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Parish News

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Should you have to use either of the Parish Defibrillators, please advise the clerk to the Parish Council afterwards. The pads will need replacing ready for the next time.

London Marathon - Manthorpe Runners. Tom Bentley and Tom Barwell took part in this year's London Marathon raising money for charity. Tom Bentley ran in a time of 5 hours 3minutes, raising £3,041.20 for The Lord Taverners . Whilst Tom Barwell ran in aid of For Lucie raising £1,650. A big WELL DONE to both.

THANK YOU to the team of people who worked in the church yard, and polished the brass at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 18 May. Well done all of you - an excellent afternoon's work! The next session will be on Sunday 30 June starting at 11.30am. If you can spare an hour or two, your help would be gratefully appreciated. Please bring any gardening tools or cleaning materials; and some food for a bring and share lunch. You will be well supplied with tea and cake throughout the afternoon!

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Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2 June, Super Sprint, Sprint & Olympic Distance Triathlon including Aquathlon & Aquabike - Tallington Lakes Leisure Park. See website for more details: www.sbrevents.co.uk

Monday 3 June, 7.30pm - 8.30pm, The Mary Rose, Collyweston Village Hall. A talk by Kathy Powis of the Mary Rose Trust. £5 entry.

Friday 14 June, 10am for 10.30am Day of Reflection, Edenham Regional House. "Is holiness your thing?" led by Father Ed at Edenham Regional House. Lunch included. Recommended charge £16 includes a simple lunch. Please phone or email to book your place & to notify of any special diet. Finish 3.30pm.

Thursday 20 June, 10.15am, St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill, Food for Thought. 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 21 June, 6pm, Edenham regional House Friends Evening. Eucharist, followed by bring & share supper & AGM. All welcome.

Wednesday 26 June, 9.30am - 3 pm, Edenham Regional House, Flower Arranging. Table decorations for weddings, led by Karen Lawrie. Cost £15, all materials will be provided. Bring and share lunch. To book your place (numbers limited) contact the Regional House.

Saturday 29 June, 11am - 4pm, Edenham Extravaganza Family Fun Day, Join us for games, stalls, rides, refreshments and entertainment! We are still looking for anyone that would like to have a stall on the day or has a group that would like to perform in the main events ring so if you can or know someone that may be interested contact Nikki at nikkigunn08@yahoo.co.uk or 01778591197 or 07908111690.

All the money raised through this event goes towards the work of Steam Action providing events for the over 60s of the parish, like a Christmas lunch



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and Strawberry tea but also helping to build the community spirit through the Veg and Produce show, the Extravaganza and the highly popular pantomime! We look forward to seeing you all at the event!

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

Thursday 11th July 2019 – Walk to Grimsthorpe Castle & Garden Tour.

Two hour walk through fields and woodland from Edenham Vicarage to Grimsthorpe Castle. Lunch in Coach House or own picnic lunch followed by a tour of the garden with head gardener Jim Handley. Walk back to Edenham, Appropriate shoes and clothing for weather necessary. If you do not wish to walk you can meet the group at lunch time in the Coach House.

Thursday 18 July, 7.30pm, St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill, Music in Quiet Places. Meraki Duo - Meera Maharaj on flute & James Girling on guitar, playing a whistle stop international tour, with music from the US, France, Spain & Romania. Tickets £15 (£13 concessions) from Stamford Arts Centre or on the door. Refreshments will be available for a small charge.

Thursday 5 September, 7.30pm, Castles, Construction, Conquest & Compensation, Stamford Arts Centre. A talk by Dr David Roffe. Entry £6.

Friday 11 October, Edenham Regional House - Women in World War One.

Julie will talk about 'the price of peace' from the perspective of the fiancé, wife and mother using poetry and extracts to read.



