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Swinstead Village
Jubilee Committee

Jubilee Celebrations Countdown

Dates for your Diary:

12th March 2022 - Village Hall

Race Night with Fish & Chips £10 p/head

Cod & Chips or Sausage & Chips, with Mushy Peas

7.30pm Doors Open

8.00pm Dinner & First Race Ticket free



Tickets to be purchased in advance via Mark @ Village Bar or via Micky 07805 659540 or Annette 07734 081926 - please let us know your food choice when buying tickets.

9th April 2022 - Village Hall

Spring Fair - Free entry - Midday till 4pm - Clothing, Bric a Brac, Crafts, Jewellery, Jams, Chutney's & Refreshments (rent a table for £5 donation)

1st May 2022 - Village Hall

Swinstead Sausage & Cider Festival - Details to Follow

2nd June 2022 - The Green Bourne Road

Jubilee Tree Planting & Beacon Lighting - Details to follow

5th June 2022

The Big Jubilee Lunch - (aka Swinstead Jubilee Street Party & Feast)

Details to Follow

For any further info, contact the committee via:
swinsteadparishcouncil@gmail.com



Parish News

BAPTISM Aubrie Emma Powell, young daughter of Laura (nee Holdup) and James Powell, at St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill, on 20 February. Welcome to our church family.

CONDOLENCES to Dennis Robinson (of West Farm Cottages, Witham on the Hill), family, friends and neighbours on the loss of Stella Robinson who passed away in December.

SWINSTEAD VILLAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - see the full-page advert for details of all events.

TOFT cum LOUND AND MANTHORPE PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - **Save the date!** The Jubilee working party is organising parish functions on **3rd and 5th June**. More details to follow.

WITHAM ON THE HILL JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - **Save the date! Thursday 2 June**, ceilidh in Palace Farm barn. Details to follow in due course.

CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS - As part of the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Jubilee celebrations, it is hoped to have a display of "Life in our Parish" photographs. These can be of any subject and taken at any time. Of special interest would be your older photographs showing our parish in the past. Photographs will be scanned and returned and the copies will be displayed. Please contact the editor (the3towers1@gmail.com) and he will put you in contact with Jackie Whitaker of Manthorpe who is heading up this project.



WITHAM ON THE HILL—NEW REACTIVE SPEED SIGN - In response to residents' concerns about speeding through the village, the Parish Council has purchased a reactive speed sign, currently installed opposite East Green. Different locations will be trialled and initially it will be mounted on existing lamp posts. It will be moved periodically to cover different parts of the village and it is hoped that with increased driver awareness, traffic speed will be moderated. The sign also records the speed of every vehicle that approaches it, so problem areas can be identified and additional measures considered if this is justified.

SELF ISOLATING STITCHERS - SIS (Self Isolating Stitchers) is a group of 7 local textile artists, who formed a Facebook group at the start of the March 2020 lockdown. The idea was to keep in touch, share work in progress and all things textile while it was impossible to meet. "Thought it would be good to have something where we could post what we are up to with our art and textiles whilst we have all this lovely time at home"

We are a very varied group, ranging from traditional embroiderers through to lunatic fringe with a smattering of mixed media crafting thrown in. From exhibitors through to 'not done a lot since I was at school', and another who is making it into a business.

In the summer of 2021, we all actually met! No, Mr Speaker, it was not a party, although there was cake! On a lovely sunny day in a scene like Macbeth's witches brewing cauldrons of leaves to make dyes using traditional methods the Nuns of the Bayeux Tapestry would have recognised. At some stage the idea of staging an exhibition came about.

The Exhibition will be held in the village hall In Little Bytham on Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 April, 10 am—3 pm. All are invited to come and see our work on display and what we have achieved during 2 years of stitching.

STEAM ACTION NEEDS YOU! If you live in the parish of Edenham and are approaching your 60th birthday or are already 60 please get in touch, as we wouldn't want you to miss out!

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Lynda Wilson (Deputy) 01778 591309 | Lyndawilson738@gmail.com

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 12 March, 7.30pm - Swinstead Village Hall - Race Night. Across the evening there will be 10 races with bookies on hand to take your bets. Fish or sausage supper with mushy peas plus George's Bar will be open selling great beers, spirits and wines. Tickets cost £10 per head and include dinner and one free bet. Tickets can be purchased via Mark at George's Bar in the Village Hall or call Annette 01476 550186 or Micky 07805 659540 to reserve your tickets. All local villages are welcome and Swinstead would love to see some new faces to join in the fun. Giddy Up!

Saturday 2 April, 8.30am – 10.00am St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, Big Brekkie. All welcome, donations to Christian Aid.

