monday 15th April, 7pm, Annual General Meeting - Swinstead Village Hall Committee.

Wednesday 24 April, 7.30pm, Annual General Meeting - Edenham Village Hall Committee. Everyone is invited to attend.

Saturday 27 April 8.30am-10.30am, BIG BREKKIE St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. All welcome - donations to Christian Aid.

Sunday 5 May, Grimsthorpe Castle, Park & Gardens CLOSED: reopens 6 May

Saturday 29 June, 11am - 4pm, Edenham Extravaganza Family Fun Day, Join us for games, stalls, rides, refreshments and entertainment! If you can donate a raffle prize, or would like to have a stall, please contact Nikkigunn08@yahoo.co.uk or 07908 111690.

Saturday 6 July, Wheel Barrow Competition and Summer Fete, Parish playing field, Manthorpe. The Parish Council is planning a summer fete to be held on the Parish playing field in Manthorpe. This will also play host to the Parish Wheel Barrow Competition.

As ever the event needs supporters/volunteers to assist with the pre-planning and/or organisation on the day. If anyone has spare time and the inclination we would be pleased to hear from you. You can contact Richard Stephenson either by e mail richardstephenson17@gmail.com or telephone 01778590355. It should be a fun day for all the family."

**Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe
Parish Council**



Garden in a Wheelbarrow Competition

Residents of the Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe parish are all invited to join in.

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YOUR VICAR WRITES

Some things in life come back to bite you! Ten years ago, I found myself the Rector of a picturesque Church in a former village (now a suburb) on the outskirts of Grimsby. A growing population coupled with a large new housing estate created a healthy demand for weddings and baptisms. The Church could comfortably hold around 120 people and each baptism service catered for two families. Every baptism meant a packed Church and the 'missional potential' was huge.



Or at least it would have been, if I could have heard myself speak above the din!

With one or two exceptions, the majority of such congregations were uninterested, bored, fidgety and probably focused more on the 'do' afterwards than the head-wetting preliminaries. I don't say this as a criticism; it was the reality of what I had to work with. All the vicaresque smiles and easy-to-follow service sheets I could muster made no difference whatsoever! Folk were 'in attendance' but refused to surrender their 'attention'.

But their attention was what I wanted!

Something extraordinary and dynamic was happening; a child was being born -again into the life of Christ, washed clean from Original Sin in the hallowed baptismal waters and welcomed as a member of the People of God. Undeterred I plodded on ending every Sunday morning feeling like a stand-up comedian who'd just died on stage. I would love to tell you that the fire-eating idea came to me in a 'glorious moment of revelation' but, in all honesty, I was desperate and desperate times occasionally merit drastic measures!

Fire-eating isn't rocket science but it certainly is scientific! Creating a cavity with your mouth, exhaling a steady flow of carbon dioxide to extinguish a burning flame just past the (visible) lips of your open mouth doesn't demand

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a huge amount of skill but it does require a fair amount of nerve. The most important part of the whole endeavour was using the trick to convey the message. One of the key dynamics of baptism is the understanding that the Holy Spirit becomes an active and vibrant force in the life of the newly baptized person (young or old).

Throughout the Bible that same Spirit is often symbolised as a 'fiery presence' or 'force', be it the burning bush that spoke to Moses, the fiery pillar that led the Israelites through the wilderness or John the Baptist foretelling that Jesus would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3.11). My reasoning was that, if this was a moment when the Holy Spirit makes a home within the heart and life of the baptized believer, then (seemingly) ingesting fire would be a good way of getting the message across.

For once in my life, I was right!

Nervously placing a flaming torch in my mouth proved to be the clincher! It warmed 'indifference' into 'interest' and gave me the near-captive audience that I craved. The only snag was the unforeseen press interest and the increased demand for baptisms (two extra per month and phone calls from parents seeking confirmation that I would be fire-eating at their child's baptism because they'd said I would be on the invites). It was certainly interesting to watch how a local article in the Grimsby Telegraph ballooned into national press interest, the high-point of which was an interview on Radio 5 Live Drive and an appearance on ITV's People Do The Funniest Things (I was on with another Vicar who did a clown routine).