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The Vicar Writes

Running (jogging) isn't something that comes naturally or easily to me. It was around 2011 that I first started. My daughter, Jessica, attended Tollbar Academy in Grimsby and if you look it up on Google Maps (or even in a proper map) you'll see that the school is situated at the bottom of an inverted triangle-shaped island created by Waltham / Grimsby road and the A1234. This means that you can run around it on the pavement like a track circuit. I'd noticed that it was a favourite for local joggers and, to my wife's astonishment, I started to try and run around it. Truth be told, it was only about four kilometres - but initially it felt like miles! My first attempts required three stops along the way to recover and regain my breath. I recall with great pride the first time I managed to get all the way around without stopping (something I thought was akin to the 'training montages' from the Rocky films). In the months that followed my progress was slow but steady and eventually I added to the length of my runs, bought a pair of proper running shoes and ditched my bobbly tracksuit bottoms for proper shorts and a running top. I managed to get up to regular runs of ten miles and

completed the Humber Half-Marathon twice.

I'd love to say that I 'caught the running bug' but, in all honesty, it still takes a lot to get me out of the house and out on the road. The essential ingredients for me are the route and what I've decided to listen to along the way. I can't run without listening to something. It doesn't have to be music (although I've noticed that music makes me run faster). When I first started running I decided to revisit audio versions of the classic novels I failed to read properly for A Level English. Before long I (re)discovered Thomas Hardy, Anthony Trollope and D H Lawrence thanks to the iTunes podcast library and the Librivox app on my phone (highly recommended!). One way or another, be it music or words, I have to lose myself in order to be able to run; something has to guide me and take me on a journey away from the often painful reality of the exercise. The route is equally important. I can't just run from one point to another. There has to be a sense of progress, some varied scenery and the option of staying on to do another circuit (this was what helped me to move up from five miles to ten).

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If I were to choose the most satisfying aspect of starting to run it wouldn't be that I lost a bit of weight, felt fitter or that my body shape improved (vanity, vanity all is vanity!). The most satisfying thing was that I was approaching my forties and I'd managed to do something that was out of character (no one saw it coming) and that it undeniably added value to my life. When I trained for the Priesthood I lived alongside the monastic community at Mirfield in West Yorkshire and I remember them saying that they were reluctant to take new novices over the age of fifty because, by that time, they would be set in their ways and would lack the capacity for their lives to be radically reshaped. Lacking the capacity to change for the better was something I feared. The idea of being so set in my ways that I couldn't change my life for the better terrified me. It reminded me of the famous quote by John Henry Newman, "To live is to change, and to change often is to become more perfect" (Conscience, Consensus, and the Development of Doctrine). I don't think Newman was suggesting that we should live in a constant state of flux, but rather that we should never be so content with our present selves to the point where

we think that there's no point in trying to make things better.

There are many and varied things out there that might inspire us to make a major change in our lives. It could be health concerns; we might be stirred by the plight of others or even by politics. The capacity of faith to inspire and cultivate change never ceases to amaze me. I would even go as far as to suggest that faith often seems to inspire change more than facts. Facts seem so easily dismissed these days whereas faith seems to motivate us from deep within and, once it's got a hold of us, it rarely lets us go. A great deal of change has been inspired by the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we celebrate each year at Pentecost. Such was for the force of the empowerment and motivation that proceeded forth from the Father and the Risen and Ascended Son, that cowards now preached with conviction and many went on to give their lives in witness to what God had done in Jesus.

Bishop Norman will be joining us this year at Pentecost (9th June) for a group service at Edenham. He never fails to inspire and is someone who radiates positivity. My prayer, my

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hope and my conviction is that you will feel moved to join us or that you might be seeking that change that has, thus far, eluded you. Someone I ran with used to say that getting out on the road was 90% inspiration and 10% perspiration. Why not bring your 10% along at Pentecost and we'll pray that the power and inspiration Holy Spirit can make up the difference.

Best wishes,

Fr Edward

EDENHAM REGIONAL HOUSE

The house remains open for visitors for days of quiet and guided reflection, despite building work due to start very soon. All are welcome to spend time alone, in the stable chapel or a quiet room, or in the summer house, or with a group of people for prayer and bible study, or even a secular meeting, for up to 30 people. Do call to discuss your requirements and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. A simple lunch can be provided, and special diets can be catered for. The suggested charge is £8 for a day, which includes unlimited tea or coffee, or £16 if you would like lunch. You may pay more or less, depending on your income or inclination. The house has a group of Friends who meet to discuss fund raising, and do

voluntary work at the house. A reminder that the Eucharist takes place in the Stable Chapel every Friday at noon, and is followed by a bring and share lunch, which is a very social occasion when you can meet up and chat with Christians of all traditions. If you would like more information, call Father Ed or Peter Knight at the office 01778 591358 or email edenhamoffice@gmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you very soon!



