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Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 2 July, 10am to noon - Steam Action Bake-Off at Edenham Village Hall. Bake your version of a Lincolnshire Plum Loaf and bring it to the village hall. Or just come along and help judge the entries. Refreshments will be available and there will be a raffle and Bric a Brac stall.

Saturday 2nd July, Smuggler Jack at Edenham Vicarage Garden - See flyer on next page.

Saturday 16 July , 3pm - Edenham Church Garden fete. Held in the lovely setting of the Vicarage garden. Lots of traditional garden games, an assortment of stalls and lovely homemade teas to enjoy. Any offers of raffle or tombola prizes gratefully received and can be left at the Vicarage.

Saturday 3 September 8.30am – 10.00am BIG BREKKIE St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

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Parish News

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

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS to Jennifer (nee Taylor) and Huw, on the birth of Charlotte on Sunday 17 April (Easter day!) Another granddaughter for Ann and Martin Taylor, formerly of Manthorpe.

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS Rochelle Hawes, Rufus Hawes, Emma Campbell, Oliver Clifford and Isabelle Clifford, confirmed by Bishop Norman on 19 June at St Michael's Church, Edenham. Welcome to our Church family.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported the Jubilee Big Brekkie – over 40 people attended, and were ably served and fed by a band of cooks, waitresses and volunteers. The hall was decorated in jubilee colours, table cloths, bunting and flowers; and as a special treat crumpets, muffins and black pudding were served! Thank you too, to the helpers who did the washing up! Approx £254 was raised for Christian Aid.

WANTED Spare single duvet sets/large towels. If anyone has any spare, good quality single adult duvet sets or large towels we would appreciate them for Edenham Regional House. Please either leave them in the church porch at St Andrew's Witham or take them to the vicarage at Edenham. Many thanks.

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The Vicar Writes

I discovered a new phrase over the Jubilee weekend. I was listening to 'Today' on Radio Four and caught part of an interview with David Dimbleby where he used the words "extraordinary inscrutability". I was intrigued! So, I spooled back twenty seconds or so on my phone to listen more closely. Speaking about the Jubilee, Dimbleby was asked, "What would you say about the Queen and the way she has gone about her duties in these seventy years?" He responded, "It's very much about one characteristic that I would cite which is an extraordinary inscrutability. It's very difficult in the modern age being a monarch, particularly with a large family and with a very over-excited press (always wanting to work out what's happening). Anybody who diverts from the role of monarch and reveals too much of themselves gets seized on. The Queen is hugely admired now, simply for never having been anything other than inscrutable. Obviously, we see her smiling and enjoying things; we know she likes going to the races and her corgis (she derives pleasure in such things). But

day after day after day of her life, the burden of having to talk with people she doesn't know, show interest in everything from scientific progress to a hospital to a school (and then there's a regiment to see and a dinner to speak at), the list goes on and on... It's the remorselessness of being head of state; everyone looking at you and all the while never indulging in any hint of what you're actually thinking. I think that's what people have admired about her."

In some ways that seemed a rather odd thing to say. How can we admire someone for not saying what they're really thinking? It almost sounds dishonest. But what we see in the example of the Queen isn't something that is fake, dishonest, or unreal (she's not merely playing a part). Rather, she puts the role, the duty, and the needs of others before her own needs, wants and desires. She is the Queen for us (for you and me). She is monarch for the sake of others, for her people, this nation, and the Commonwealth at large. She puts duty and service before all else and has done so now for more than 70 years. Ultimately, 'extraordinary inscrutability' means self-sacrifice. It

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means putting others first. That has been her example to us and that, I believe, will be her legacy.

What's more, the Queen has stated on numerous occasions that it is never by her own strength alone that she has sought to fulfil this tremendous duty. Right from the off she has sought the help and strength of Almighty God and she has repeatedly asked the prayers of those whom she serves so that might be strengthened and sustained in this endeavour. At the time of her Coronation in 1953 she said: "When I spoke to you last... I asked you all, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation – to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making... I have been uplifted and sustained by the knowledge that your thoughts and prayers were with me."

