

# The Three Towers

JUNE 2020

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**Editor's note: During the current COVID-19 restrictions, this edition of the magazine is published online only**

# Parish News

**WASTE DISPOSAL** LCC waste disposal tips are open by prior appointment only. LCC states that it is really important that residents know they need to book a slot at the tip, rather than just turning up, and for the first two weeks we will only accept garden waste and wood. From 1 June, it will be garden waste, wood, scrap metal and cardboard. There is a lot of information on the [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/clickandtip](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/clickandtip) webpage and LCC advises residents to look there first. If residents don't have access to the internet – they can call 01522 782070, where LCC will be happy to answer any questions.

**THANK YOU** to Francis Templeman for continuing to wind St Andrew's Church clock during the lockdown. At least we know what time it is in Witham on the Hill, even if we don't know which day it is!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has been working in St Andrew's churchyard during the lockdown (safe distancing of course!) clearing graves, weeding, mowing and strimming. You have all done an excellent job, and the churchyard is looking so much better. Well done all!

**CONDOLENCES** to Marylin Lees of Toft, her family and friends on the passing of Derek Lees on 13 April at the age of 83. Derek was a farmer and entrepreneur who, as well as accumulating land in the surrounding area, created the Toft Golf Course and hotel.

**CONDOLENCES** to Anne, Ian and James McCrea of Manthorpe on the loss of Anne's mum, Mary Necklen, who died in Grantham on 27 April. Our thoughts are with you.

**CONDOLENCES** Our thoughts go also to Sally and Tom Barwell and family. Sally's father, Mike Simpson. An RAF veteran, Mike died at the age of 82 having recently moved back to Derbyshire from Spain to enjoy more time with his family.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kirstie and Alex Kirkwood on the birth of Felix Lachlan James Kirkwood on Tuesday 26 May. All doing well. Another grandson for Janet and Ian Kirkwood of Witham on the Hill.

**DOG POO** Complaints have been received about dog poo littering the footpaths in Witham on the Hill and in Manthorpe. All dog walkers are respectfully asked to please clean up after your dog, so that people can enjoy a walk without having to be looking where to put their feet all the time. Thank you.

**St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill - FOOD BANK COLLECTION** - The local Food Bank will see an increased demand at this time with so many people with their livelihood in jeopardy. Please, if you feel able, buy something extra that could go to the Food Bank and put it in the plastic box in church. Core goods are: Squash and UHT fruit juice, UHT milk, sandwich spreads, instant packet soups, sponge puddings, tins and packets of custard, ketchup, gravy powder, toilet paper, washing up liquid, washing powder, deodorants, toothbrushes, shampoo. If any goods need collecting from you please phone:

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## **COVID-19 District Council & County Council Help**

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**Coronavirus: What you need to do** - The latest information from national government in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## Dates for your Diary

Please note that the AGM of the Historical Society planned for 8 June has been cancelled.

**Saturday, 12 September, Steam Action Veg and Produce Show** (open to all who receive The Three Towers). We have included the schedule in this month's Parish Magazine, so, if you're self isolating there's plenty of crafts to be getting on with! We hope to see everyone soon at our next community event.



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# The Vicar Writes

If you're anything like me you may have been wondering how to make the recent Bank Holiday Monday feel like a Bank Holiday rather than like any other Monday since the lockdown began. I'd promised myself (or rather told myself) that I would go for a long run (I had my eyes set on making it to and from Kirkby Underwood) and that I would watch the broadcast of the National Pilgrimage Eucharist from the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham via the internet when I got back. In the end it was exactly 10.2 miles from the Vicarage to Kirkby Underwood and back (via Hanthorpe, Stainfield and then back through Bulby and Elsthorpe).

All well and good but, in the end, what made the day stand out were the messages I received via [Ancestry.co.uk](https://www.ancestry.co.uk) that day. Clearly, working on your family history was something that folk were inspired to do on the Bank Holiday? I have to admit that my involvement with Ancestry is somewhat unorthodox. I very rarely, if ever, use it to plot my own family history. Instead I've been using it of late to try to uncover the identity of the subject of a nearly two-hundred year old portrait that I bought for Christmas last year (where's Fiona Bruce and that clever art-dealer chap when you need them?). The picture dates to around 1830 and came from the clearance of a farmhouse that was on the estate linked to Stourton Hall near Baumber. It features a kindly looking gentleman, possibly in his fifties or sixties, and was said to have hung in the Hall prior to it being demolished in the 1950s. Stourton Hall was purchased by the Livesey family in 1768 from the second Duke of Newcastle and then passed down through successive sons until Algernon Montague Livesey died in 1951 and the estate was sold to a firm of timber importers (note: Algernon married Evelyn Bertie in 1903 who I believe is a distant relative of Lady Willoughby?). My best guess was that the portrait was of Joseph Livesey (1776-1843) and so I messaged various people via Ancestry who had included him in their family tree. Low and behold, a chap called Jeff got back to me. Jeff is a direct relation of the Liveseys but, sadly, he'd failed to uncover any pictures or likenesses of Joseph senior but that he did possess a sketch of Joseph's son, also Joseph, who lived between 1812 and 1854 which he kindly emailed over. As you can imagine I eagerly set

about comparing the sketch and the portrait. And the result? Well, I'm convinced there's a family likeness! There's the 'Livesey nose' for a start (long and thin!) and the eyes, mouth and ears all correspond as far as I'm concerned. Maybe I'm just seeing things!