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Witham on the Hill Parish Meeting Chairman's Report – 20th May 2019

A big thank you to all Councillors for their support during the last year.

Also, thanks to Parishioners for their continued public-spirited help with keeping the area around the old stocks and the Bywells tidy. In particular, Frances Plummer, Gloria Greenwood and Jason Beedell along with members of the Parish Council, who have given up their time to do the work. In particular I would like to thank Matt Dick for the magnificent new oak handrail which he fabricated and installed single handed and at his own cost. The Bywells is an area where attention will need to be focused in the coming years as the watercourse is badly in need of repair if it is to function properly and the roof over the stocks will also need work in due course.

A number of planning applications were discussed during the year, although happily, none were considered to be contentious.

Last year the Parish Council resolved to see what could be done to improve the play equipment and seating on the village green. Thanks to a generous grant from the Mick George Fund and kind donations from Witham Hall School and Suzy Grigson, the Parish Council were able to fund the work. This was completed in February and included the installation of new play equipment, upgrading and rearrangement of the existing layout, so that particularly the younger children are now better provided for. There are also two new benches one of which has seating adapted for disabled access. Particular thanks must go to Cllr Lynne O'Hara for coordinating the grant application, donations and appointment of the contractor, so that the works could be done.

The Parish Council has continued to lobby for improvement works to the A6121 via Cllr Bob Adams, Lincolnshire County Council. The particular concern is the crossroads at the foot of the hill, where accidents are still occurring on a regular basis. The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership has been contacted to raise concerns and suggest remedial measures, but continuing budget restrictions are frustrating any real progress.

The footpaths in and around the village are generally being maintained to a good standard and a new bridge has been erected over the stream at the bottom of Church field which is a big improvement on the old one. The

cooperation of local landowners is much appreciated as always.

In order to keep Parishioners better informed it has been suggested that a group email be organised for this purpose and a leaflet explaining the benefits and who is to coordinate this will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Charles Henriques Chair: Witham on the Hill Parish Council

Witham on the Hill Parish Council Minutes

Present: Councillors: Charles Henriques, Andrew Greenwood, Janet Kirkwood, Lynne O'Hara and Sue Pennant Jones.

Residents: None Others: Bernard Champness – Clerk, County Cllr Bob Adams and District Cllr Christopher Benn.

Cllr Henriques was nominated and elected as Chair for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Greenwood was nominated and elected as Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

It was reported that the matting around the recently installed play equipment had been damaged by the grass cutter; Cllr O'Hara will contact SKDC to arrange repair.

Cllr Greenwood said the Bywells watercourse was leaking with water draining away through the sides. Sealing with clay was a potential remedy and it was suggested the leakage may be responsible for the subsidence in Bottom St. It was decided to maintain a watching brief for the moment until a more organised approach to the problem could be initiated.

Cllr Bob Adams was advised that we were still anxious for something to be done to make the crossroads on the A6121 safer; the illuminated speed sign was now working.

The PC expressed its wish to continue to lobby for road markings and for speed restrictions, because of the numbers of children crossing the road at this junction. Cllr Adams explained that he was hoping to arrange for someone from the Road Safety Partnership to come and view the problem themselves at peak time.

Also mentioned was, getting the footpath from the village to the crossroads cleaned and cleared of spreading vegetation as children who have to walk to the crossroads to catch the bus to school are forced because of the vegetation, to walk into the road, which was dangerous.

The footpath could not be cleaned under the SKDC Big Clean initiative as it was outside the village. Both Cllrs Adams and Benn said that they would look further into this matter to establish how this work could be done.

A Street lighting fault between 8 and 9 East Green has now been reported.

There were no planning applications to consider.

The following meeting dates for the forthcoming year: 15th July, 16th September, 18th November, 20th January 2020, 16th March 2020.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting – Monday 15th July 2019 at 7pm at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.

