

The Three Towers

April 2023

Serving the communities in and around
Edenham, Swinstead, Witham on the
Hill, Toft, Lound and Manthorpe



Parish News

Front page: Some more community work by Manthorpe residents. The picture on the cover shows 2 of the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe councillors, Richard Stephenson and Jeremy Dawson, planting one of 9 trees (6 English Oak and 3 Field Maples) that were planted by Manthorpe residents (actually, this time just the Dawson family plus Richard) along the verge on the A6121 at the back of the layby between Toft and Witham Crossroads on the east side of the road.

Swinstead Children's Easter Box appeal was a great success. Thank you to Princebuild for such a goodwill initiative and to all the villagers who dropped off a box. The boxes will be loaded onto one of their vans and driven directly to Ukraine and given to the children and also those in refugee camps within Poland. Every box will put a smile on a child's face and give them some joy.

Congratulations to Peter and Elsie Kiely of Swinstead, aged 94 and 91 respectively, who celebrated 70 years of marriage, marking their Platinum wedding. Peter and Elsie wed in St Mary's Church and have lived in the village for the entirety of their married life.

Huge Congratulations to them from everyone in Swinstead.



Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 12 and 25 April, 10.30am to 12pm - Swinstead Village Hall Coffee Mornings. Everyone is welcome. Meet some new friends and old, and enjoy some banter accompanied with coffee, tea, freshly baked cakes and raffle prizes.

Saturday 15 April 8.30am - 10.00am BIG BREKKIE, St Andrew's Parish Hall. All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

Monday 17 April 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Witham on the Hill Historical Society talk. Steve Giullari on Bourne Castle- Through the Ages, the history and recent investigations.

Friday 21 April , Swinstead Village Hall - Quiz Night. Bar opens at 7.30pm and quiz starts at 8pm. Anything from general knowledge, trivia, pop culture, music, tv etc. It's a good crowd and friendly competition. £2 per person, tables of 4. Cash prize.

Wednesday 3 May, 7:30pm, Edenham Village Hall - Village Hall AGM. Anyone who wishes to be part of the committee please come along. Please Contact Nikki Gunn on 07908111690 if you have any questions.

Monday 22 May 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall - Witham on the Hill Historical Society talk. Stuart Orme on Civil War in Peterborough and Stamford.



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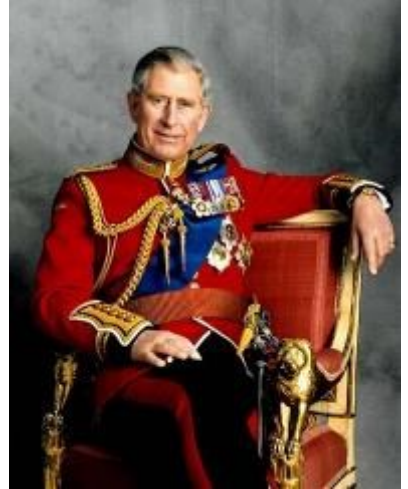
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King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

6 - 8 May 2023

The country will celebrate the coronation of King Charles III over the long weekend 6th to 8th May 2023. The King's coronation will take place on Saturday 6th May. 7th May is the "formal" day for the Coronation Big Lunch, at which neighbours and communities are invited to share food and fun together.



Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe: 7 May from 12:00 noon onwards

Theme: Street party with games on the Jubilee Playing Field in Manthorpe
Format: Bring your own food, drinks, plates, cutlery and glasses, and where possible, please bring your own chairs and tables. Music by Smuggler Jack!

Witham on the Hill: 7 May from 2pm onwards

Theme: Coronation picnic on the village green.
Format: Bring your own food, drink, fold up chairs, bunting, flags, and dress for the occasion! It is hoped there will be enough people for rounders and boules. Come and join in the fun!

Swinstead: 7 May from noon until 4pm

Theme: Street party outside the Village Hall on Bourne Road
Format: Bring your own picnic hampers with food, drinks, plastic plates, cutlery, glasses and where possible, please bring your own chairs. The bar will be open to purchase any additional drinks. Fizz to toast our King, along with celebration cakes and music provided by the Village Hall. All enquiries to villagehallswinstead@gmail.com

COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE AWARDS

EAST OF ENGLAND WINNER - MILL FARM BUTCHER

Our local Manthorpe butcher is the East of England Butcher Champion!