Every Thursday during Lent, starting 3 March - Lent Lunches will take place in **St Andrew's Parish Hall Witham on the Hill**. The morning begins with holy communion in Church at 10.15am followed by coffee and bible study in the Parish Hall at 11am. A simple lunch at noon will consist of soup, bread, cheese and fruit. All welcome to any or all of the events. Donations to Christian Aid.

Thursday 21 to Saturday 23 April, 10 am—3 pm—Little Bytham Village Hall. Embroidery and Textile Exhibition. Free - donations welcome.

WITHAM-ON-THE-HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Unless otherwise stated, all meetings are held in the St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham-on-the-Hill

21 March 2.30pm Talk - Briga (Chris Carr) as Margaret Beaufort. Her life and connections to Bourne and the Deepings. Please note this is an afternoon meeting. Members £2, non-members £3 on the door.

SUMMER WALK – Date to be arranged, Corby Glen Motte, Church and Village.

Monday, 28th March, 7.30pm - Next Members' Meeting. After the meeting, a social session with refreshments – bring an interesting article or topic to discuss.



PUT A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY!

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The Vicar Writes

I've recently revived my love of vinyl! Nothing to do with bathroom or kitchen flooring, instead I've dusted down my record collection and decided to STOP BUYING CDs ONCE AND FOR ALL. Why? The long, tall and short of it is that I no longer have a CD player in my car and most new releases are instantly available on platforms such as Spotify, Amazon Music or Deezer. I can't even burn a new CD onto my laptop and then transfer it to my phone because my laptop doesn't have a disc drive and I can't afford the space it takes on my phone – it's already clogged with photos and emails! The online revolution has left CDs with little use except perhaps as digital beer mats, lampshades, or bird scarers for the garden. Just think, we used to pay £13.99 each for them but now a huge proportion are going to landfill.

But surely this leaves little room for the cumbersome vinyl record? Didn't most of us sell our old records for pennies rather than pounds or simply

donate them to the local charity shop? If you did then you may be surprised to learn that some original vinyl records have shot up in price, especially those pressed in small quantities in the 1990s. Even those albums that were once considered record collection staples have increased in value. For instance, a modern vinyl re-press of Pink Floyd's 'Dark Side of the Moon' will probably set you back £20-£25 (including a free digital download), whereas an original pressing in good condition could be worth up to £70 (or more if you've still got the stickers that came with it!). Shops selling new and old records are re-opening all over the place. I recently popped up to Hull to see my daughter Jessica and we spent an afternoon taking in five different town centre record shops all within walking distance of each other (and may I heartily recommend Uptown Records at the Baytree Garden Centre near Spalding).

But isn't this all a bit nostalgic? Well, a little bit perhaps. But if I'm going to buy some new music then a record with a free download seems much

the better option now (more so if it's a limited-edition coloured vinyl). I must admit that I also prefer a well-executed record sleeve to the paucity of a CD inlay. Much of my later childhood and early teens was spent pouring over the fine detail of album artwork spread over the sumptuous canvas of a gatefold sleeve – remember them? Above all, playing a record isn't something that you can do on-the-go. The physical act of putting on a record requires that you take time to stop and listen. You must interrupt whatever you're doing and make time for the music. You need to be disciplined about it; you can't skip, fast-forward, or rewind it (and don't forget to turn it over after twenty minutes!).

The idea of stopping what I'm doing and making time for something that flies in the face of modern expectations is increasingly attractive to me. I seem to find myself doing multiple things at once and I don't think it's changing me for the better. I can't even have a shave in the morning without reaching for my wireless ear-pods and listening to a

podcast or audiobook while I'm doing it. It's as if one, single, dedicated activity isn't enough. But choosing a record, putting it on, sitting down with the intention to sit down and listen cuts through all that. It's almost like a mini-ritual, and rituals can and do shape our lives, our character and our outlook for the better.

Which brings me neatly to my day job (you knew it was coming). More often than not we seem to view Church as something that we can just about squeeze in around the other things that matter in our lives, like family, friends, time away or even the garden. I'd like to suggest that not only should it be at the top of your list but, more than that, it is the one thing that will make you do all the other things better. Don't believe me? Well, the first thing I would say is that you need to stop. Stop everything for a moment and consider all those times when, like me, you end up doing lots of things at once but nothing properly. You tell yourself you're saving time and then any time you do save you probably whittle away in front of a screen (be it

large or small). So, having taken a step back for a moment I would then ask you to consider what among the things you do are the most enriching? Family, friends, reading, exercise, music, writing, gardening etc. Now ask yourself if any of those things couldn't be done better for you having taken part in a life-affirming ritual that gives time for critical introspection, prayer and contemplation, fellowship and a necessary tweak to the old moral compass? Would you be a less loving friend or family member for having been to Church and made your peace with God and man? Would you be worse off for having been reassured that God isn't just that witty slogan on a fridge magnet but the still, small voice inside that stirs and cajoles you to be more like the person you know that you were born and created to be?

