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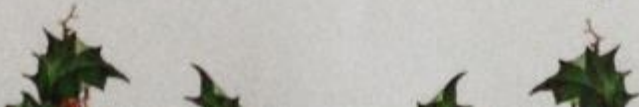
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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Tuesday 14th December, 6:30pm - Christmas Carols around the Christmas tree.** Grimsthorpe Castle Estate has kindly agreed to supply the Christmas Tree and Mr Heath Cranfield has given us the use of his field by Church Lane, Main Street, Edenham. We are really pleased to have this event back in the calendar and look forward to welcoming everyone on the evening where mince pies and mulled wine will be served.

**Saturday 18 December, 6pm - Swinstead Carols in St Mary's Church** with the Three Parishes Choir. Followed by light refreshments in the Village Hall.

**Sunday 19 December, 6pm - Carol singing around Manthorpe.** Meet at the phone box as usual. All welcome, bring a torch, good humour, a strong voice and be dressed for the weather.

**Sunday 19 December, 6pm - Carol singing** will take place around the village in Witham on the Hill, meeting at the Church . All welcome – the more the merrier, especially instrument players! Refreshments enroute would be much appreciated.

**Sunday 2 January, 11am - Witham on the Hill Historical Society Winter Walk in Stamford.** Meet in the car park by the river, parking near the old baths on Bath Row at the bridge near the ducks. We are hoping to do a walk around Stamford tracking down the sites of old industries and companies Philippa Massey mentioned on her talk. If anyone would like to bring a few mince pies etc to share at the end of the walk, all welcome. No fee apart from parking fee.

**Saturday 22 January, 8:30am to 10 am - BIG BREKKIE** in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Donations to Christian Aid. Everyone welcome.



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# Parish News

**THANK YOU** to Richard Hartley and his team of workers who cut-out, painted and erected the many Tommy figures and poppies that appeared in the and around the villages of Manthorpe, Toft and Lound. There were 18 silhouettes representing those named individuals from our community who gave their lives during WW I and WW II plus a 19th for the “Unknown Soldier”.



**EDENHAM CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATION** - The colours this year will be red. We will use red or cream candles big enough to last over several services. Please put your name on the list in the church where you will be decorating.

**THANK YOU** to Kathy and Geoff Collette of Manthorpe who kindly donated trees that they grew from seed to the parish. And **THANK YOU** to those Manthorpe residents who gave up their time to plant the trees in the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Jubilee Playing Field (see frontispiece)

**THANK YOU** to everyone who donated to the Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes appeal. I took 8 boxes to the collection point – including 4 from Swinstead Church, and I know others have gone from Witham too. [Jane Clark]

**WELCOME** Joe to East Green, and to Mo and Finlay at Greystones, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will all be very happy here.

**WELCOME** to Dominic, Lizzie, Alfie and Amelia Baggott who have moved into Ryefield in Manthorpe. We hope you enjoy being part of our community.

**CONDOLENCES** to Andrew Harris, family, friends, neighbours, and all in the Church community on the loss of Sally Harris who passed away on 5 November. Rest in peace Sally.





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## The Vicar Writes

There was once a boy who wanted to follow in the footsteps of his ultimate hero, the cyclist Bradley Wiggins. His favourite jumper was yellow and, when no one was looking, he would borrow his mother's eyebrow pencil and draw-on those distinctive mutton-chop sideburns.

The only problem was that he didn't own a bike. How could he hope to compete in the Tour de France if he didn't have a bike? It was a desperate situation! But, with Christmas fast approaching, he decided that this was probably his best chance of getting one. So, knowing his mother's love of the School Nativity, he astonished everyone by volunteering to be Joseph. When the night of the play arrived, he'd learnt all his lines, memorized all the songs and gave the performance of his life.

Walking back hand-in-hand with his mother, he asked if she'd enjoyed the play. "Oh yes" she replied, "You were fantastic and I'm so proud." "Well then" said the boy, "Seeing as I was so good. Do you think I could have a bike for Christmas?" "Oh dear." said his mother. "You know, that's not really my 'department'.

Perhaps you'd better write to Father Christmas instead."

So, as soon as they got back, the boy rushed upstairs, took out pen and paper and began to write... 'Dear Santa' he wrote 'I've been a good boy this year...' But before he could finish the sentence, he stopped... realising what he'd written wasn't wholly accurate. He decided to try again and this time to aim a little lower... 'Dear Santa, I've mostly been a good boy this year...' but that didn't exactly ring true either.