Having won the regional heat, Hannah and her team will now compete against all the other regional winners from across Wales, Scotland and England at the Champions' Reception in the House of Lords on Wednesday 17 May 2023.

Well done team Mill Farm.

Countryside Alliance Awards



East of England Butcher Champion

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Edenham & Grimsthorpe Parish Council

Vacancy for Parish Clerk/RFO Edenham

Parish Council is seeking a person with an interest in the local community for the post of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council. The post is part-time, working hours vary from week to week but average around 1.5 hour per week. Applicants should possess excellent administrative, organisational and IT skills as well as a flexible approach to working and be prepared to work from home. The position requires attendance at Parish Council Meetings held bi-monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 7.30pm Edenham Village Hall.

Duties include:

Overall administration of the Parish Council's business – preparation of papers for Council Meetings, taking and production of accurate minutes, dealing with correspondence, monitoring Council's policies and advising Councillors regarding legal and good practice requirements.

Implementing Council decisions

Maintenance of accurate and up-to-date financial records of the Parish Council, placing orders, preparing invoices for payment, receiving and banking income

Preparation of the annual budget, completing the annual audit and liaising with internal & external auditors

The salary will be in line with National Association of Local Councils' pay scales.

For more information please contact the current Clerk. (see below). To apply for the position please send a letter with accompanying Curriculum Vitae by post or email.

Closing date for applications: Friday 28th April 2023. Parish Clerk: Mrs Carole Sands, 14 Scottlethorpe Road, Edenham, Lincs. PE10 0LN
email: Edenham.pc@gmail.com

The Vicar Writes

Whenever you begin to plan Holy Week and Easter services someone will always ask “Can we have a donkey on Palm Sunday?” My response has always been “Absolutely! If you can find one!” Donkeys for Palm Sunday aren’t easy to come by (the bigger Churches seem to snap them up first). I did once manage to hire a donkey when I was Vicar of Chapel St Leonards. When I told the Sunday School that we were getting “a donkey like the one in the Bible”, one child jumped up and declared “You mean it’s a talking donkey?!” Thinking they’d got mixed-up with Shrek, they quickly corrected me saying “Not that donkey. I mean Balaam’s donkey!” Never underestimate children (and never underestimate what gets taught in Sunday Schools!).

We may not like to admit it, but adults can learn a great deal from children. Sometimes we find that what we think of as child-like or juvenile behaviour can be more than a little enlightening. For instance,

when our children were young Jessica had a blanket (it was the blanket that I came from the hospital wrapped-up in when I was born). Somehow, Jessica got hold of it and couldn’t sleep without it (it’s still the case today). On one occasion I found that our eldest child had got hold of it and I feared the worst (I was convinced it’d been pinched from Jess in a fit of rage). But when I made enquiries, I soon discovered that Jess had, on this one occasion, loaned it out in order to share it’s comforting and soothing properties (aww...). There was nothing sinister about it! Children occasionally remind us that, perhaps, we need to be a little more flexible in our expectations and not to write-off what they say and do without thinking.

The same might also be said of donkeys!

In chapter 22 of the Book of Numbers, we find that Balaam (non-Israelite prophet) was setting off on a journey with the instruction to curse, rather than bless, God’s people Israel. So, to hinder him, God sends an angel (with a drawn sword no

less!) to block Balaam's way. When Balaam's donkey saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road, with a drawn sword in his hand, the donkey turned aside out of the road and went into the field. And Balaam struck the donkey, to turn her into the road.

Now, it's probably safe to assume here that Balaam thought the donkey was simply being stubborn (as donkeys can be) and assuming that he knows better, he beats the donkey into submission. But then it happened again! The angel of the Lord stood in a narrow path between the vineyards, with a wall on either side. And when the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she pushed against the wall and pressed Balaam's foot against the wall. So, he struck her again. Then the angel of the Lord went ahead and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. When the donkey saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

Finally, the donkey could bear it no

longer! The Lord opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Balaam, "What have I done to you, that you have struck me these three times?" And Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you have made a fool of me. I wish I had a sword in my hand, for then I would kill you."