We may wonder, now that the Jubilee weekend has passed, how we might continue to show our love, our gratitude, and support for the Queen? Well, if we were to enquire of the Sovereign herself, to say to her "Ma'am, what could I do for you?" Perhaps she would ask us to do no more than to continue to pray for her

and to ask God to give her the wisdom and strength to fulfil the promises she made those many years ago. For we know, without giving her true feelings away, that our prayers and support are of real comfort and value to her personally. So, let us do just that. Let us ask God to help make good her vow as we continue to offer our prayers of thanksgiving for our inscrutable Queen.

Fr Edward

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SWINSTEAD NEWS

'Plant a Tree for the Jubilee' had a great turn out with the local children getting involved planting a Purple Beech tree, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project creating a legacy in honour of The Queen's leadership of the Nation, which will benefit our future generations and the climate



The Community came together to participate in 'The Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting', with Swinstead 's longest serving member of the Parish Council Mr Clive Lunn, lighting the beacon with great honour and 'Joie de vivre'. A lovely after party continued on with a toast to the Queen.

'The Big Jubilee Lunch' on the grounds of Swinstead Hall House stormed ahead (pun!) despite the threat of heavy downpours. With over 100+ villagers in attendance enjoying a wonderful buffet, Pimm's and bubbles, with lots of laughter by the children on the bouncy castle (including a few participating adults too!) and enjoying the various games set up in the grounds.



Coffee Mornings in the hall are at 10.30am – 12pm on Wednesday 6th & 20th July, and every Wednesday fortnight thereafter. All local villagers are welcome to come and meet some new friends, and enjoy some great banter accompanied with coffee, tea cakes and raffle.

A pool table has just been installed in the hall for everyone to enjoy along with a dart board for those enthusiasts, creating a real weekend buzz in the Village Hall Bar open every Friday and Saturday evenings.

Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Jubilee Celebrations

The Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Platinum Jubilee celebrations took place over 3 days. On Thursday evening, everyone in the parish was invited to bring along some bubbly to open the festivities with the lighting of the beacon.

Our fearless firefighters did a great job and we all enjoyed the fire-dance to put out the lighter once the beacon had caught!



The celebrations actually started the week before when a number of our community took up the challenge to produce a



scarecrow with a “Royal” theme. During the week leading up to the celebrations, we saw many strange faces with their cameras walking through Manthorpe.

It was not a competition. However, had it been then the Dawson family in The Old Bakehouse in Manthorpe would have won with their Palace Balcony.



Apparently, we featured on Rutland Radio. One of their reporters was bemoaning the poor Jubilee celebrations in Stamford and commented that she had driven through the small hamlet of Manthorpe to see loads of royal scarecrows and exclaimed that “They even have a castle!”



Next up was the main event, the Jubilee Party in the Field. As it was, we were very lucky that we chose the Friday and not the Sunday. The weather was perfect and we had over 200 residents and friends on the field enjoying the day. The Parish provided a hog roast during the afternoon and a BBQ in the evening.



Fr Ed graciously opened the proceedings and gamely did not object when the chair of the parish council told him that it was compulsory to wear a horse's head when speaking!

Residents had baked and brought along cakes for everyone to enjoy; the centrepiece of which

was Alison and Jody Whitehead's 3-tier Jubilee special. Fr Ed cut the cake and the festivities began.



Ann McCrea leading her quartet started up their first set whilst everyone had a good look around at the games on offer. During the break between sets, another trio of singers/guitarists led the community in a couple of renditions of the Jubilee anthem, "Sweet Caroline".

After the hog roast, the children (and many adults) then took full advantage of the races, hobby horse gymkhana, splat the rat, welly throwing, coconut shy and other "old-fashioned" games.





The children even found time to pose with our Lottery cheque that is going towards the refurbishment of the parish children's play equipment.

The evening was supported by Fr Andy and his band, Smuggler Jack. They kindly played for a whole 2 hours getting everyone up to dance and only stopping for the BBQ.

Sunday should have been a wash-out but for the hardy determined party-goers who still



managed to make the most out of a very damp day. Tea and cakes were the order of the day with some going that little bit extra for the occasion.