It was useless. He was never going to pull the seasonal woolly hat over Santa's eyes. What he needed was a clean slate (and fast) But how to go about getting one? Then, in a flash of inspiration, he remembered the local Vicar coming to School and telling them all that Jesus could forgive our sins and leave us as white as snow at Christmas-time. Not even Santa could ignore Jesus he reckoned (after all, Jesus invented Christmas!).

Without any further ado, he made for the local Church. He sat down in a pew and began to ask Jesus to forgive him so that Santa would bring him a bike and he could grow up to be like Bradley Wiggins. But, the more he prayed, the less convincing his case sounded. He'd all but given

up when he noticed a statue of the Virgin Mary up on a plinth and a curious idea began to form in his mind...

Without even blinking, he removed the statue, tucked it under his arm and headed for home. He raced up to his bedroom, put the statue safely under his bed, took out a blank sheet of paper and began to write... 'Dear Jesus, if you ever want to see your mother again please tell Santa to bring me a bike for Christmas!'

What did you want to do when you were older? Who was your hero while you were growing up? What lengths were you prepared to go to in order to realise your dreams? When I was a child, my parents were both teachers but far from encouraging me in that direction, they made a point of trying to dissuade my brother and me from entering the teaching profession (but seeing as he's now a Head-teacher and I'm a Priest, I'm not sure that they were terribly successful).

In a way, Christmas asks us to consider who and what we will set before ourselves as our model and guide for the coming year (and for our lives in general). There are plenty of possibilities to choose from: pop-stars, celebrities, sportsmen and

women, politicians, diplomats, industrialists etc. While many of them may have good and commendable qualities, some are possibly a little thin in that department.

But while we're considering who we might seek to emulate this year, may I recommend a lowly carpenter's boy from Nazareth? Some details of his life and career are a bit sketchy (we don't know if he was a troublesome teen, whether he tidied his room or if he ever stayed out late without telling his mother). But we do know that he drew all kinds of people to him; that he cared for them like a shepherd cares for his flock and that, ultimately, he was willing to lay down his life, not just for those who followed him then, but for everyone who has followed him since.

By laying down his life, Jesus was emulating his heavenly Father – the God and Father of us all – and in doing so, Jesus revealed the extent of God's self-giving love for us (for you and me). So, this Christmas, I don't think we could do much better than to emulate and imitate the life of that boy from Nazareth; the child born in a stable, visited by shepherds and raised by Joseph the carpenter and his wife Mary.



For, in the man he grew up to be, we see a pattern of love and care that came a long way to find us; from the dawn of time itself – from the beginning of all things. And a love that travelled all that way to Bethlehem and that, from there, has come to find us. Well surely, that is a love that I believe is worth placing at the centre of all our lives.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas!

Fr Edward



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## Thoughts for December & January

Oh my goodness, it's nearly here! Christmas, such excitement. We've ordered the food, the presents are wrapped and arrangements made for visiting guests. However, let's not forget whose birthday we are truly celebrating. Churches will be full and carols sung to mark this important occasion when the fifth candle on the Advent ring, the Christ candle, is lit on Christmas Day.

21st St Thomas' day. When gardeners planted broad beans for the following season. Young girls placed an evergreen sprig under their pillows hoping their dreams would reveal their future husband, (this custom appears to be ongoing throughout the year)!

Christmas Eve sees the children hanging up their stockings for all those hoped for pressies. Decorations for the house are finalised with a bunch of mistletoe, representing fertility - and the promise of a kiss! It is thanks to King Charles 11 that festivities were restored after being banned by the Puritans in the 1600s. Prince Albert, with Queen Victoria, introduced the lovely tree we dress each year.

Roast turkey is traditionally served on

the 25th but at one time a boar's head would have been the centre piece at the table. A flaming, brandy soaked fruity pudding generally follows!

The end of the year draws closer. The 31st December 2021. We open the back door to let the old year out and the front door to welcome in the New. Fireworks explode and bells ring out as we raise our glass to old and new friends. The strains of Auld Lang Syne fade into the night....Happy New Year to us all!

Suddenly it's January - after the Roman god Janus, who has two faces one facing backwards the other forward. Black Buns and a Twelfth Night Cake mark the end of Christmas celebrations. January 5th Plough Monday, preparing the fields for the coming season. Perfect time to bake a Ploughman's Cottage Loaf.

January 20th celebrates St. Agnes. Another saint refusing to deny her Christian faith, stripped and sent to a brothel when her hair grew very long to cover her nakedness. Burns Night on the 25th. The Scots remember their most famous poet. Don't forget the Haggis or perhaps settle for Scotch Broth! We look forward to another year with hope for brighter times.