Discerning likenesses is an interesting exercise. I don't think I've ever been a part of a community where so many people are related to one another! Sometimes the likenesses are obvious and at other times not. Sometimes you have to see people alongside their relations before the connection really jumps out at you. In chapters 12 to 16 of St John's Gospel Jesus talks at length of his revealing the likeness of God the Father to the disciples through his words, deeds and miracles. In Jesus the likeness of the invisible God is suddenly on view for all to see. In other words, if you want to know what God is like then look at the Jesus of the Gospels and you'll see. But more than that Jesus also speaks of how, when his disciples keep his commands and follow his example, his own likeness will be seen in them together with the likeness of the Father that is visible in him! Are you still with me?! It works a bit like a Russian doll (to use a really bad analogy). Imagine the first doll is you. Inside is a likeness of Jesus and inside that is a likeness of God the Father (who will also look like Jesus). It's a likeness in a likeness in a likeness!

So, what do people see when they look at you? Whose likeness do they see? I'm told that I look like my uncle (my mother's brother) who also looks like my great-grandfather (a Welsh policeman who eloped with his bride-to-be!). That's all well and good but I'd much rather you looked at me and saw something of Jesus who, in turn, would show you something of God the Father. I know, it's a pretty big ask! But perhaps, if you looked hard enough, you could see past my faults, failings and frailties to see something of the man from Galilee who died for each and every one of us 2,000 years ago. I see his likeness in people all the time, even in people who haven't really got to know him yet. Perhaps I've seen him in you. Just imagine someone seeing in you so much more than you see in yourself. It really does happen.

Don't forget you see and hear services in the following ways during the lockdown...

This one is for our Facebook page which you should be able to view (don't worry you won't need to join Facebook to see it). Evening Prayer is live Tuesday to Sunday at 6pm and the Eucharist is live on a Friday at 12noon.

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This one is for my YouTube channel. Click on any of the services listed to view them. A new one is posted each day Tuesday to Sunday with the exception of Friday when we're live over on Facebook at 12noon.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7c4xzZQMujwi0uwOR9T9AQ>

If you'd like to join in our Sunday Coffee & Catch up at 11am this same link will work each week.

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Fr Edward

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# The Reverend David Frederick Bratley

Readers will know that we announced the death of The Reverend David Bratley last month. The following is an extract from Fr David's funeral service as given by Fr Andy.

Thinking about David and reflecting on the experience of knowing him for just shy of forty years I found myself thinking about holiness. I have come to the conclusion that what was so attractive about David was his holiness.

Yes, I know he could be awkward and stubborn. Yes, I know he often would insist on doing everything in his own way and at his own pace. Yes, I know he refused to learn any new way of doing anything. I know all these things.

His family, particularly Julian and Emma, will know better than I his little peccadillos and the whole history of how he ended up living a great part of his life by himself. For he was indeed a family man. Growing up in the Bratley family with its successful business in Spalding and its key role in the Methodist community David had huge affection and loyalty for his family. With Elizabeth he played his part in the business community and built up a fruitful home and family life. Yet, somehow God got hold of David and pulled him out of Methodism into the Anglican fold and then deeper into the Anglo-Catholic tradition and then in his thirties he found himself pulled to ordination. For a man so immovable in his habits and attitudes God must have pulled very hard indeed.

For 21 years after his 4 years of curacy at Holbeach – David was Rector of Fleet and Vicar of Gedney. To the best of my knowledge he never took a Sunday off (except the one after Emma's wedding), he never went away (except for his annual five day retreat at Edenham). He took Fridays off and would come religiously to Edenham for Mass and Lunch, bringing his bottle of red wine – the same sort, from the same wine merchant. The rhythms of David's life were incessant, a steady heart beat, a slow march, all with one purpose: do his best for God.

I remember the furrow he made, weaving through the graves in Fleet Churchyard from the Rectory to the Church that traced his route backwards and forward for morning and evening prayer. He inherited a challenging situation and he wore it down and warmed it up to be a happy, settled, and

faithful community. All this was down to David's simple bloody mindedness. Week by week going into school, week by week the same pub for lunch once a week, week by week celebrating the Sunday Eucharist, preaching in his sparse quirky style never getting in the way of the Gospel, but holding it up for a few minutes for the congregation to think about.

When retirement came he came to Bourne and these parishes a little reluctantly as he had hoped to be somewhere in North Norfolk, but here he came and took a new rhythm. David was a constant presence in the parish, reassuring, gentle, humbly prayerful, and eccentrically humorous. He was an encouragement; a comfort and we came to love him.