No paper cups here!

No Party in the Field is complete without the game of Petanque! Overseen by Her Majesty, of course.



Witham on the Hill Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 2nd June a willing team of volunteers prepared food, set up furniture and decorated Andy's and Peta's perfectly rustic barn - a superb setting for the Jubilee Ceilidh. The evening was joyous, the weather was beautiful, the chatter flowed and, as the band played, who knew that dancing could cause so much hilarity!



Witham on the Hill moved into the 21st Century as Finn Cordial took drone photos and a video of the Ceilidh crowd.



Saturday heralded a special Big Breakfast in the Parish Hall. The hall was decorated with bunting and the tables had a festive look with blue tablecloths and Union Flag napkins down the centre. Over the space of an hour and a half the



Big Breakfast team fed 40 people with a full English breakfast, accompanied by abundant toast, muffins, and crumpets. The breakfast was a lovely community get together and time of fellowship and no-one seemed in a hurry to leave. We were very lucky to have an amazing team of helpers plus some great volunteers who headed for the kitchen and the clearing up. Thank you to all who attended.



We had great plans for the Sunday with a Big Jubilee Lunch on the Green but the weather was atrocious. Fortunately, Witham Hall School very kindly let us use the sports hall. There were picnics and patriotic cakes consumed while games were played in the hall by enthusiastic adults and children.



The Jubilee celebrations concluded on Sunday evening with a short service of celebration and thanksgiving in St Andrew's Church. The church had been decorated throughout with red, white, and blue flowers for the weekend. The service included such well-known hymns

as "All people that on Earth do dwell" "Now thank we all our God" and the National Anthem: a fitting end to a wonderful, celebratory weekend of community involvement.

The Jubilee Committee wanted the occasion of the Platinum Jubilee to be remembered for years to come by the village so, with funds from the Parish council, we have planted a whitebeam tree on the village green and purchased a bench, which will go in front of the parish hall. Both will have commemorative plaques on.

The village looked great festooned with bunting and flags, and we hope the children who received commemorative mugs will treasure them.



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Saturday 10th Sept. 2022 | Edenham Village Hall

Who can enter?

Residents of Edenham, Swinstead & Witham Parish

Relatives of those who live in Edenham Parish

Eligible members of Steam Action

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Friday 9th September

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

Saturday 10th September

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

2pm - Viewing and refreshments

3pm - Presentation of trophies followed by

3.30pm - Auction of produce

* 50p per entry

* Winners trophies are given but need to be returned before next year's show

* Scoring: 1st - 3 points & £1 prize money, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point

* Show secretaries Nikki Gunn 01778 591197 & Lucie Wilson 07715 843387

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 Decorative acrostic poem titled "Steam Action" (size A5)
- 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 (cut and tied)
- 27 One large onion (cut and tied)
- 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 with 3" tops
- 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 Victoria Sponge baked by a man (jam filled, sprinkled with castor sugar)
- 46 Six squares of flapjack
- 47 Showstopper (baked item with WOW factor)
- 48 Four fruit scones
- 49 One rich fruit cake
- 50 Savoury quiche in foil container
- 51 Apple pie in foil container
- 52 Loaf of bread
- 53 Decorated chocolate cake
- 54 Bake off cake (see recipe on last page)
- 55 Five pieces of shortbread
- 56 Five decorated cupcakes
- 57 Five pieces of lemon tray bake
- 58 Six sausage rolls

SECTION E - HANDICRAFTS (Completed in the last 12 months)

- 59 Drawing or Painting (oil or watercolour)
- 60 Sewing machine item
- 61 Wood crafted item
- 62 Hand knitted or crocheted item
- 63 Item of patchwork
- 64 Wind chime
- 65 Article of embroidery or cross stitch
- 66 Veg & Produce Show themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)
- 67 Upcycled/recycled item (include the item origin and what it has transitioned into)
- 68 Item of paper craft

SECTION F - CHILDREN Under 7 years (key stage 1)

