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May 2022

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Swinstead Village
Jubilee Committee

Jubilee Celebrations Countdown



Dates for your Diary:

1st May 2022 - Village Hall, opens 2pm till 11pm

Sausage & Cider Festival - Traditional Ciders & British favourites along with a selection of delicious Local & Specialty Sausages. Entertainment from the fantastic female vocalist Nicky Downs from 3.30pm, and Swinsteads very own & talented Tim Brown & Chris Hatch, & special guests playing into the night, OAK - Cover Band. Adults £10 per ticket, Children 6-17 yo £5, Under 5's free. Adult ticket includes first drink, and food will be on sale & served at 4.15pm & again 8pm. Cash only. Tickets available from Mark at the Village Hall Bar, or call Micky on 07921 566 788 or email below.

2nd June 2022 - The Green on Bourne Road (situated next door to 6 Bourne Road)

Jubilee Tree Planting @ 8.30pm - Swinstead are taking part in the Queens Green Canopy Project - a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, creating a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit future generations. Swinstead invites and encourages all local children and families to get involved.

Beacon Lighting @ 9.45pm - Swinstead Village are hosting an official Beacon lighting. Everyone welcome to join in on this auspicious moment in history, with a 'Song for the Commonwealth'. Afterwards those who wish to join in a celebratory drink to Her Majesty the Queen, can cross over the road to the Bar in the Village Hall.

5th June 2022

St Mary's Village Fete & The Big Jubilee Lunch - More details to follow.

Swinstead Village fundraising events are raising monies for the local Community, Parish Church & Charitable causes including Ukraine Crisis Appeal

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



Parish News

WELCOME Anu, Jai and Neel to Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

CONDOLENCES to family, friends and neighbours on the death of Vera Curtis, aged 94 of Edenham, who passed away in March.

CONDOLENCES to family and friends of Margaret Rose Evans who passed away on Monday 4th April aged 91 years. Margaret had lived with her family at Witham-on-the-Hill and later in Bourne. She was always a busy woman and was an active member of the community for many years. As well as supporting her husband Ray and their children, she was a member of the WI and also of art and reading groups. The friends she made and good times shared were truly important to her. She will be much missed and lovingly remembered.

Margaret's funeral will be at Witham-on-the-Hill Church on Wednesday 4th May at 11.00am, with refreshments being served in the Parish Hall afterwards, everyone is welcome.

HELP OUR UKRAINIAN VISITORS - There are now Ukrainian refugees living in Bourne and Stamford. At the moment they are in need of toiletries - soap, toothpaste, sanitary products etc. If you are able to donate items please take to St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill, or to Julia Thompson, Frances Plummer or Jane Wilmot. We will try to keep you updated with any other requests through Whatsapp or Facebook.

BOURNE FOODBANK - We are continuing to collect for the Bourne foodbank. Donations can be left in the box in the St Andrew's church porch or in the cupboard by the log store at Manor Cottage, Witham on the Hill. Please continue to support this as much as you can - our donations are always greatly appreciated. Tinned meats, tinned vegetables, tinned rice pudding and custard, longlife milk, orange juice, toothbrushes, shaving gel are always needed.



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PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS - It appears that plans are well underway in our various communities to enjoy and celebrate this unique occasion of Her Majesty the Queen reaching her 70th year on the throne. We will keep you posted by including all notices and flyers that are sent to us.

CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHS Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe - As part of the parish Jubilee celebrations, it is planned to have a display of “**Life in our Parish**” photographs. If any residents have any photographs they’d like included in our display for the Jubilee celebrations. Anything that shows the history over the last 70 years be it buildings, residents or documents of interest.

Please contact Jackie Whitaker - 01778 590548 or Sue Renner - 07963 302117. Jackie will collect, copy for the display and return the originals within a couple of days.