When he died I realised how much I would miss him, and I tried to work out why? Then in my prayer it came to me that I would miss him because Christ was present in him reminding me (and everyone else) that being faithful in small things, and being dutiful, is the way of Christ.

And so we commend David to his Maker and Redeemer in hope that God will welcome the gentle rhythm of his prayer and praise, and perhaps even laugh at his jokes. Amen



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The Government decided to delay the traditional May Day Bank Holiday to coincide with the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on 9 May. Observing the regulations of social distancing, the residents of Three Towers land did not let the current pandemic lockdown stop them celebrating this event. The streaming of Mr Churchill's and HM The Queen's speeches, the voice of that Forces' Sweetheart, Vera Lynn, plus the wonderful weather allowed most folk to enjoy the programme of events from the comfort of their front gardens and drives.





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# Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Scarecrow Festival

As a change to the past couple of Garden in a Wheelbarrow competitions, it was decided this year to hold a Scarecrow Festival running from 9 May through to 6 June. The festival is not a competition as every scarecrow is a winner attracting a £10 donation to our local NHS charity. News of the event reached as far as Bristol where Matt Hartley , who considers himself to be an honorary Manthorpe resident, showed his support with his “cricketcrow”. The scarecrows have attracted a lot of attention. From passers-by. Well done to everyone who has taken part.

At the time of going to publication, our scarecrows have raised £180.







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## So What Have You Been Up to?

The recent Lockdown has been a huge disruption to all our lives. Whilst this has been most regrettable, it has given members of our community an opportunity to look at life in a different way. One example is our local Manthorpe builder, Michael Whitehead. Stuck at home, Michael decided to try his hand at portraiture. Working from photographs, here is some of what he has produced in the last weeks:



Whereas, Lorna Cook of Toft has been honing her sewing skills to good use supporting our care workers and NHS staff. Lorna tells me that she was going to build a scarecrow but became distracted by the “For the Love of Scrubs” sewing group.

There is lots of information on-line about “For The Love of Scrubs” – there are groups all over the country. The scrubs are provided mainly for front line staff. Some have gone to hospitals others have gone to social care facilities. Equally the bags and hats go to the same places.

Help is needed from those who like to sew and anyone who may not want to sew but happy to get involved – other jobs include:

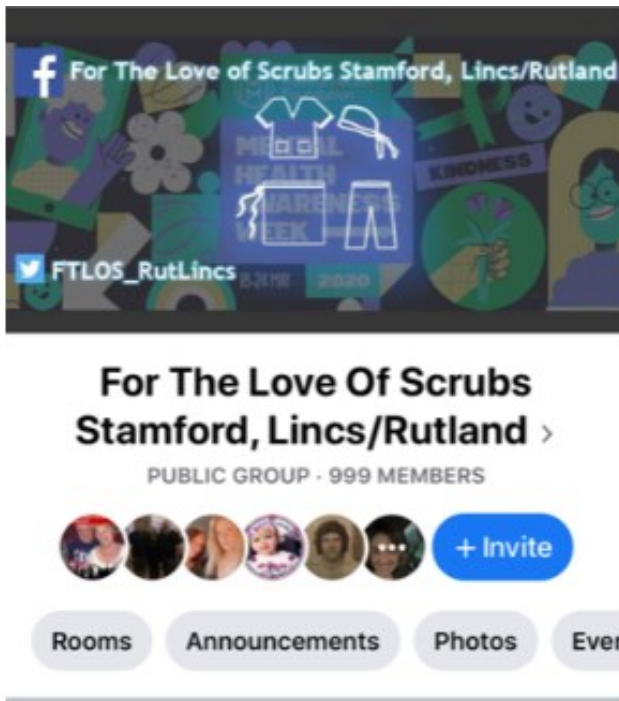
Cutting out bags - Cording bags - Unpicking - Laundering donated material

Fabric and materials (other than the sewing machine) are all provided by kind donations.

Lorna suggests that anyone who may be interested asks to join the fb group

– there are a few ground rules we have to sign up to, mainly about checking and reading information:

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Once you are accepted, there is full access to the site including information of what’s needed, “how2” guides and patterns, and collection and drop off points on the map together with local contacts.

The local group is co-ordinated by Nicola Griffiths – anyone can connect with Nicola through messenger and she will have a chat with them to go through everything that is needed now and what they can get involved in.

Lorna states: “I am a little addicted now and it is a great feeling to complete something that you know is going to help someone at the front line even if it is only making a laundry bag that makes life easier for them to put their scrubs or uniforms in.”

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# Community Scarecrow Project

We recently received suggestions from residents that this year we could hold a scarecrow competition during the summer. Given the current situation where we all still need to "stay at home" we thought there are those of you who might actually relish the idea of preparing scarecrows now ?

So, for all those creative people amongst you, let's see what scarecrow characters you can come up with. Get the family involved. These should be displayed prominently within the boundary of your own residence from Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May or later if you need more time. Project will run for 4 weeks from this date.



If you do display a scarecrow do let us know by sending a photograph to Tom McWilliams ([the3towers1@gmail.com](mailto:the3towers1@gmail.com)). Tom will also upload them to our web site.