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# Witham on the Hill WI

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The next meeting in the St Andrew's Parish Hall on **Tuesday 7 December at 3pm** will be the Christmas party. Visitors and new members always most welcome. For more information on the WI contact Secretary: Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

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## **Edenham Parish Council**

Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 November 2021

**Attendees** - Parish Councillors Mrs Cranfield (Chairman), Mr Wilson, Mrs Marshall, Mr T Clarke (Vice Chairman), Parish Clerk - Mrs Sands.

**Apologies** - Councillors Mrs A Treacy, Mr D Hawes & Mrs M Avis.

**Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of 14th September meeting were accepted as a true record.

**Declaration of interest** - None requested.

**Parish Clerk and Councillors update** from previous meeting:

**Community street cleaning** - Second half year payment from South Kesteven District Council is expected soon.

**Speed indicator monitor** - Data from the monitor continues to show that vehicle speeding through the village is a regular occurrence, again speeds over 105mph were recorded.

**Community Speed Watch (CWS)** - Membership for CSW is £40, the

Parish Council is required to purchase the equipment to carry out this task and complete the training before this can be progressed. It was agreed to review again in the New Year.

### **Gigabyte Voucher Scheme** -

Councillor Clarke is continuing to look at finding a solution for the use of the scheme.

### **Openreach/BT Exchange Building**

**Grimsthorpe** - There has been no progress on reducing the height/size of the conifer trees, the Parish Clerk is continuing to chase BT for closure.

**Mobile Library** - The service has been in place now for two months, the next date is 29th November.

**Mobile Post Office** - Parish Clerk is waiting for confirmation on when this service will be restored.

### **Christmas Carols & Christmas tree** -

14th December 2021 at 18:30 hours. Grimsthorpe Castle Estate have kindly agreed to supply the Christmas Tree and Mr Heath Cranfield has given us the use of his field by Church Lane/ Main Street Edenham. We are really pleased to have this event back in the

calendar and look forward to welcoming everyone on the evening where mince pies and mulled wine will be served.

**Flower bed** - Main Street Edenham (Coal Yard) - We have consulted with Grimsthorpe Castle Estate and they have kindly agreed that we can place a flower bed in this area.

### **New Parish Council Matters:**

**Asset Register** - The register has been updated and checks made on the items listed.

**Precept & Budget 2022/23** - Parish Clerk shared the information and it will be finalised at the January 2022 meeting.

### **Planning Matters:**

New applications - None received.  
Planning Decision Notice: S21/0633 - Extended programme of various (ongoing) masonry repairs to walled garden. Approved with conditions.

### **Financial Matters:**

**Audit Report** - The auditor has completed the half year audit and the accounts are in order.

### **Bank Reconciliation Report:**

Treasurers Account (1 Nov) £1776.35

Business Account (1 Nov) £3440.39

Expenditure due for payment Dec:

Street Cleaning Salary £181.52

Parish Clerk Salary £162.36

HMRC PAYE £45.20

Hard Drive (estimate) £90.00

### **Correspondence:**

**SKDC Salt Bags** - No further action required

**Dog Fouling** - Dog Poo Fairy Campaign- No further action required

### **Dimensions Skatepark Bourne**

**Donation Request** - Parish Clerk to contact the Charity Trustees

**Local Transport Consultation** - No further action required

### **The Police & Crime Commissioner -**

Annual Precept Survey - Survey is now open for responses.

**Next Meeting Date** - 11th January 2022 at 19:30 hours in Edenham Village Hall.

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# Grimsthorpe Castle

We are fortunate to have Grimsthorpe Castle, one of the finest country houses in England, within the boundary of our group of parishes, indeed right on our doorstep. The architecture, the park and gardens, the walks and bike rides, are first-rate. As is the story of the castle, albeit long and convoluted.

The castle's early history is linked with the abbey of Vallis Dei, the Valley of God known as the Vaudey, which stood to the south of the present lake in the castle grounds. The site was granted in 1147 to the Cistercian order by William, Count of Aumale and Earl of York, a major landowner in the north of England. At first the abbey flourished with profits from wool. But by the end of the thirteenth century the abbey had suffered financial difficulties and the number of monks had fallen. The abbey was a victim of the dissolution of the monasteries by King Henry VIII in 1536. An archaeological dig in 1851 revealed the four crossing piers of the chapel.