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June 1919

June 21st The surrendered German naval fleet at Scapa Flow was scuttled.

June 28th The Treaty of Versailles was signed by the Germans.

LCC Highways -Lincolnshire County Council's Executive Member Councillor Davies appreciated the feedback received from the Parish Councils over the last year. As a result, this year, the county council has agreed to invest just over £1m extra in improving the highways service. This will help us address many of the issues raised by parish councils in the past year. With this additional investment, we have brought in four extra pothole teams. In addition, we will introduce an extra grass cut and weed spray, and all highway gullies will be cleaned at least once a year. These measures will help better maintain the local

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Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 14th May, 2019

Annual Parish Meeting

With only one member of the public present along with 6 Parish councillors the minutes of the last meeting were read and signed as a true record - with no issues being raised by the public the meeting was closed

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

Local Elections - 2nd May 2019: The following Councillors were re-elected at the recent non-contested elections; Mrs P Cranfield, Mrs A Whadcock, Mr R Biggs, Mr A Martin, Mr A Wilson and Mr T Clarke. This left 1 vacancy which was filled at the meeting by the co-option of Mr D Bradley, Scottlethorpe Road, Edenham. Councillors completed acceptance of office and Declaration of Interest forms. Cllr R Biggs was elected as Chairman and Cllr P Cranfield as Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

Interactive Speed Warning Sign (SID): The equipment is now re-located on Main Street, Edenham - Opposite Pillarwood Farm.

Bourne CiCLE Event: Chairman gave update of the upcoming event, 31st Aug/1st Sept, being promoted by SKDC within the local area including the parish (Grimsthorpe Park & on local roads) . Parish is to apply to SKDC for 2 bicycles that they are making available for promotional display along the routes (locations in Edenham and Grimsthorpe to be decided). It is hoped that parishioners will get involved in the event and support riders as they pass through the parish.

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Clerk/RFO presented annual accounts along with the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year 2018/19. These were accepted and approved by the council.

Council Orders: Revised/updated Council Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Complaints Procedure were approved and adopted by the council.

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.

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place in Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday, 9th July commencing at 7:30pm.

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SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Notes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held at:

18.00 on Thursday 9th May 2019

Present: Chairman Bryan Lynch, Cllr C Lunn, Cllr P Cunningham, Cllr M Dermody, Cllr D Darling, C Hatch (Clerk)

Public Forum: One member of the public attended the forum. Mrs Cowan advised the Parish Councillors of a meeting she had while still a Parish Councillor with the haulage company SJR Contractors Ltd. Mrs Cowan felt the meeting was very productive and hoped the Parish Council would continue to liaise with other haulage companies in the future. She also asked if Cllr Martin Hill could be invited to the next meeting, Mr Hill is looking into road weight limits and could update the council of progress. Mrs Cowan went on to ask if a donation could be made to Mr Hawkins for his years of service to Swinstead in keeping the grass and verges cut and tidy for so many years. Having spoken with Mr Hawkins about this, Mr Hawkins advised, any donation would be much appreciated. However, he would rather it go to Cancer Research. (All these issues to be discussed as an agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting)

Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman:

Two Councillors put themselves forward for the post of Chairman, Paul Cunningham and Bryan Lynch. A ballot was held and found in favour of Cllr Paul Cunningham.

Michael Dermody offered his services as Vice Chairman, Proposed Paul Cunningham, Seconded Bryan Lynch.

Election of Village Hall representative:

Cllr Paul Cunningham advised he is already on the Village Hall committee and would be happy to continue and represent the Parish Council.



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Review SPC Policies:

Copies of the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Risk Assessment were passed to all Councillors for their file. They were asked to read these and raise any queries with the Parish Clerk at the next meeting.

Chairman's Report:

As this was the first meeting for the new Chairman, he deferred to Cllr Lynch who provided the following:

“The Parish Council has gone through three years of turmoil caused by the position of Parish Clerk becoming vacant so many times in such a short space of time, since then we have employed Chris Hatch as our new Parish Clerk and we are on a much more stable footing now, I would like to thank Chris for proving to be such an enthusiastic and reliable Clerk.