As the NHS has done such a great job for us all during the pandemic, we thought that, as a gesture, the TL&M Parish Council would donate £10 per scarecrow to the NHS charity. A small token but one which it seems is desperately needed.

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# Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 via Zoom.**

**On 4 April 2020 the government brought 'The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020' into force to allow local authorities to conduct meetings remotely.**

## **Open Forum Meeting:**

As there were no members of the public on the Zoom meeting platform, the 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@gmail.com* – or contacting any of your current councillors.

## **Commencement of Parish Council Meeting**

**Apologies for absence** - None

**Approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020** - Minutes approved by all Cllrs, minutes signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Request for Dispensation** - None

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Biggs - Agenda items - Planning Matters - Planning applications detailed in points 7.4, 7.5 & 7.6

## **Coronavirus Pandemic Support.**

Information from Edenham and Grimsthorpe Steam Action - Lucie Wilson (Chairman)

Steam Action (SA) have been keeping in touch with everyone in the Parish aged 60 and over. This is a mixture of texting, daily or weekly phone calls or chats on the door step (adhering to social distancing at all times). As well as

chatting we are out shopping, picking up prescriptions, baking and leaving cakes on doorsteps, as well sewing scrubs and baking for our local hospital. Father Ed who is part of SA has also been live-streaming services everyday and having after service tea, cake and chats via Zoom. More recently we wrote and delivered a newsletter to all in the Parish. And we've helped residents get set up with various Zoom and Facebook accounts so they can stay in touch with family and the community.

The Parish Council would like to thank all of the Steam Action Volunteers for the role that they have played during the current pandemic and the support that they are continuing to offer to the residents during this difficult time.

### **Parish Matters & Update from Previous Meeting:**

**Street Cleaning Vacancy Update** - Mr K Alder has been appointed to the role of Community Street Cleaner, the employment offer and contract are progressing, The Parish Council is currently awaiting the grant from SKDC to be paid. This has been delayed due to employees within the District Council being redeployed to support additional work due to the pandemic.

**SID Update** - there has been lower volume of traffic due to the current lockdown controls. The unit is now in position at Pillarwood.

**Road Condition - Tumblerow Farm/Scottlethorpe Road** - Additional repairs to the road have been completed, some of the large areas of erosion on the road sides have been filled with hardcore/gravel and some smaller potholes filled with tarmac. Cllrs agreed that the road condition should continue to be monitored.

There are still concerns that there is a collapsed drain in the area around Tumblerow Farm and that this is having a fundamental impact on the road, it was agreed by all Cllrs. that the Parish Clerk contact the Highways Dept to ask for further investigations.

A polite reminder that anyone can raise issues of potholes in the local areas via the 'Fix My Street' App.

**Gigabyte Voucher Scheme** - Cllr T Clarke is currently waiting for confirmed costs for fibre connections for three businesses and seven residential properties. The last contact was mid April, when the contractors confirmed that they were going to contact the landowner Grimsthorpe Estates to discuss digging in the local areas. Cllr Clarke agreed to contact the contractors for an update on progress and to feedback at the next meeting.

**Anglian Water Work - Grass verges** - Anglian water have still not replied to the complaint relating to damage of the grass verges around Church Lane during works at the sewage plant. Parish Clerk to continue to chase Anglian Water for a reply.

**Parish Councillor Vacancy - By Election Notices posted 9th April** - There has been no confirmed interest in the vacant position for a Councillor, the election notice was for 14 days, this ended on 1st May 2020.

**Casual Councillor Vacancy Notices** - The role is now advertised as a Councillor Casual Vacancy, if any parishioners are interested in becoming involved in Local Government, they should contact either one of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk.

**Hedge/Tree trimming near the BT Exchange in Grimsthorpe** - BT/Openreach have been contacted to make them aware of the Parish Council concerns relating to the height of the conifer trees and the adjacent damaged wall. The Operational Contract Support Manager from BT has acknowledged the contact email from the Parish Clerk and a response is currently awaited from them.

**Local Security - implementation of a 'No Cold Calling Zone'** - The process for implementing the scheme has been put on hold until the current lockdown controls are lifted. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.



**Flower Beds in the village** - It was agreed by all Cllrs. that the Parish Clerk contact the Highways Dept. to gather information on the legal aspect and controls required relating to flower beds near the Grimsthorpe and Edenham Village signs on the Main A151. Once this information is available further consideration will take place at the next meeting.

**Unwanted bulky items collection/removal** - There have recently been reports of a number of different items being left at the edge of properties and near garages. Residents are reminded that SKDC offer a service for the removal of unwanted bulky items, e.g. old sofas, carpets and fridges etc, for a fee. Information on the service and costs can be found on SKDC website, there are also links on the website for residents to report fly tipping. <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk>

**New Parish Website** - A new website is currently under development, once completed further information will be shared, along with the web address. In the meantime that current website is still available for all Parish information.