Our priorities say a great deal. Now that Covid seems (fingers crossed) to be something we're learning to live with, we're starting to get our lives back again. The question is what will we do with them? What will our

priorities be? Do you remember when not being able to be in Church felt like the state committing daylight robbery? Do you remember how good it felt to be back again those first few Sundays and how we hungered for the Bread of Life? Well, the good news is that Church hasn't changed! So maybe now is the time to take stock and realise that we *do* have the time and autonomy to make decisions and commitments that cut through the mess of modern expectations. We *do* have the time for God and I want to say that choosing to give that time to Him makes living well (really well) even more of a priority in our lives! The Church doors aren't locked, they're very much open and I hope to see you soon.

Fr Edward

BIRD QUIZ

1. An old-fashioned neck piece.
2. Yes, I know it's a film too.
3. Brilliant at clearing snow.
4. Large helpings if this one comes to lunch!
5. See this one on a lake.
6. A famous northerner who loves the water.
7. Not out of the woods yet with a well-known tongue twister.
8. Some are even royal residents.
9. A lazy bird or an opportunist?
10. I'm sure he's happy really.

Answers on the inside back page



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WALKING IN LINCOLNSHIRE

Do you remember Lockdown One when we were all out walking to make the most of our allotted time out of the confines of our homes? Below is a message from John Harris who runs the Walking in England website. Although there is nothing in our parish on the website (yet), there are some walks that may interest you.

Well, it is time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Lincolnshire www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris, the custodian of the website, said: 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lincolnshire, part of the Walking in England website, has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to over twelve miles, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

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MORE PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE IN MANTHORPE

Some residents of Manthorpe were out again over the weekend of 12th and 13th February planting for the future. As you can see from the photos, the Saturday team had a much better day for it!

Saturday



Sunday



Many thanks to the teams for all their hard work, they did not do it for themselves. It is our future residents who will enjoy the fruits of their labour.



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Notes of the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting - 13 January 2022

Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe Parish Council met on 13th January 2022 in the St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.

It was reported that residents had expressed concern about poor condition of the footpaths on the Lound Road/Toft. Requests were also received for waste bins and notices in the laybys between Toft and the Manthorpe/Witham cross-road.

Residents also thanked Cllr Stephenson for all his work in organizing the new play and fitness equipment for the parish Jubilee Playing Field.

It was agreed by Councillors not to proceed at the present time with the purchase of white gates for the entrance/exit of the villages or to proceed with a community speed watch. Cllr Stephenson reported on the parish walkabout which had taken place with the new Highways Manager and C.Cllr Robert Reid. They discussed pedestrian crossing signs

for the Toft Golf Course, potholes, highway bollards on A6121 and a dropped kerb outside Stonehaven, Manthorpe plus the need to carryout engineering works to refurbish and make safe the footpath in Manthorpe. Highways work to be undertaken as priority – missing drain cover at the Manthorpe/Witham crossroad, remove end of priority sign after the bridge in Manthorpe and patch the tarmac entrance to the Toft Golf Course carpark. Cllr Stephenson also reported that there was no action to date on a Road Traffic Order on Manthorpe Road.

Councillors made no objection to the following planning applications – The Brambles, Manthorpe & 12 Fairways Toft. The following was refused by SKDC Church Hill Farm, Toft-S21/2159 & S21/1762.

It was agreed to donate £150.00 to NHS Charities Together as a result of the 2021 parish Scarecrow Festival. It was agreed that the preferred supplier for the Adult Gym equipment would be Caloo and the supplier for play equipment Wicksteed. It was agreed that the Toft defibrillator

would move to the Golf Course. It was agreed to arrange a meeting to discuss the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations to take place from 2nd June. It was reported that landowners/farmers had agreed for the Council to plant trees along their hedge lines, with a request for Oak.

D.Cllr Penny Robins reported that the district had issued ideas for the forthcoming Jubilee, she reported on the latest figures of Omicron virus in the East Midlands, hybrid meetings for councils & new funding grant for hospitality, leisure and accommodation businesses.

C.Cllr Robert Reid reported on cuts to the County Council Highways maintenance grants & reported on the Highways walkabout.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the St Andrew's Parish Hall in Witham on the Hill on 3rd March at 7pm. This will be followed by the Parish Council meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting is an occasion for electors to raise any concerns they may have. The leader of the Parish Council usually acts as

chairman. Residents may wish to discuss parish affairs, make resolutions and vote but these are not legally binding for the Council.