Back on planet earth, baptisms remained busy and the fuss quickly died down. After three years of fire-eating baptisms (I suddenly realised I'd done the same thing for three successive children of the same parents!) I decided to put it to bed. Having established myself in the community through weddings, funerals, pastoral care, school assemblies and the regular worship of the Church, I began to notice that folk were more than happy to participate at baptism services without the need for pyrotechnics. I have to say that it came as a great relief!

Since then the story has occasionally resurfaced and a recent article in the Stamford Mercury landed me in the Telegraph and Daily Mirror the following

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day. The Mirror's coverage included a quote from me saying "It's got to be for getting a message across rather than entertainment". I hope I can stay true to that statement. After all, something wonderful, dynamic and life-changing does happen at every baptism but it has nothing to do with a fire-eating Vicar. There in the font a child is reclaimed by the God who frees us from the hindrance of sin through the loving-sacrifice of his Son, Jesus Christ. It opens the door of our lives to welcome God's Holy Spirit; the passionate and active presence of God within us and it sets us aside as a member of the People of God. Yesterday's newspaper will help light the kindling for tomorrow's fire, but baptism prepares us for a life lived in the light of eternity. That's a message I don't mind repeating over and over again.

With every blessing for Easter!

Fr Edward

Electoral Roll Renewal

Every six years each Church of England revises its Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll is a list of those within the Parish or those who habitually attend the Church; it guarantees certain rights and privileges and qualifies those people to stand as members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). If you would like to be on the Electoral Roll for one of the three Parishes in the Three Towers Group please complete the form and leave it in the Church no later than the 14th April.

Employment Opportunity

After twelve years of extraordinary service as House Keeper at Edenham Regional House, Jane Clark will be retiring at the end of May. A formal advertisement for the post is on page 2 of this issue and the position will be advertised in the local press. Anyone wishing to have an informal conversation about the position is welcome to contact the Regional House on 01778591358.



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April 1919

The Memorial. - Mr. Prentice has designed a Cross of unusual dignity and beauty, to commemorate those who have fallen in the War, and the Committee have decided that it shall stand on the village green, at the bend of the road between the Church and the old stocks. No more commanding position could possibly have been chosen, for there it will arrest the attention of every passer-by. (Note. - Since writing the above, the site has been modified, Ed.) The ancient base to which we referred last month will be mounted on three steps, and will support a graceful and slender shaft terminating in a hooded cross. It is an almost exact copy of the famous cross at Somersby. The total height will be 16 and a half feet. The cost is estimated at something over £100, and every parishioner will be offered the opportunity and privilege of contributing.





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Proceeds to Parish Hall Funds

Notes from Witham-on-the-Hill Parish Council March 2019 Meeting

Present: Cllrs Charles Henriques (presiding), Andrew Greenwood, Janet Kirkwood, Lynne O' Hara and Sue Pennant-Jones.

Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk and County Cllr Bob Adams.

Cllr Pennant-Jones said that the East Green Garage area is being neglected. The council grass cutting team do not seem to be aware of it on their rounds.

The abandoned car, mentioned in the last meeting, has still not been moved.

The meeting wished to record thanks to Witham Hall school parents for no longer parking cars in Bottom Street, following complaints from residents' requests to the Parish Council.

Good news received, the drains have been cleared by the cottage in Main Street, as when it was flooded water sprayed onto the cottage as vehicles drove through.

Cllr Bob Adams had heard nothing from Highways with regard to proposed plans for the crossroads on the A6121. It was also mentioned the illuminated sign at the bend was only activated at 60mph which is too fast.

He was asked to raise the matter again along with request for double white lines on the approach.

C.Cllr Adams also reported on the outcome of the recent budget. The Increase was approx. 5% for a band D property.

Cllr Pennant-Jones mentioned the amount of road chippings thrown on the footways made walking uncomfortable. A footway sweep will be requested.