**Parish Insurance Renewal** - Please see financial report and correspondence.

**Scottlethorpe Rd - Volume of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGV) and speed of smaller vehicles, e.g. vans/cars** - The lockdown controls have resulted in more people being at home during the day and some residents have raised concerns about the volume of traffic that use the road, the speed of some vehicles and the conditions of the road as a result of this volume. The Parish Cllrs. have been in contact with the Highways Dept. and repairs are taking place, however, as far as the Parish Council are aware there are no plans to carry-out any major changes to this road or to the businesses on the road.

**LALC Annual Training Subscription** - This is an additional cost to the LALC membership, however by paying this fee it will reduce the costs of training which is required for the new PC Clerk. All Cllrs. agreed that the subscriptions

be paid for financial year 20/21.

## **Planning Matters**

**Application S20/0146 - Featherwell Farm Grimsthorpe** - Conversion of various agricultural barns into two residential properties.

**Application S20/0355 - 30 Scotlethorpe Road** - Erection of porch and internal alterations.

**Application S20/0407 - Grimsthorpe Shooting Ground** - Relocation and enlargement of existing storage /maintenance shed.

On reviewing the plans the Parish Council have no comments to make with regard to the above applications.

**Application S20/0383 - The Piggery, Grimsthorpe Estate, Swinstead** - Demolition of existing agricultural/storage structures and construction of new estate yard comprising sheds for storage of plant equipment, agricultural/estate vehicles, machinery and materials, with workshops and welfare facilities.

On review of the plans the Parish Council raised representation for this application, due to the fact that it is a large industrial building on the edge of, and clearly visible from, a Listed Historic Parkland. The Parish Council asked for its consideration to be delayed until a site visit can be arranged to allow Cllr's to assess the visual impact of the proposal. Two other points were also raised: 1).The applicant should provide the floor areas of the buildings in the existing estate yard that the proposed building will replace. 2).Confirmation if planning permission was granted for the partially demolished buildings that are currently on the development site.

SKDC Notification of Parish Council Representations completed by the Parish Clerk and returned 17th April 2020.

**Application S20/0661 & 0662 - Grimsthorpe Estate** - Construction of a new public art gallery and associated improvements to existing visitor facilities including alterations to the Grade II listed Old Coach House to create a new entrance to the Coach House Yard, a new shop, meeting space, storage & support space, alterations to the Old Stables including conversion to new cafe, alterations to Under loft Building and Old Water Tower Shed. Alterations to existing car park and creation of new visitor car park and associated landscaping.

On reviewing the plans, the Parish Council have no comments to make with regard to these 2 applications.

Full details for all planning applications can be found on South Kesteven planning application website - <http://www.southkesteven.gov.uk>

### **Financial Matters:**

#### **Expenditure - Final Payments Financial Year 2019/20**

HMRC 4th Qtr - £54.60

Parish Clerk 4th Qtr salary (New) - £162.36

Parish Clerk & Street Cleaning 4th Qtr (Outgoing) 4th Qtr salary - £218.62  
(N.B this is a correction from the previous meeting)

Zurich Insurance Renewal Notice - Due 1st June 2020 (2020/21) £250.26

LALC Training Subscriptions - £90.00

### **Receipts**

**Precept** - £2,950.00 (2020/21) paid by SKDC.

**Internet Banking** - This has been progressed to enable ease of payments during the current lockdown controls and is now fully operational.

**Financial accounts for 2019/20** - The end of year accounts have been slightly delayed due to the Coronavirus pandemic, however, this is in line with the

2019/20 Limited assurance reporting season. The government recently issued changes in legislation in respect of authorities subject to the limited assurance regime: Statutory Instruments 2020 No. 392 Local Government, England Police, England And Wales - The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations and Statutory Instruments 2020 No. 404 Local Government, England And Wales The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

**Annual Accounts, Bank Reconciliation/Internal Audit Report** - All Cllr's accepted the accounts. Thanks to Mrs M Marshall for completing the internal audit for 2019/20.

**Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 (AGAR)** - The AGAR information and details were accepted by the Councillors and the Chairman signed them on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **Correspondence**

**Quantum Air Fibre**, a Lincolnshire based Internet Service Provider (ISP), they state that the company aim to provide reliable internet services locally. The Regional Manager has offered to attend a Parish Council meeting to give an overview of the company. Cllr T Clarke will contact the company and provide feedback at the next Parish Council meeting.

**Highways Dept Letter** (8<sup>th</sup> April 20) - The letter states that during a recent inspection that gravel from the car park at the Village Hall, has been trafficked onto the carriageway at Church Lane, to such an extent that it now represents a risk to the travelling public. They also state that they wish to carry out minor repair works and sweeping will incur additional costs to the works, which they wish to avoid. The Village Hall Committee were informed, and agreed to get this cleared as soon as possible and thanked the Highways for their understanding in these times with lockdown rules. It was confirmed

that the gravel has recently been cleared by Mr Heath Cranfield. Parish Council Clerk to inform the Highways Dept.