Fr Edward and a member of The Mallard Pass Action Group have confirmed that they will be attending the meeting. Please come along and support your own meeting.

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WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

The annual meeting business was soon dealt with and Elaine Brock was re-elected as President. During the tea break, members had a good chat and had a go at making hessian green hearts, supervised by Jane Wilmot and Wendy Wooldridge.

At the next meeting in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 1 March at 7.30pm the speaker will be Mike Smith on Rhythmic Poetry. Visitors and new members always most welcome. For more information on the WI contact Secretary: Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

WI SPEAKERS PROGRAMME 2022

April: 50 Shades of Denim, Lorraine Appleton

May: Ikebana, Patricia Yates

June: Singer, Jennifer Louise Brown

July: Transformation of St Pancras, Nigel Lowey

August: Summer games and supper

September: In house craft evening

October: Bletchley Park, Keith Appleyard

November: From Chiropody to Forensic Science, Carl Denton

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Regeneration—Art on the Map



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Lockdown Artists



The Lockdown artists group originally formed via Zoom with the intention of producing paintings to auction in support of front line workers.

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(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)

March 1915

Volunteer Training Corps - A well attended meeting in support of this movement was held in the school, on the 15th February, and the first drill took place on the following Saturday. About 24 men signified their willingness to join. When the movement is better understood and appreciated, we hope that further numbers will come forward. It has certainly "taken on" in the country, and already numbers something approaching a million men. Volunteers must be outside the age for regular military service, that is under 19 or over 38, except in the case of those who have good and sufficient reasons for not joining the colours. The question of uniform and equipment need not deter any from joining, as the provision of these will be considered later. The main thing is for the greatest possible number of men to learn the rudiments of drill and musketry, so as to be of some service in defence of their homes and country in the event of invasion by the enemy, and not suffer the ignominy of being sent to a place of safety with the women and children as helpless non-combatants. The movement should also serve as a powerful incentive to recruiting, for the veriest "shirker" must feel some compunction as he sees the "old guard" turning out to "do their bit" while he stands idly by.

V.T.C. Uniform - The War Office has sanctioned a special uniform for the corps of green-grey rainproof drill, light and inexpensive, loose enough to be worn over civilian clothing, with a board brassard or armband.



With the Colours. - The following names must be added to our Parish list of men on service - Harold Pell, Suffolk Regiment, Amos Buswell, Lincoln Regiment, William Archer, Motor Transport, Arthur Francis, R.A.M.C. (*Royal Army Medical Corps*).

Eggs for the Wounded. - In four weeks we have been enabled to send over 130 eggs for the use of our wounded soldiers in hospital. Now that they are becoming less scarce, perhaps other poultry keepers will send a few each Thursday to the Vicarage for this object. All eggs sent will be gratefully acknowledged.

Lent. - On the 1st Sunday in Lent the Bishop's Pastoral Letter was read. It certainly contained subject for much reflection, and was specially marked by vigorous advice on the question of Lenten self-denial. The ecclesiastical rule of abstinence from flesh meat however has been relaxed this Lent, owing to the war. We would especially plead for the support of the "Waifs and Strays" Society, whose needs owing to the war are more than usually urgent. Will you, dear reader, take a self-denial box or give a donation, however small, in support of this most deserving charity?

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1 teaspoon turmeric

1 litre veg stock

400ml coconut milk or cream

Thinly slice leeks, fry in oil over medium heat for about 5mins until slightly softened but not brown. Stir in spices and cook for 2 mins. Add peeled chopped potatoes and stock, bring to boil, turn down heat and simmer for 30 mins until potatoes are cooked. Stir in coconut milk and cook for 3 mins. Puree with a stick blender until smooth. Serve garnished with a dollop of crème fraiche.

SERVES 4

Answers to the Bird Quiz

1. Ruff. 2. Goldeneye (Duck). 3. Shoveler (Duck). 4. Gannet. 5. Swan.
6. Great Northern Diver 7. Woodpecker. 8. Raven. 9. Cuckoo. 10. Grouse.

PARISH SERVICES FOR MARCH 2022

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
2 nd March Ash Wednesday		7pm Sung Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	10.30am Said Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
6 th March Lent 1		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
13 th March Lent 2	8.45am Parish Eucharist 6pm Evensong	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist
20 th March Lent 3		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
27 th March Lent 4 <i>Mothering Sunday</i>		10am All-age Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
3 rd April Lent 5		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 6pm Evensong (Castle Bytham)

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