Cllr O'Hara reported the play equipment was now in place and being well used by the children. A plaque is to be installed by Cllrs Greenwood and Kirkwood on the park recognising Mick George for the kind donation.

Cllr Henriques was concerned the website was still not updated and is very out of date. This will be amended when Cllr Henriques is given the code for editing.

Next meeting:

The date of the next meeting, which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Tuesday 9th May 2019 at 7.00 pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.



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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 or fruits (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. Unusual shaped, or sized, fruit or veg
31. Pair of marrows, courgettes, squash or pumpkins
32. Five shallots
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, wrapped in Clingfilm)

38. Homemade beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)
39. Jar of curd any flavour (must have cellophane top)
40. 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. Jar of piccalilli (must have cellophane top)
44. Victoria Sponge (jam filled, sprinkled with castor sugar)
45. Six squares of flapjack
46. Showstopper (baked item with WOW)

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2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)

2A I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in the parish.

2B I am a member of the Church of England (or a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

2C I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the church electoral roll of the parish.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Notes

1. The only churches at present in communion with the Church of England are other Anglican Churches and certain foreign Churches.
2. Membership of the Electoral Roll is also open to members in good standing of a Church not in communion with the Church of England which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity where those members are also prepared to declare themselves to be members of the Church of England.
3. Every six years a new roll is prepared and those on the previous roll are informed so that they can re-apply. If you are not resident in the parish but were on the roll as an habitual worshipper and have been prevented by sickness or absence or other essential reason from worshipping for the past six months, you may write “would” before “have habitually attended” on the form and add “but was prevented from doing so because” and then state the reason.
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47. Four fruit scones
48. One rich fruit cake
49. Savoury quiche in foil container
50. Apple pie in foil container
51. Loaf of bread
52. Decorated chocolate cake
53. Bake off cake (see recipe on last page)
54. Five pieces of Shortbread
55. Five decorated cupcakes
56. Lemon tray bake
57. Six sausage rolls

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

58. Drawing or Painting (oil or watercolour)
59. Sewing machine item
60. Wood crafted item
61. Hand knitted item
62. Item of patchwork
63. Wind chime
64. Article of embroidery or cross stitch
65. Crocheted item
66. Upcycled / recycled item
67. Item of paper craft

Section F – Children Under 7 years (key stage 1)

68. Item of cookery
69. Vegetable model
70. Colouring competition (See sheet attached or speak to Show Secretary)
71. Photograph of an animal
72. Miniature garden (maximum size 12” x 18”. Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
73. Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
74. Item of handicraft (e.g. cross stitch, sewing, knitting, crochet)

Section F - Children 7 – 15 years (key stage 2 and 3)

75. Item of cookery
76. Vegetable model
77. Colouring competition (See sheet

attached or speak to Show Secretary)

78. Photograph of an animal
79. Miniature garden (maximum size 12” x 18”. Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
80. Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
81. Item of handicraft (e.g. cross stitch, sewing, knitting, crochet)

Section G – Photography (Taken within the last 12 months with the exception of class 82) (Maximum size of photo 7” x 5”)

82. Recreated photo (include old and new photo – see rules for example)
83. Squares
84. A landscape
85. A Historic Building
86. Animal/s

Section H – Disaster

87. Planned entry that ended in disaster



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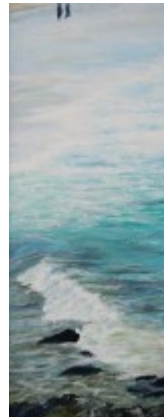
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EDENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Change of Senior Leadership

Mrs Alison Flack has replaced Mr Jonathan Austin as Edenham Primary School's Executive Head Teacher. Mr Austin's last day in school was 15th March.

Sports Day

Due to availability of the village hall, we needed to change the date to Monday 17th June 2019 and the reserve date of Monday 24th June.

Welcome Father Ed

On Ash Wednesday we had our first church service led by Father Ed. We wish to extend a warm welcome to him and we look forward to working closely with him.