**Anglian Water Notification of Planned works** (Letter 23rd March 20) - The letter states that - Anglian Water have a strategic water network programme which will benefit our community as part of Anglian Water's investment to ensure resilient water supplies for the long term environmental and social prosperity of our region. As part of this programme, they are planning to install a water pipeline from Grantham to Peterborough to provide additional resilience in the area. They are currently identifying the likely route for these pipelines and considering timescales for delivery. They are working on routes that seek to minimise any impact to the local environment and disruption to the community. Anglian Water teams are carrying out survey work and, in some areas, limited investigations of sites of archaeological interest. This preliminary work will be taking place over the next few months (in accordance with the current government advice during this period). Anglian Water appreciate that this planned work may impact some people within your area, and we will be contacting landowners and farmers about the works.

The Parish Clerk contacted Anglian Water, who confirmed that they are at very early stages of route planning and have no further details to share at this time, however, general area of the planned route includes Edenham.

**Zurich Insurance Renewal Notice** (email 22nd April 20) - see financial statement. This is a slight increase on 2018/19, approx £2. The renewal is due 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020, all Cllrs agreed to progress this payment.

**Lives Charity** (letter 18th March 20) - a local, Lincolnshire based charity who provide a rapid 999 emergency medical response throughout Lincolnshire. Cllrs confirmed that they do not wish to donate to the Lives Charity at this time.

**Matters for the next meeting** - No other matters were raised.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.58 hrs.**

**The draft minutes are on the Parish Council website.**

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of Edenham Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 in Edenham Village Hall (Coronavirus controls permitting) at 7:30pm.

**Future Council Meetings:**

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.

**Reminder 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 telephone number 101.



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## The Old Radio Station Swallow Hill

One place that has always intrigued me on my travels is the now derelict radio station on top of Swallow Hill on the left of the road leading from Manthorpe into Thurlby. The station is in fact just inside Manthorpe parish. The boundary between Manthorpe and Thurlby goes along the road past the radio station and then turns left to follow the hedge line northwards on the Thurlby side, with the radio station in the corner.

For those of us with a passion for maps, the parish boundary and the station are marked on the Ordnance Survey Explorer map sheet 248 (Bourne) at grid reference TF 0816.

The station consists of a small brick building with a notice on the door announcing that it is “British Gas East Midlands Thurlby Radio Station”. A large concrete slab is to the right. The aerial mast must have been at least 100 feet tall and was built in the centre of the slab with guy ropes anchored at each corner. The whole site is surrounded by a wooden fence, with a gate in front of the building.



Some years ago, when I was younger and fitter, I was very keen on archery. When driving home from my place of employment in Peterborough, I used to gauge the strength of the wind by the amount of bending in the mast. This told me whether or not it was too

windy to go shooting.



At least ten years ago the mast disappeared and the whole site was abandoned. It has now been taken over by trees, which have grown so well that the building has almost been consumed by them. Some parts of the fence and the gate have collapsed. It is in a pretty poor state.



There appears to be a lack of information about the radio station and why it has been left in this way. Reference books and local histories offer no clues. Despite diligent searching, the only mention I can find on the internet is a photograph on the [geograph.org.uk](http://geograph.org.uk) website dated 2006 which shows the radio station and aerial mast at the above grid reference.

As a keen photographer I have often taken pictures of the station showing its gradual decline. The earliest is from 2011, probably not long after the mast was dismantled, and before all the foliage took over.

Derelict buildings such as this are usually sold off, snapped up by developers and the site covered with expensive housing. But strangely this has not happened to the radio station.

The truth must be out there.

Dick Mundy.

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## June 1915

Our School Roll of Honour. - Mr Metcalfe (school teacher) has supplied the following list of old scholars now serving with his Majesty's Forces.

Walter Archer, Lincs Regiment

\* William Archer, Motor Transport

William Birch, Lincs Regiment

Leslie Brighton, Lincs Regiment

Richard Carr, R.F.A. (Royal Field Artillery)

William Carr, Army Remounts

Arthur Francis, R.A.M.C. (Royal Army Medical Corps)

Arthur Hamling, Lincs Regiment

William Holmes, Northumberland Fusiliers

Cyril Keefe, Lincs Regiment

Lancelot Lloyd, Lincs Yeomanry

Raymond Lloyd, Lincs Yeomanry

\* Leslie Metcalfe, Leeds Rifles, West Yorks.  
Regiment

Harold Pell, Suffolk Regiment

Herbert Pell, Lincs Regiment

Alfred Pick, R.F.A.

Edgar Pick, Staffs Yeomanry

Alfred Weldon, Lincs Regiment

Harry Wilkinson, 5th Dragoon Guards

James Wilkinson, K.O.Y.L.I. (King's Own  
Yorkshire Light Infantry)

\* Walter Wilkinson, Royal Navy, H.M.S.  
"Sentinel"

Cecil Woolmer, Lincs Regiment

Horace Woolmer, Sherwood Foresters

\*Howard Woolmer, 1st Lincs

\*On Active Service.



# Minutes of AGM of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 19.00 at the Toft County House Hotel

The 2020 AGM of the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council was held via video-link on 21 May. All members of the Parish were invited to take part. The following is the ratified minutes of the 2019 AGM.