Three Parish Councillors have resigned their posts – George Brown, Angeline Percival and Jenny Cowan and I would like to thank them for their service to the village however long or short their tenure

It is pleasing that as a council we are trying to tackle the problem of speeding in the village, we have installed the placards and electronic speed indicator and hopefully we can keep building on that work to keep improving the situation.

We are seeing far less pavement parking since highlighting this at the last Parish Council meeting, it became evident just how much of a problem this was when it was reported by a councillor that he had to knock on three doors to get people to move their cars before he could get by on his mobility scooter and I thank everyone for their understanding over this matter.

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on the village roads and we need to remain vigilant to maintain this standard.

The community orchard is starting to flourish after suffering in last year's dry summer and we have removed many of the tree guards and the grass has had its first cut of the year.

Our Parish Cleaner is doing a great job in keeping the village and outlying areas free from litter and the position has been a great success which we hope to continue with.

I look forward with renewed enthusiasm that the Parish Council can continue its good work in the coming years."

SPC 2018/19 Audit:

The 2018/19 Audit has been completed and can be viewed by following this link; <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Swinstead/section.asp?docId=128219> then click on Minutes & Agendas.

The Clerk was asked how to report fly tipping and faulty street lighting. "Both of these issues can be reported to South Kesteven Council by any member of the public, simply by following the following links":

Fly Tipping <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=11225>

Faulty Street Lighting <https://www.southkesteven.gov.uk/?service=STREETLG>

Speed Sign:

Having noticed comments regarding the new electronic speed sign on the community Facebook page, I contacted the manufacturer for some advice. Regarding the unit itself, the radar technology is ten times more accurate than a car speedometer. The unit is designed to activate if a vehicle is travelling faster than the designated speed limit plus 10%. In the case of a 30MPH limit the unit will activate if a vehicle is travelling above a speed of

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33 mph. The radar can be activated by a large vehicle, (bus lorries, and the like) up to a distance of 100 metres, smaller vehicles, (Cars, Vans, motor bikes etcetera) up to 40/50 metres.

Positioning - The manufacturers suggest two locations for the unit. First, the entrance to a town or village. The rationale here is to advise approaching vehicles they are about to enter a 30 mph speed limit. The onus is on the driver to reduce their speed so that, by the time they reach the 30 mph limit, they are entering our village at the correct speed. In these locations you can expect the unit to activate many times.

The second location should be within 100 metres (inside) of the entrance of the village. Here the rationale is to notify drivers they are exceeding the designated speed limit, this should encourage them to brake accordingly. If a speed camera were in the High Street and a vehicle were travelling at $30\text{mph} + 10\% + 2\text{ mph} = 35\text{ mph}$, the camera would activate, and the driver would receive a nasty brown envelope through their letter box.

This is a portable unit; therefore it can be located in a number of positions in and around the Village, it is early days yet, you will see the speed sign placed in various locations, the three main entrances to the Village, the High Street and Bourne Road. This is a work in progress.

Correspondence Received:

The Clerk advised the councillors of an email received from The Salvation Army, requesting the possibility of siting a Clothing recycling bank in the village. This was discussed, the consensus of the council was, there was not an appropriate location for the clothing bank. Parish Clerk to respond to the Salvation Army.

The Clerk read out an email from SJR Contractors Ltd, (Following the meeting with Cllr Cowan). The Councillors felt the response was concise, however, it did not address the issues of speeding vehicles, as such the

Parish Council will continue to liaise with the haulage companies.

A planning application notification re amendments to plots 7 & 8 Macham Close was received. The amendments were not obvious on the notification, as such, Chairman Paul Cunningham will contact the Planning office to discuss the amendments with the planning case officer, then advise the Parish Councillors prior to representations or approval.

A letter was received from the St Marys Parochial Church Council asking if the Parish Council are able to give a donation to help with the upkeep of the Churchyard.

After discussion a proposal for a donation of £350 was made by Cllr Lynch, this was seconded by Cllr Darling.

Children's Play Area:

The issue of a children's play area was raised by Cllr Dermody to consider the installation, cost and feasibility for a play area on the Green at Croake Hill.