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor. All details including an application form can be found on the school website under news and general information.

Bags 2 School

A big Thank You to all who have returned Bags 2 School.

11+ Evening

On the Tuesday 21st May there will

be an 11+ Meeting held at Edenham School at 6pm. Staff from the Grammar will attend to discuss the process. More information will follow.

Diary Dates

Mon 1st April

FOE EGM - 3pm School Hall

Thurs 4th April

Easter Service - 2pm in church - all welcome

Fri 5th April Last day of term

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Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 12th March

Open Forum

Chairman introduced Mr Chris French, Welland Rivers Trust and Mr Arron Moss, Exurbia Events.

Chris gave a presentation on the work/objectives of the Welland Rivers Trust, in conjunction with other major stakeholders, to monitor and enhance water courses in the Welland catchment area for all to enjoy.

It is hoped that local volunteer groups can become involved directly by acting as River Wardens, adopting a stretch of their local river where they conduct surveys for wildlife, water quality etc. Full training and equipment is provided by the Welland Rivers Trust - so if anyone is interested please contact Chris at the Trust - info@wellandriverstrust.org.uk tel: 07395 886822.

Arron then gave a brief presentation on the planned Music Festival to be held in Grimsthorpe Park ('The Oaks' Woodland) on 5th May 2019. This included a basic overview of the event and progress being made with licensing applications, Local Safety Advisory Group meetings, traffic management and security etc.

As the organisation progresses, Arron's team are to arrange a site visit for members where full details of the event will be available, date to be finalised.

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 - Opposite the Church.

Planning Permission Granted: S18/2162 - Agricultural Building, Elsthorpe Grange. S18/2231 - Removal flat roof ceiling, Grimsthorpe Castle.

Local Elections - 2nd May 2019: Secretary gave details of forthcoming Local Elections (District and Town/Parish Councils). SKDC had provided information packs/nomination forms for individuals considering standing for election to the Parish Council (these can also be obtained directly



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from SKDC). Nomination forms must be completed and delivered by hand to Electoral Services at SKDC no later than 4pm on 3rd April 2019.

Bourne CiCLE Event: Chairman gave details of the forthcoming cycling event, 31st Aug/1st Sept, being promoted by SKDC within the local area including the parish (Grimsthorpe Park & on local roads).

SKDC will hopefully be providing Yellow Bicycles to be used as promotional aids for the event and it was agreed that the parish should take up the offer once further details are available.

Financial Matters:

Cheques signed for the following:

- a. HMRC PAYE 4th Qtr 2018/19 - £74.20
- b. Mr LA Clayton - Wage 4th qtr 2018/19 - £297.52
- c. LALC Subscription 2019/20 -£81-03

Local Crime: Parishioners are reminded to be observant in their local area and 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 mobile called '**FixMyStreet**' available, which allows a report to include photos and location data to be input prior to sending to Highways.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday, 14th May 2019 commencing after the Annual Parish Meeting that commences at 7:30pm.

Future Council Meetings:

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

All are welcome.

Have Your Say:

Should you wish to have something included in the agenda for any meeting then please send the details to the Parish Clerk or any of the serving Councillors.

SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 7 March 2019

Present: Chairman Bryan Lynch, Cllr G Brown, Cllr C Lunn, Cllr J Cowan, Cllr A Percival, C Hatch (Clerk)

Public Forum: Four members of the public attended the forum and were most welcome. One attendee asked if attention could be given to the gate at the Jubilee Orchard, the centre bolt on the larger gate will not align due to movement in the supporting post, also was it necessary to keep the gate locked in the winter as he had to climb over the gate to gain access. It was agreed repairs to the gate should take place and consideration given to the removal of the padlock, providing better access. Another member of the public expressed concern at the speed gravel lorries were traveling around the corner of Bourne Rd by the Village Hall and displacing some of their load onto the road. He was advised the gravel lorries were an agenda item and was welcome to stay to listen to the discussion.