## Present

Cllr. Richard Stephenson (Chairman)

Cllr. Jeremy Dawson

D.Cllr Chris Benn

Cllr. Sue Renner

Cllr. Richard Hartley

Clerk Rosemary Trollope-Bellew

Public - 8

All Councillors signed the Declaration of Office.

**Election of Chairman** Cllr Stephenson was proposed by Cllr Hartley, seconded by Cllr Dawson. Cllr Stephenson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Election of Vice-Chairman** Cllr Dawson was proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr. Hartley, Cllr Dawson signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**Chairman's remarks** Cllr Stephenson thanked all present.

**Apologies for absence & reasons given** –C.Cllr Robert Reid.

**Minutes of the last meeting** Proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Dawson. All agreed.

## **Financial Matters**

Approve the Certificate of Exemption 2018/19 for smaller authorities where the gross income/expenditure did not exceed £25,000.00. The Council did not meet the criteria.

Approve the Internal Audit Report 2018/19. Approved by Cllr Stephenson,

seconded by Cllr Dawson, all agreed.

Approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return) for the year ended 31.03.19. It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson and seconded by Cllr Dawson. All agreed.

Approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2 of the Annual Return) for the year ended 31.03.19. It was proposed by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Dawson. All agreed.

Approve Internal Auditor- It was approved by Cllr Stephenson, seconded by Cllr Dawson that Adrian Childs would be the internal auditor for 2019/20,twice yearly.

Discuss the Annual SKDC Community Cleaners Grant Scheme – it was agreed to postpone until next council meeting. **Action Clerk.**

### **Dates for forthcoming meetings during the year**

2019 - 20<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> October

2020 – 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> March (APM/PC), 14<sup>th</sup> May (AGM/PC)

Annual General Meeting closed 19.20

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# QUIZ SHEET – ARE YOU A BOOKWORM?

## *The Answers - How many did you get?*

1. Name of Frodo's Uncle (5,7)

**Bilbo Baggins**

2. Jane Austen wrote about this eponymous lady (4,5)

**Lady Susan**

3. Title of J. K. Rowling's first non HP novel (3,6,7)

**The Casual Vacancy**

4. "Christmas won't be Christmas without any presents" which book? (6,5)

**Little Women**

5. The fortunes and misfortunes of a "gangsters woman from Belgium" (4,8)

**Moll Flanders**

6. This author's middle name is Cleghorn (3, 7)

**Mrs Gaskell**

7. This American sleuth lives in Shakespeare (4,4)

**Lily Bard (Charlaine Harris)**

8. Who has to wear The Scarlet Letter? (6,6)

**Hester Prynne (Nathaniel Hawthorn)**

9. The sub-title is "The Modern Prometheus" in this 1818 book (12)

**Frankenstein (Mary Shelley)**

10. Deprived acid flop (anagram 5, 11)

**David Copperfield**

11. What was the name of Anna Karenina's daughter? (4)

**Anna (Tolstoy)**

12. Treville was their boss (3,5,10)

**The Three Musketeers (Dumas)**

13. Australian author born E. O'Reilly became famous as? (7,4)

**Eleanor Dark**

14. Virgil Samms is a character of which author? (1,1,3,5)

**E.E. Doc Smith (Lensman)**

15. Name of Defoe's eponymous deaf and dumb conjuror (6,8)

**Duncan Campbell**

16. He wrote War Horse (7,8)

**Michael Morpurgo**

17. Mrs Malaprop appears in which play? (3,6)

**The Rivals (Sheridan)**

18. Famous narrative of 1757 (3,4,2,3,9)

**The Last of the Mochicans (James Fenimore Cooper)**

19. Who investigated the Death of a Macho Man? (6,7)

**Hamish Macbeth (M.C. Beaton)**

20. Norbert thinks he is his mummy? (6)

**Hagrid (Harry Potter)**

21. "With hey, ho, the wind and the rain" is sung when? (7,5)

**Twelfth Night (Shakespeare)**

22. Induce jaded ripper (anagram 5,3,9)

**Pride and Prejudice**

23. What is the full name of this Trinidadian author? (9,11,7)

**Vidiadhar Surajprasad Naipaul**

24. Jane Eyre's school (6)

**Lowood (Charlotte Bronte)**

25. Book about "Richard Adams rabbit" in Iceland? (4,10)

**Erik Brighteyes (H. Rider Haggard)**

26. Stewart thought Merlin's cave was what? (7)

**Crystal (Mary Stewart)**

27. In Treasure Island a ship that shares name with Jane Austen's sister (9)

**Cassandra**

28. Ciao to latest wife (anagram 1,4,2,3,6)

**A tale of two cities**

29. Name of the hero in the Thirty Nine Steps? (7,6)

**Richard Hannay (John Buchan)**

30. Charlie's non edible story? (7,3,3,5,5,8)

**Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator (Roald Dahl)**

31. He has also written books called Twilight and Host, but is not Meyer (5,5)

**Peter James**

32. Who wrote a "Sea Creature" Diary set in London Zoo? (7,5)

**Russell Hoban (Turtle Diary)**

33. Name of the sword carried by Strider (6)

**Narsil (Lord of the Rings)**

34. Neville Shute's old-fashioned calculator? (5,4)

**Slide Rule**

35. First book by Lillian Beckwith (3,5,2,6)

**The Hills is Lonely**

36. Who wrote about Black Horses for the King? (4,9)

**Anne McCaffrey**

# THE PRIEST HAS A BATH

The Priest

Lying in his bath

Contemplates the stars:

Skylight framed.