It is likely that the first castle was built by a certain Gilbert de Gant in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Gilbert was made Earl of Lincoln in 1216 by Prince Louis of France who claimed the throne of England and considered himself entitled to create earldoms. Gilbert fought against King John in the Baron's revolt, an armed insurrection led by Prince Louis. Gilbert was captured and deprived of his estates and title. He died in 1242. Much of the estate eventually passed to Henry, 1<sup>st</sup> Lord Beaumont, who served in the armies of both Kings Edward I and Edward II. The south east tower of the castle is named King John's Tower (pictured) and is the earliest part of the castle still standing. In view of

Gilbert's opposition, how it got its name is a bit of a mystery.

At some point in the late 15<sup>th</sup> century the castle was in the hands of Viscount Francis Lovell a close friend and supporter of King Richard III. After Richard was killed at the battle of Bosworth in 1485, Lovell raised rebellion against the new Tudor king, Henry VII. The rebellion ended at the battle of Stoke Field near Newark in 1487 when Henry defeated the rebels and Lovell disappeared, presumed dead. His lands were confiscated by Henry for his part in the rebellion. Grimsthorpe remained in Crown hands until 1516 when it was granted to William Willoughby, 11th Baron Willoughby d'Eresby, on his marriage to Maria de Salinas a lady-in-waiting and friend of Queen Katharine of Aragon, wife of Henry VIII. Dating back to 1313, the Barony of Willoughby d'Eresby is an English peerage which can descend in the female line as well as the male.

In March 1520 Maria gave birth to a daughter, Catherine, who was only about six when her father died and she succeeded as 12th Baroness and heiress to Grimsthorpe. She became a ward of the king until 1528 when Henry VIII sold the wardship to his brother-in-law, Charles Brandon 1st Duke of Suffolk.

Suffolk's devious plan was for his young son, Henry Brandon Earl of Lincoln, to improve his prospects by marriage to Catherine. But the scheme collapsed in 1533 when Suffolk's wife died and their son Henry became terminally ill. Ever the opportunist Suffolk, then aged about 50, took the fourteen-year-old Catherine for his fourth wife. In 1541 Henry VIII honoured Suffolk with a royal visit to Grimsthorpe Castle and the Duke spent the previous eighteen months frantically upgrading and extending the Castle.

In fact in 1539, Suffolk was granted the lands of the dissolved Vaudey Abbey the materials of which he clearly pillaged for his new work. He built three small towers and four ranges to form a courtyard, all of which survives. The south west tower is named the Brandon Tower.

After Suffolk died in 1545, Catherine's second marriage was to Richard Bertie. Their grandson, Robert Bertie, became 14<sup>th</sup> Baron Willoughby

d'Eresby and inherited the estate in 1601. He was created Earl of Lindsey by Charles I in 1626 and had the Four Mile Riding laid out in the park. The Riding was an avenue of oaks running from the Castle to the lake and is shown on old maps.

His grandson Robert Bertie, third Earl of Lindsey inherited the property in 1666 and undertook the complete rebuilding of Grimsthorpe in the classical style and laid out the gardens. Robert's son, another Robert, was created Duke of Ancaster and Kesteven by King George I in 1715. This Robert commissioned Sir John Vanbrugh to rebuild the north front of Grimsthorpe in the baroque style to celebrate his elevation. Vanbrugh was the architect of Blenheim Palace and Castle Howard, and Grimsthorpe was to be his final masterpiece. The front of the castle was subsequently redesigned and there were plans to complete the other three facings of the castle in the same style, however these were never carried out. The north front was completed in 1730, four years after Vanbrugh's death. It is probable that after 1726 Nicholas Hawksmoor, another celebrated architect in the baroque style, took over the completion of the work. The end result is a large quadrangular house with a central courtyard, with each side reflecting the different architectural styles employed since building began in the 13<sup>th</sup> century.

The park and gardens consist of 3,000 acres of rolling pastures, lakes and woodland created by the master landscape architect "Capability" Brown. I regard the view from the western range across the park down to the lake on a summer's day as the finest view in England. The present owner is Jane Heathcote-Drummond-Willoughby, 28<sup>th</sup> Baroness Willoughby d'Eresby, granddaughter of Nancy Astor the first woman MP who died at Grimsthorpe in 1964.

Whether you visit to enjoy the park and gardens, hire a bike and go for a ride, go on a tour of the house, enjoy tea and cake in the tea room or admire the architecture, you will not be disappointed.

Dick Mundy

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# Community Spirit is Back!