Apologies: None

Receive declarations of interest under the Localism Act 2011: None

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th January were agreed as an accurate record and signed.

Financial Report: The Clerk presented the Financial report for the year 2018/19 to date, (copy at the end of the report). He advised the Councillors that, after taking advice from Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils, a Parish Council should carry forward into the next financial year no more than, "At worst" an amount equal to one year's precept, the exception to this would be if funds were being set aside for a specific project. The Clerk suggested the surplus should be used during the next 12/18 months for the benefit of the Swinstead community, however, these funds should not be spent frivolously.

Speed Aware: Cllr Lynch thanked the members of the Council who helped

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install the 30mph passive Speed Watch signs in the village, he also suggested the installation of a Speed Indicator Device, (SID) 30mph with SLOW DOWN Legend. This is a portable, battery operated sign that can be moved to different locations in the village. This was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously. Parish Clerk to action.

We also had an interesting talk from Ralph Philips of the Community Speed Watch Campaign. Ralph discussed the campaign, a collaboration between the Police and local communities, to stop speeding in rural areas. He told us how members of the local community can volunteer to be trained in the use of hand-held speed guns together with other equipment, to encourage drivers to observe the speed limit in the village.

It would be necessary to have a team of three volunteers, one to aim the speed gun, one to count the number of cars the gun is aimed at and one to record the details of the speeding vehicle. The more teams of three the better.

If you would be interested in volunteering for this Swinstead project, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Fencing Quotes Croake Hill & Jubilee Orchard: Three quotes were obtained from reputable companies for the replacement of Post & Rail fencing in Croake Hill. The successful quote which was proposed, seconded and passed unanimously, came from SD Cox Fencing at a cost of £355.00, work to commence early April.

Due to the very high cost of Deer fencing around the perimeter of the Jubilee Orchard, it was decided to look at more cost-effective options. PC to action.

Election Update: The District and Parish Council Elections take place on 2nd May, voting at the Village Hall. If any member of the Swinstead Parish has an interest and would like to become a Parish Councillor, nomination packs are available from the Parish Clerk.

Important Dates: Period for delivery of Nomination Packs to Grantham

Council Office, between Tuesday 19th March & 4pm Wednesday 3rd April. To qualify to become a Parish Councillor you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

You must be a British, Commonwealth, Irish or European Union Citizen and be aged 18 or over on the day of nomination;

On the relevant day or thereafter you should be on the electoral register of the parish;

During the whole of the twelve months before that day you have occupied as owner or tenant land or premises in the parish;

During the whole of the twelve months before that day your principal or only place of work has been in the parish;

During the whole of the twelve months before that day you have resided in the parish or within 4.8 kilometres (3miles) of it.

Vehicle Parking in Village: Cllr Lynch raised concerns about the number of vehicles parking on the pavements in Swinstead, he requested the Parish Clerk contact PCSO Bowden with the Councils concerns. As our Local Police office Stuart Bowden was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, the report he emailed to the PC is below.

Sorry I'm not able to make the meeting on Thursday I was hoping to attend, to get up to date on the local issues and concerns, along with answer any question you may have about Community Speed Watch. There is a volunteer (a retired officer who knows the reality of speeding enforcement) who has been travelling far and wide to spread the word, I'll drop him an e-mail and ask if he can make it. It is a bit short notice on my hospital appointment, so I've not had chance to speak to him in the time I've know I'll be off.

If he can't make it to add some flesh to the bones of the project, please make a note of any queries and concerns and I'll try and answer them on my return to work. I am quite happy to arrange an additional meeting if required to give a presentation if the need is there.

Working Parties: Cllr Lynch thanked all those who have volunteered to carry out various tasks in the village since the start of the new year.

We are looking for more local people to put their names forward to help with light tasks in and around the parish. We are keen to meet those who know how to prune fruit trees.

The trees in the Jubilee Orchard require some attention.

If you have the skills or are willing to learn, please contact the Parish Clerk who will be delighted to hear from you.