OUR PARISH BOOKLET Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe - All Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe residents are invited to send a short (or long) note of their life in our parish. This can be as simple as listing your and your family's names, your address and stating the date that you arrived in the parish. Or you can write a piece explaining your experience of living here - and, where appropriate, what brought you here in the first place. In fact, you can write anything you like - as long as it does not break the law or embarrass anyone

Please put some thought to this and send your input to the Editor at the3towers1@gmail.com

SWINSTEAD CELEBRATIONS - see flyer on page 2

TOFT CUM LOUND AND MANTHORPE CELEBRATIONS- see flyer on pages 6 & 7

WITHAM ON THE HILL CELEBRATIONS - see flyer on page 9

EDENHAM CELEBRATIONS - see flyer on page 11

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Elaine Brock Ragrose, Bottom St, 07801 417776 - elaine.brock@hotmail.co.uk

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Sunday 5th June - Jubilee Big Lunch and lots of games on the Green – from 1pm. Bring your own food and drinks, we will provide barbecues and cakes
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Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 3 May, 7:30pm - WI meeting in St Andrew's Parish Hall

Tuesday 10 May, 19:30 - Edenham, Grimthorpe, Elsthorpe and Scottlethorpe Annual Parish meeting in Edenham Village Hall. Presentation by Grimsthorpe Estates relating to the proposed development on the former coal yard Main Street and School Lane Edenham. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting starting at 20:00. The agendas for both meetings are on the Parish Council website and the Parish Council notice boards in the villages of Edenham and Grimsthorpe.

Sunday 15 May from 11.30am onwards St Andrew's Church working party, Witham on the Hill. Any help greatly appreciated to polish the brass, clean the Church and tidy the Churchyard – please bring your own gardening tools. If you can spare an hour or two, please come and join us. Bring your own lunch - tea and coffee provided.

Tuesday 31 May , 7pm - "The Poetical Cellist" at Edenham Church - An evening of moving, funny and memorable music and poetry! Drink and nibbles on arrival. Two sets with an interval during which further drinks will be available to purchase. Tickets £10 from Gill Stanford 01778 591224 or any member of Steam Action. All funds raised go towards Steam Action and Edenham Church.

Saturday 4 June, 8:30 to 10:00 Big Brekkie at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, a special Platinum Jubilee Celebratory breakfast! All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

Saturday 25 June, Grimsthorpe Castle - 'Music for a Summer Evening' with St Peter's Singers. The choir returns to sing at Grimsthorpe Castle after an absence of two years. Please join us for some wonderful choral music, interval fizz and canapés! More details to follow shortly.

Saturday 2 July, 10am to noon - Lincolnshire Plum Loaf Bake-Off at Edenham Village Hall. Entry £2 - bring your own entry to the Hall to be judged. Teas, stalls and a raffle.



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The Vicar Writes

Telling someone the same thing over and over again can be condescending, inefficient and, at the same time, absolutely necessary. If you hadn't guessed already, I'm talking about myself. I'm terrible. I forget things. Sometimes I forget them immediately after I've been told (especially on Sundays – Sundays are the worst!). You may not think it possible, but I do believe that I'm capable of forgetting something as I'm hearing it (literally in one ear and out the other).

Sometimes it isn't my fault!

If Lesley asks me to nip to the co-op at Elsea Park, I'll get into the car, wait for my phone to sync with the stereo, select some music, a podcast, or maybe an audiobook. I'll carefully reverse (keeping a watchful eye the image from the camera on the boot), before heading down the drive and turning down whatever I'm listening to so as not to disturb the neighbours. When I reach the traffic lights before Scottlethorpe Road I'll look to see if those potholes by the drains have been filled-in, and I'll probably wonder if anyone would mind if I reappropriated the traffic cones that've been left by the side of the road.

At this point I'll be heading along the A151 with the reason for my journey slowly fading in my mind. In all likelihood my subconscious autopilot will kick-in and I'll instinctively turn-off towards Lound and Toft as if heading for St Andrew's at Witham-on-the-Hill before stopping little further down the road and trying to figure the where, why, and what of it.

If only there weren't so many things to distract me, none of this would happen!

On that basis I do find myself sympathising with the disciples after Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified, and buried. They were left scattered, disoriented, and afraid. There was no way they could've seen any of this coming. No way!

Or was there?

You could be forgiven for wondering if any of them were listening when St Matthew tells us in chapter sixteen of his Gospel that, "From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Matt 16.21).

Perhaps they had other things on their mind when, in St Mark's Gospel

chapter nine, Jesus was saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise” (Mark 9.31-32).

Or how about when Jesus took the twelve aside in St Luke’s Gospel and told them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spat upon. And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise” (Luke 18.31-34). How inconsiderate of Jesus not to tell them exactly what was going to happen again and again and again!

And it wasn’t only Jesus who tried to tell the disciples. In chapter twenty-four of St Luke’s Gospel the angel that greeted Mary Magdalene and the other women at the empty tomb *asked* them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise” (Luke 24.5b-8). And what did the women do? They remembered! St Luke continues, “They remembered

his words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an ‘idle tale’, and they did not believe them” (Luke 24.8-11).