Well, not that our community spirit was very far away but the restrictions imposed upon us by the fear of COVID-19 has certainly had an adverse impact on our social gatherings. No summer party on the Jubilee Playing Field, no safari suppers, no inter-village competitions, no .....

Luckily, a good turn by one of our residents presented us with an opportunity to change all that. Not a big parish festival but a simple working party who came together after receiving a late-notice plea asking for their help to plant some trees in the parish playing field.

It really was like “old times”. Richard Hartley had the tea urn boiling before we arrived, Penny and Imogen Dawson pushed a cart full of compost and fertiliser up the street, all 4 of our newest residents, Dominic, Lizzie, Alfie and Amelia Baggott, came armed with spades (plus plenty of enthusiasm and good humour) to join the usual crowd of worthies who always turn up to help out (see the front cover).

Honestly, it may have been only for an hour or so but it really did put a spring in everyone’s step. Here’s to a much more social 2022!



## Wlitham on the Hill Parish Council

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1 November 2021

The following summarises matters discussed. The full draft Minutes are available on request from the Clerk, Bernard Champness, wothpc@gmail.com

**Those attending:** Cllr Charles Henriques (Chair), Cllr Janet Kirkwood, Cllr Paul Smith, Cllr Sue Pennant-Jones, Bernard Champness (Clerk). Cllr Penny Robins (SKDC). Cllr Lynne O'Hara made her apologies.

**Resident present:** Frances Plummer.

During the open forum Frances Plummer requested the damaged steps by the Bywells be reported again and the broken sign post removed from the parking area by the Church. She also raised the suggested distribution of fridge magnets to households with the defibrillator cabinet code and asked if there could be additional signage to show where it is located. Both suggestions were supported by the council.

The Clerk confirmed Cllr O'Hara had advised that SKDC had been in touch about replacement trees for the village green. Regarding the two Ash trees needing replacement near the Bywells, two Rowans were recommended as replacement as they are narrow, have edible berries

and are good for wildlife. The two dead trees already removed from the edge of the green are to be replaced with an Almond and a Cherry tree. All to be done in early December.

District Councillor Penny Robins said that she had nothing specific to report but was willing to take questions or requests on any matter whether it was County or District. Cllr Henriques asked if she could provide background on the current proposals to allow villages to apply for a 20-mph speed limit. She was also asked if it was the intention of the Council to replace existing street lights with LEDs. Cllr Robins said that she would look into both matters and report back.

Two planning applications S21/2013 and S21/1980 relating to the proposed covering of the front courtyard at the Six Bells were discussed at length.

It was agreed that objections should be registered with SKDC on various grounds but principally on the effects that additional custom for the pub would have on nearby residents, from extra traffic, particularly parking and noise. Concern was expressed that if allowed, the canopy would be the precursor to a subsequent application for incremental change allowing full enclosure of the courtyard on a

permanent basis. The proposal would also significantly alter the appearance and character of what is a listed building in a conservation area.

Cllr Henriques reported that the purchase of a reactive speed sign was still in hand but that Unipart Dorman initially wanted payment in full before they would commission production. This was unacceptable but a compromise had been negotiated which the Council found acceptable and it was hoped delivery would take place before the end of the month.

It was agreed that the Clerk could arrange for the purchase of a laptop and printer along with subscription to Office365 for the purpose of carrying out Parish Council business, next April.

The Clerk presented a draft budget for 2022/23 and confirmed anticipated reserves of just over £4,000 at the end of the current period. The precept required going forward would need to be increased to £3,073, which would allow for the cost of the IT equipment to be spread over two years.

Cllr Henriques reported that he had arranged with Jo Baines to purchase a wreath and Cllr Smith confirmed that he would like to lay this on behalf of

the Parish at the Service of Remembrance in St Andrews church. Thirty poppies had also been bought and been installed around the village fixed to lamp posts. The Council wished to express its thanks to Jo Baines for her hard work in arranging everything including putting up the poppies.

Lincolnshire County Council has agreed in principle to consider a framework for requests from individual communities for the introduction of a 20-mph speed restriction. A resident has requested that the Parish Council give this matter consideration and the Clerk said he had also written to the Highways Dept raising this question amongst other matters raised by the same resident. Cllr Henriques pointed out that the reactive speed sign would provide data on the speed of traffic through the village and suggested the matter be reviewed once sufficient data had been collected.

The date of the next meeting will be held on Monday 8th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill and all residents wishing to raise matters with the Council during the initial open forum are welcome to attend.