CAB: The council received a request from the Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire asking for a donation to help support the work they do in the county. The consensus was that a £50 donation could be made after establishing it can go to a local CAB office.

PC to action.

Gravel Lorries: Cllr Cowan raised concerns of the gravel lorries and issues associated with them, mainly the damage caused to the road and grass verges, the speed some of the lorries travel through the village and spillage of their load on the corner of Bourne Rd by the Village Hall.

Cllr Cowan suggested contacting the haulage companies, arrange meetings with the individual firms to discuss the concerns and working together with them in the future, with a view to resolve these issues.

.Any Other Business: Cllr Brown discussed the location for a Plaque to commemorate the Pilots who flew from the Airfield in Creeton Road. After discussion, a site visit will be planned for the first week in April.

Late notification of a planning application from Mr & Mrs Ayres of 18 High Street Swinstead was discussed and not opposed.

Date of the next meeting will be the AGM, 9 May 2019, 18.30 Swinstead Village Hall. (All members of the public will be most welcome).

Chris Hatch

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Swinstead Parish Council

Financial Report 2018/19 **Opening Balance B/fwd.** £7,860.04

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100395	Long Service Gifts ? Receipt	£119.98
100396	Mrs W Benson Clerks Wages	£97.57
100349	Parish Cleaner	£407.16
100351	Donation St Marys Church	£300.00
100350	Void Cheque	£0.00
100352	Cllr Clive Lunn ?	£45.01
100353	J.Kirby (Grass Cutting)	£68.00
100354	J.Kirby (Grass Cutting)	£50.00
100355	S Wright (Bus shelter)	£450.00
100356	BHIB Public Liability renewal	£293.85
100357	J.Kirby (Grass Cutting)	£50.00
100358	Poppy Wreath	£33.00
100359	Donation Village Hall Defibrillator	£500.00
100360	Void Cheque	£0.00
100361	Lincolnshire Speed Watch	£40.00
100362	Void Cheque	£0.00

Closing Bank Balance 13th February £9,283.70

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100363	Clerks Expenses	£76.76
100364	Additions Accounting Ltd	£200.00

Estimated remaining Barclays bank balance £9,006.94

Business account Balance £1,660.57

Total Funds £10,667.51

Witham on the Hill WI - March 2019

Many of the WI members have suffered with back and neck pain and Mark Jessop told us that this would be the most common problem people go to see him about as a Chiropractor. The technique was developed in USA by Daniel David Palmer in 1895. Mark became a Chiropractor after studying for 4 years at University and he has a practice in Grantham. He challenged us with a quiz and through it we learned that a Chiropractor believes it is very important to treat anxiety, depression, diet and exercise as well as using manipulation for the pain. Back pain is the biggest cause of disability worldwide. 80% of the population will suffer back pain at some point and most treatments can be funded by the NHS. A vote of thanks was given by Judith Childs. Raffle winners were June Dandridge and Doreen Whitaker. The competition was a skeletal related item Trudy Templeman won, Susan Peskett came 2nd and Anne Marie Lilly 3rd. In our next meeting on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm - Driving instructor Stephen Brown is giving a talk "It's hell on wheels" All visitors are sure of a warm welcome.

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Jane's seasonal recipe

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3 tablespoons caster sugar

4 eggs

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14 th April Palm Sunday	10.30am Three Towers Eucharist		6pm Deanery Evensong (Edenham)
Monday 15 th	7.30pm Healing Eucharist		
Tuesday 16 th Wednesday 17 th	7.30pm Eucharist and address		
18 th April Maundy Thursday	7.30pm Liturgy of the Last Supper and Watch until Midnight		
19 th April Good Friday	9am Morning Prayer 10.30am Family Service 1.30pm Liturgy of the day		
21 st April Easter Day	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	5.30am Vigil Service (meet at bonfire in the garden) followed by breakfast 11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer
28 th April Second Sunday of Easter	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer & Benediction	11.15am Parish Eucharist