He has noticed that

In the same place,

On the same journey,

Every bath time,

A bright shining star

Proclaims -

'We are here!'

The international space station

Orbits above him.

The Priest imagines

The astronauts

Floating around,

Observing,

Experimenting.

Adding to the sum

Of human knowledge.

Being a priest

He wonders;

'How could I baptise in space?'

'How could I share the

Consecrated

Blood of Christ?

These are not problems

For astronauts.

Being a priest

He asks different questions.

Looking at the stars

He asks;

What is infinity?

Is that eternity?

When time ends

Will any material exist?

In that event

Will questioning persist?

Who can know?

The astronaut in orbit

Or

The priest in his bath?

Fr Andy Hawes



# Steam Action 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Produce Show

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2012 | Edenham Village Hall

## Who can enter?

Residents of villages who receive The Three Towers

Relatives of those who live in Edenham Parish

Eligible members of Steam Action

Pupils of Edenham School, Edenham Pre-School and Pillarwood Farm  
Pre-School.



## Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

6-7pm - Please bring your entries to the hall

## Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September

8.30-10.30am - Please bring your entries to the hall

2pm - Viewing and refreshments

3pm - Presentation of trophies

3.30pm - Auction of produce

- \* 25p per entry
- \* Winners trophies are given but need to be returned before next year's show
- \* Scoring - 1<sup>st</sup> = 3 points & 50p prize money, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 2 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 1 point
- \* Show secretaries Nikki Gunn 01778 591197 & Lucie Wilson 01778 591426

**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 or Succulent

**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 factor)
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 (recipe to be published)
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 or Crocheted item
- 62. Item of patchwork
- 63. Wind chime
- 64. Article of embroidery or cross stitch
- 65. One Christmas themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A4 size)
- 66. Upcycled / recycled item (included explanation)
- 67. Item of paper craft

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

- 68. Item of cookery
- 69. Vegetable model
- 70. Drawing or painting based on  
Pantomime characters
- 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. Creative use of a toilet roll

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

- 75. Item of cookery
- 76. Vegetable model
- 77. Drawing or painting based on  
Pantomime characters
- 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. Creative use of a toilet roll

**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. Bridges
- 84. A landscape
- 85. A Historic Building
- 86. How you spent your “self-isolation”

**Section H – Disaster**

- 87. Planned entry that ended in disaster

**Show Rules**

1. Children may enter any class but this must be clearly stated at time of entry.
2. The organisers reserve the right to alter or omit any classes.
3. Care will be taken to safeguard exhibits but the organisers cannot be responsible for  
loss or damage, or for exhibits left after 3.30pm on the day of the show.
4. “Not for sale” cards are available on request and should be placed with any item  
entered but not for the auction.
5. The judge’s decision is final.
6. Recreated photo example; photo of a couple standing in church on their wedding day in 1980, and a second photo of the same couple standing in the same church in 2019. Please enter both photos and try to recreate the old photo as best you can.



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## RHUBARB STEAMED PUDDING Serves 8

*4oz butter*

*4oz light brown sugar*

*2 eggs*

*2oz sr flour*

*2oz wholemeal sr flour*

*½ teaspoon baking powder*

*2oz fresh breadcrumbs*

*6oz rhubarb*

*Grated orange zest*

Cream butter & sugar until pale and creamy. Beat in eggs. Mix dry ingredients & fold in with breadcrumbs. Gently mix in chopped rhubarb & orange zest. Turn into a greased 1 ½ pint pudding basin. Cover with a double thickness of greased baking paper or foil. Fold under rim to secure. Place in top part of steamer & steam for 1 hour. Turn onto a warmed serving plate. Serve hot.

*Submitted by Jo & Gene Plews*

# Jane's Seasonal Recipe

## PEANUT BUTTER BISCUITS

*4oz block margarine*

*4oz peanut butter (smooth or crunchy)*

*4oz caster sugar*

*4oz light brown sugar*

*1 egg*

*8oz plain flour*

*1 teaspoon ground ginger*

*1 teaspoon baking powder*

Cream marger, peanut butter & sugars until smooth. Beat in egg. Mix dry ingredients & stir in. Mix well to a stiff dough. Roll into walnut sized balls, & place on greased baking trays, spaced well apart. Flatten lightly with a fork. Bake 190c for approx 15 mins until golden. Cool on tray for 5 mins, to allow them to crisp up, then transfer to a cooling rack. When cold store in an airtight tin.

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