- 69 Item of cookery
- 70 Vegetable model
- 71 Drawing or painting “what you find in your garden” (A4 max)
- 72 Photograph with a “green” theme
- 73 Miniature Garden (maximum size 12” x 18”. Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
- 74 Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
- 75 Veg & Produce Show themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)

SECTION F - CHILDREN 7 - 15 years (key stage 2 and 3)

- 76 Item of cookery
- 77 Vegetable model
- 78 Drawing or painting “what you find in your garden” (A4 max)
- 79 Photograph with a “green” theme
- 80 Miniature Garden (maximum size 12” x 18”. Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
- 81 Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
- 82 Veg & Produce Show themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)

SECTION G - PHOTOGRAPHY (Taken after March 2020 with the exception of class 83) (Maximum size of photo 7” x 5”)

- 83 Recreated photo (include old and new photo - see rules for example)
- 84 Bridges
- 85 Sunrise or sunset
- 86 Farming
- 87 2022 Platinum Jubilee celebration

SECTION H - DISASTER

- 88 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 1962, and a second photo of the same couple standing in the same church in 2021. Please enter both photos and try to recreate the old photo as best you can.
7. Bunting in E66, F75 and F82 is to be kept and hung at future shows.

SECTION D - HOMEMADE Class 53. Bake off cake recipe

Swiss Roll bake for 8-10mins at 200 degrees

Sponge

- 4 large eggs
- 100g castor sugar
- 65g self-raising flour
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- 300g dark chocolate

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WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

June 2022

Early June was a busy and exciting time for everyone, with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations in full swing. To top them off, our meeting on Tuesday 7th June invited a singer as opposed to a monthly speaker. Jennifer Louise Brown is a young actress and musical theatre performer and she entertained us with a varied repertoire; from Moon River (Breakfast at Tiffany's) to Songbird (Fleetwood Mac) and with some essential "British" classics from Vera Lynn and the WI's own "Jerusalem" in the mix too. She was a delightful, talented young singer, whom we wish every success (currently touring as Sophie in "The Tiger Who Came to Tea").

Our President, Elaine Brock, took us efficiently through normal business and future events for the diary: Poetry&Prose&Play(PPP) – Thurs 16th June; Outing – Spalding Gentleman's Museum – Thurs 23rd June; Witham Bookworms – Mon 27th June; Witham Walkers – Thurs 30th June at Manton; Lincs South Quiz evening – Fri 29th July. Details on Facebook/Insta or via our Secretary. There was also a display of some member's beautiful glasswork made at a recent workshop in Oakham and lovely Royal memorabilia for the Jubilee-themed competition. Lincolnshire South events also continue to gather pace, including walks, craft mornings, Speakers Day and an on-line Annual Meeting.

Meetings at 7.30pm in the St Andrew's Parish Hall: Tuesday 5th July, speaker Nigel Lowey on the Transformation of St Pancras Station; Tuesday 2nd August – Games on the Green. Visitors and prospective members are always very welcome to join us.

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Jane's Seasonal Recipe

Tasty cookies from a recipe in a Prima magazine home-made Christmas gifts booklet. Not exclusively for Christmas!

Eggnog Cookies

125g soft butter

125g caster sugar

2 tbsp milk

2 tsp vanilla extract

150g sr flour

25g custard powder

½ tsp cinnamon

½ tsp nutmeg

3 tbsp bronze crunch pieces (Waitrose Cooks' ingredients)

Line 2 large baking sheets with parchment. Beat butter, sugar and milk until pale and creamy. Add flour, custard powder and spices, beat until combined. Divide dough into 12 pieces, shape into balls. Roll in bronze crunch. Place on baking trays, spaced well apart to allow for spreading, press down lightly with palm of hand to flatten slightly. Bake 150°C for 30 mins until edges are just firming, but centres still soft. Cool for 5 mins on tray, then transfer to a wire rack to cool and crisp up.

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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
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10 th July Trinity 4	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Castle)
17 th July Trinity 4			10.30am Benefice Eucharist & Picnic (Grimsthorpe Castle) 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Castle)
24 th July Trinity 5		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Castle)
31 st July Trinity 6 / Lammas			10.30am Benefice Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Castle)

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