## **What difference does having a village defibrillator make?**

In June 2021 Witham-on-the-Hill had a defibrillator installed on the wall of the St Andrew's Parish Hall. Some might have suggested it to be a waste of parish council funds as time went by and nothing ever happened with it. Then, on 9th November 2021 it was needed. I came home from a round of golf at Toft in agony. A phone call was made to the NHS emergency services and they suggested that, given the symptoms described, I was having a heart problem and they would send an ambulance within the next 18 minutes.

My wife wanted help but was afraid to leave me alone. Luckily, our next door neighbour happened to be coming down the drive and Diana told her what she thought was happening and asked her for help. Her first reaction was to dash up to get the defibrillator. She brought it back, set it down in the lounge - I was lying on the floor - and thought, out loud; "What now?".

On opening it, her question was answered. It started speaking to her giving clear instructions as to what needed to be done and repeating those instructions until it knew that they had been carried out.

It then went through a monitoring cycle to determine whether a shock was required. It determined a shock was unnecessary and went back into a monitoring cycle. That was it!

An air of calm began to descend as we waited for the ambulance. The fact that it took a further four hours did not perturb the little machine which just sat there quietly monitoring and checking my heart condition throughout the afternoon until the ambulance crew arrived.

I was lucky in that I did not arrest so did not need shocking, but the defibrillator gave us all a great deal of security in that every two minutes it gave us a check of what it was doing. Had I needed shocking during that cycle, it would have decided and announced that it was going to Zap me!

What I would like to say to all is this. Make yourself aware of where it is located. If you should ever have the misfortune to need the defibrillator, be it for yourself or to administer to others, do not be afraid of it or feel that it is too technical for you. The hardest part of its deployment is getting the key code. Which, by the way is simple. Just read the notice on the front.

[The article on the preceding page was sent in by Paul Smith]

## 101 years ago this month

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

### DECEMBER 1920

The bronze tablet will very shortly be ready for erection. It will be remembered that the War Memorial Committee decided that, instead of fixing this on the Cross, the steps of which are too narrow to give the space required for it, it should be placed in the porch, where it will be in a most conspicuous position, and in close proximity to the Cross. It was then agreed that the present inscription should be cut on the steps, which indicates the object of the Memorial. This plan has been adopted in many cases of churchyard memorials, when the names are perpetuated upon the more enduring metal tablet, for it is thus protected from the weather, whereas, if fixed to the stone out-of-doors, it stains the stone and renders it unsightly.

### JANUARY 1921

The Memorial Tablet containing the names of the fallen, will be ready for erection about the end of this month. The firm in London who are making it, in apologising for the delay, state that owing to numerous orders they could not execute ours sooner.



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# Jane's seasonal recipe

*I have only recently discovered gnocchi – a very versatile ingredient, perfect to rustle up a quick supper dish. Gnocchi are Italian potato dumplings and can be found in bags in the chill cabinet in most supermarkets.*

## **Leek and Pancetta Gnocchi Bake**

*500g bag of gnocchi*

*25g butter*

*1 large leek, finely sliced*

*50g pancetta, cubetti or bacon bits*

*1 tablespoon cornflour*

*½ pint milk*

*100g cheddar*

Melt butter in pan, add leeks, cook for 10 mins over moderate heat, until just starting to soften. Do not allow them to brown. Meanwhile boil the gnocchi for 2 mins in a pan of water. Drain well, tip into ovenproof dish. Add bacon to leeks, cook for 5 mins until bacon is slightly browned. Stir in cornflour, cook for 1 min. Gradually stir in milk until sauce thickens. Pour sauce over gnocchi, sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake at 190°C for 30 mins until golden and bubbling.

SERVES 2-3





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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
5 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 2		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
12 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 3	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
18 <sup>th</sup> December	6pm Carol Service		
19 <sup>th</sup> December Advent 4		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm All-age Crib & Christingle
24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve		4.30pm Traditional Carols & Readings with Christingle  11.30pm Midnight Mass	9.30am Eucharist (Stable Chapel)  6pm Carol Service (Grimsthorpe Castle)
25 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day	8.30am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Eucharist	10.30am Parish Eucharist
26 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas 1 / Holy Family		10.30am Benefice Eucharist	

## PARISH SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2022

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
2 <sup>th</sup> January The Epiphany		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
9 <sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
16 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
23 <sup>rd</sup> January Epiphany 3		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist  4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
30 <sup>th</sup> January Candlemas		10.30am Benefice Eucharist	4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)

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