WHAT?! If this were a TV drama, you’d probably be throwing the sofa cushions at the television in disgust! You could almost wonder if, when the risen Jesus suddenly appeared to them in the locked room, at least one of the disciples might have stood up and said “You know, this is all starting to sound strangely familiar...”

But perhaps we shouldn’t judge the disciples too harshly. After all, Jesus calls us all to follow him on a lifelong journey of faith. No one commits to following Christ and simply gets holier and holier each year to the point where they eventually reach super-disciple status. Very often the Christian life seems like one step forward and two steps back. It’s a pattern of growth and setbacks. Everyone must learn, and then be reminded, and then be reminded again.

So, if you’re still wrestling with some of what you were taught back in your

Confirmation classes or with patterns of behaviour that you've been trying to remedy for years, I can assure you that you're in good company! But what I would also say to you is 'don't give up'. The road may indeed be narrow but it's also long. The key is to keep on keeping on; the key is Christ himself and the hope of his Resurrection and that's a key which, thank God, you'll never lose down the back of the sofa or ever forget where you left it.

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Losecoat Remembered

Some years ago, on a visit to Pickworth in Rutland, I was delighted to find that a new memorial to the Battle of Losecoat Field had been installed outside the church. The battle, which was fought nearby, has been an interest of mine for many years and I often go to the site. Apparently, the memorial was unveiled a year earlier. It must have been a low-key event as it seemed to have attracted hardly any publicity.

The battle was fought on March 12th 1470 between Great Casterton and the narrow lane from Pickworth to the A1 slip road. Often spelt Losecote, it took place during the Wars of the Roses, the armed conflict between the Royal houses of York and Lancaster to decide who sat on the throne of England. In March 1470 the Yorkist King Edward IV was the occupant. At the time his younger brother the Duke of Clarence and the Earl of Warwick were trying to raise rebellion against the Crown.

Warwick encouraged his associates, Lord Welles and his son Sir Robert, to attack Sir Thomas Burgh of Gainsborough, one of the King's followers in Lincolnshire. Lord Welles was arrested and summoned to London to account for his actions and in response his son raised an army in Lincolnshire.

The King set out from London with his own army to put down the rebellion. He brought Lord Welles with him, reaching Great Casterton on 12th March to find the rebels arrayed on a ridge before him. Before closing with the enemy, the King sent forward heralds to summon them to surrender and disperse. When they refused, Edward had Lord Welles beheaded in front of his son's army. The ensuing battle was a short-lived affair. After a furious cannonade and a cavalry charge, the rebels fled, throwing off their coats with the identifying emblems, hence the name for the battle. Sir Robert was later captured and executed after implicating Warwick and Clarence in the plot to overthrow the King. Following more failed attempts at rebellion, Warwick and Clarence were forced to flee to France.

The memorial (pictured over) takes the form of a handsome statue of a soldier removing his coat, and is placed in front of the stone wall surrounding Pickworth church. According to a leaflet obtained from the church, the statue is of Clipsham Limestone and the base from Ketton architectural stone.

A brass plaque on the base bears the legend:

“Losecote Remembered. 12 March 1470. 2015. Tony Rawlings (Sculptor).”

There is an information panel in front of the church with some interesting history of the village including the battle, supplemented by the leaflet from the church which is usually open to visitors.

Losecoat Field is one of those few battlefields that have hardly changed in over five centuries. The A1 dual carriageway has been built over the southern part and I suspect that hedges and trees have been planted on the site. In common with too many battlefields, you would not know it was there. Only the fine statue and the information panel in front of the church offers clues.

To celebrate the millennium, Rutland County Council erected many information boards around the county to celebrate its history and one was placed in a muddy lay-by on the narrow lane to Pickworth from the A1 slip road giving information on the battle. Sadly, the board has now long gone.

The only other memorial is at Oakham Castle. Hanging on the walls of the Great Hall are many horseshoes donated by Peers of the Realm when visiting Oakham. The earliest is from King Edward IV dated 1470 placed there to celebrate his victory at Losecoat Field.

On Ordnance Survey maps the battle is designated “Empingham 1470.” But even this was dropped from the very popular 1:50,000 scale Landranger series. However, it is still there on the more specialised 1:25,000 scale Explorer series. I had a lengthy correspondence with the OS in 2007 but I am sorry to say that the designation is still missing from the Landranger maps.