After discussion, the Parish Clerk is to speak with District Cllr Nick Robins regarding any covenants, also to contact the Muire Housing Association re a play area.

AOB:

Cllr Dermody asked if the Parish Council will look at the cost of planting Spring bulbs at the three main entrances to the Village, also to look into the feasibility of an illuminated Christmas tree for the festive season. (Both issues to be added to the agenda for the next PC meeting.)

Date of the next meeting 11th July, 2019, 18.30 Swinstead Village Hall.
(Members of the public most welcome).

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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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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 under Section H)
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

Section D – Homemade

Class 53. Bake off cake recipe

Marrow & Pecan cake with maple icing
Prep: 25 mins | Cook: 1 hr, 20 mins

250ml sunflower oil, plus extra for greasing
300g self-raising flour
2 tsp mixed spice
½ tsp baking powder
250g light soft brown sugar
4 large eggs
finely grated zest and juice 1 orange
300g marrow flesh, coarsely grated and squeezed of any liquid
200g pecan

For the icing
50g butter, softened
250g cream cheese
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Witham on the Hill WI - 7 May 2019

We started the meeting with some lively discussions on two national WI Resolutions: one to campaign against the decline of local bus services, and the other to educate young women to not fear having a smear test. The majority of our members voted in favour of both resolutions.

The main part of the meeting was a cookery demonstration and talk by Veronica Hewins. She managed to find time for us, between cooking for Lords and Ladies, and helping in a Peterborough homeless centre. While cooking a chicken curry and cauliflower dish Veronica told us about her riches to rags childhood in India. When her father worked on the railways Veronica went to boarding school and had servants at home, but after he retired the family lost all their money and she ended up cooking in a cockroach and rat-infested kitchen. 27 years ago Veronica came to UK for an arranged marriage, and although it was a big culture shock she has lived a fulfilled life. While looking after her family Veronica loves to teach Indian cookery skills. The food she cooked for us was superb and many of us went home with the spice mix, hoping to be able to recreate her dishes for ourselves.

Vote of thanks was given by Jane Clark. The competition for a cookery book was won by Margaret Rine, June Dandridge came 2nd, Jane Clark 3rd. The raffle winner was Susan Peskett.

Our next meeting is an Ikebana flower arranging demonstration by Patricia Yates on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Visitors and new members are sure of a warm welcome. For further information contact Jane Clark, Secretary, tel 01778 590232.

Jane's seasonal recipe

Have you got lots of rhubarb in the garden and are fed up with rhubarb crumble? Try these for a change!

Rhubarb & custard muffins

300g rhubarb

50g caster sugar

140g soft light brown sugar

75ml sunflower oil

1 egg

Zest of 1 orange

284 ml carton soured cream

300g sr flour

8 tablespoons thick devon custard (from a carton) chilled

Cut rhubarb into 1inch lengths, toss in caster sugar, put in roasting tin, cover in foil & roast 200c for 15 mins until tender. Cool & drain. Beat oil, brown sugar, egg, zest & sour cream until combined. Mix in flour, & fold in rhubarb. Divide $\frac{3}{4}$ mixture into 12 muffin cases, make a dip in the centre, fill each with a small blob of custard. Cover with the rest of the muffin mix. Bake at 180c for 25 mins until risen & golden. Sprinkle with caster sugar. Best eaten same day.

APOLOGIES for an error in a recipe printed in May 2017 edition of the Three Towers. I know that some readers save the recipes, so I do hope it hasn't caused too much trouble. The recipe was for Blackberry crumble bars; and should have read "press **half** the mixture into the tin".

PARISH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2019

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
1 st June (Saturday) 3 rd to 8 th June (Monday to Saturday)			8pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9pm Compline (Stable Chapel)
2 nd June 7 th Sunday of Easter	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer (Grimsthorpe Castle)
9 th June Pentecost (Whit Sunday)			10.30am Group Eucharist with Bishop Norman 4pm Evening Prayer (Grimsthorpe)
16 th June Trinity Sunday	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evening Prayer (Grimsthorpe)
23 rd June Trinity 1	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer (Grimsthorpe) 6pm Archdeacon's Visitation
30 th June Trinity 2		10.30am Group Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer (Grimsthorpe)

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