This is a great shame. Unless a visitor is a map enthusiast or navigates the back roads of Rutland and finds Pickworth, he or she will miss what I think is a fascinating piece of Rutland history.

Dick Mundy



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2. Start CPR—heart compressions

3. Send someone to fetch the defibrillator

DO NOT delay or interrupt chest compressions to get the defibrillator, send someone else to get it.

Once you have the defibrillator open it and follow the spoken instructions.

VERY IMPORTANT

The **defibrillator requires no training** - all the instructions are given by the machine. Do not wait for a 'trained' person to come and assist

TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS

YOU CANNOT GO WRONG!

PLEASE IGNORE the instruction on the Manthorpe and Toft boxes to give the operator the box number; they do not have numbers. **Instead, simply state that you are in Manthorpe or Toft near Bourne. If you have called from a mobile on 112, the operator will already have your exact location.**

Type the link below into your favourite web browser and spend a really worthwhile 6 minutes finding out why you should use 112 in preference to 999 when dialling the Emergency Services from your mobile.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPZv_8dABfU

Here's hoping you never have to use the devices

**Willoughby Memorial
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Two exhibitions will open on Wednesday 18 May

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Saria Monsen-Elvik Painting and Ceramics



Saria works mainly in acrylics and her recent works take inspiration from her rural Lincolnshire garden

Both exhibitions run until Wednesday 8 June

www.willoughbygallery.com

WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

At the April meeting, Lorraine Appleton's talk, "50 Shades of Denim", was about the problems of the fashion industry and she showed us many ways to recycle denim. Over 6 billion pairs of jeans are made every year! She showed us stunning collages made from waste denim - appliqued and embroidered, shoulder bags and tunics with denim patch pockets. There will be a fused glass workshop at Letzcraft, Oakham in May; a chance to hear Baroness Sarah Hogg talking about Katherine Swynford at a lunch at Belton Park Golf Club; and a visit to Spalding Gentlemen's museum in July. At the next WI meeting in the Parish Hall on **Tuesday 3 May** at 7.30pm, the speaker will be Patricia Yates, demonstrating Ikebana. Visitors and new members always most welcome. For more information on the WI, contact Secretary: Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

QUIZ - Bursting with flowers!

1. Sore
2. Bellebul
3. Pliwosc
4. Iysda
5. Ylli
6. Epnoy
7. Amicela
8. Stanimuurt
9. Fadfoild
10. Gladirom
11. Umrisac
12. Lanyshutop
13. Beeh
14. Corusc

Answers on the inside back page



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Jane's Seasonal Recipe

With rhubarb now coming into season this recipe from a Waitrose magazine is a wonderful tangy sauce to have with burgers. The magazine shows a lovely pink sauce but don't worry if it looks a caramel brown colour!

Rhubarb ketchup

*1 tablespoon sunflower oil
1 onion chopped
1 clove of garlic, roughly chopped
800g rhubarb, cut into small chunks
1 bay leaf
4 cloves
150g caster sugar
150g red wine vinegar*

Fry onion in oil over a low heat with a pinch of salt, cook for 5 mins until it starts to soften. Add garlic, cook for 1 min. Add rest of ingredients. Bring to a simmer and cook for 30 mins, stirring occasionally, until rhubarb is totally soft. Remove the cloves and bay leaf. Whizz in a blender until smooth, season and mix well, Strain through a fine sieve, then transfer to sterilised jars or bottles. Store in fridge, use within 4 weeks.

Answers to the 'Bursting with flowers! Quiz'

1. Rose. 2. Bluebell 3. Cowslip. 4. Daisy. 5. Lily. 6. Peony.
7. Camelia. 8. Nasturtium. 9. Daffodil. 10. Marigold. 11. Muscari.
12. Polyanthus. 13. Hebe. 14. Crocus

PARISH SERVICES FOR MAY 2022

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
1 st May <i>Easter 3</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
8 th May <i>Easter 4</i>	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
15 th May <i>Easter 5</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
22 nd May <i>Easter 6</i> <i>(Rogation Sunday)</i>	3pm Meet in Church for Rogation Walk to Edenham	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 5pm BYO Tea (hot drinks provided) followed by said Evening Prayer at 5.30pm
26 th May <i>Ascension Day</i> <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>			7pm Sung Eucharist
29 th May <i>Easter 7</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)

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