Clearly, Balaam needed to see the bigger picture, so the donkey continued, "Am I not your donkey, on which you have ridden all your life long to this day? Is it my habit to treat you this way?" And he said, "No." Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his drawn sword in his hand. And he bowed down and fell on his face.

It takes courage to admit that you're not quite as in control of a situation as you thought you were (especially when it's being pointed out to you by a talking donkey). Refusing to hear what God, and others, may be saying to us can leave us having to deal with both practical and spiritual roadblocks that we could easily have avoided.

God uses all kinds of people and situations to point us towards a better way (including children). Sometimes it could be a word from a friend, a prayer or a poem, the foresight to think first before you rush to a conclusion, or it could even be a donkey!

If you have a donkey (talking or otherwise) that could join us for Palm Sunday at Swinstead, please email me at edenhamoffice@gmail.com Fr Edward

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OBERAMMERGAU 2022

This was a trip of a lifetime, a very special holiday. I had wanted to go since I first heard about it as a teenager; so when the opportunity arose a few years ago I jumped at the chance. Even Bob was willing to come – though I would have gone on my own! I first saw a leaflet about the trip, when I was working at Edenham Regional House, being organised by Julia Pirie, a friend of Frances Plummer's, on behalf of a Women's Fellowship group. The play should have been performed in 2020, but Covid put paid to that, so it was rescheduled for 2022. Trudy and Francis Templeman joined us, taking the places of people who had to cancel.

We first met Julia at a lunch that she had organised, so that we could meet up with some of our fellow travellers. Many we didn't meet until we arrived at Munich airport, then travelled on by coach to Mosern, a small village close to Seefeld. The hotel where we stayed had wonderful views over the Inn valley and the Karwendal mountains. Our tour guide throughout was an Austrian, Harry, who was extremely knowledgeable, friendly, helpful with a jolly sense of humour! On day 2 we visited the Nativity Crib



Museum in Wennis, had worship in a local church, followed by an organ recital which included pieces by Bach and Praetorius. In the afternoon we travelled to the Pitztal Valley and the glacial Lake Riffelsee, reached by cable

car. Most of the party walked around the lake and had lunch in the café overlooking the lake. Bob and I chose pork schnitzel which was very tasty. Then on to Karrosten, to visit a family run weaving workshop – set in a traditional alpine chalet! We all boarded the coach laden with purchases – gifts for family and friends at home.

Day 3 was the highlight of the holiday – the day we all anticipated with much excitement. It was a short drive to Oberammergau where we checked in at the famous



Hotel Alte Post, then found a café for our first apple strudel, before making our way to the theatre at 1pm. The stage was open air, but the 4,000 comfy audience seats were under cover. It was a very impressive modern building. The Passion play was performed in German, but we were given a booklet with the full script, so we were soon able to work out the characters. Over 200 people took part – the crowd scenes included babes in arms and children. The acting was amazing, and the choir of 60 sang beautifully, with a professional soprano and tenor. Between each scene a tableau depicted a scene from the Old Testament, which related to the story, including Cain and Abel, Moses and the burning bush, the trials of Job, and Daniel in the lion's den. During a break from 4pm until 7pm we made our way back to the hotel for our meal – we were amazed to discover that a lot of the staff were performing in the play, but dinner was still very efficiently served! When the play resumed it was dark, so the printed text wasn't easy to read (though many used torches or mobile phones) but by then we knew who the

characters were, and as we knew the story it wasn't difficult to follow! The very dramatic finale ended on a very optimistic note, with the disciples gathered around the fire talking of the resurrection. With the play finishing just before 10pm we were on a high, and not wanting to go back to the hotel just yet, we walked around Oberammergau looking in shop windows, admiring the paintings on the walls of the buildings and visited a church for a light display.

Day 4 we had free time, but were given an interesting talk in the theatre by a member of the cast who played Nicodemus. He explained that anyone who was born or lived in the village was entitled to perform. He was a Muslim by birth but considered himself a Christian. Bob and I also chose



to visit the village museum, the exterior of which was covered in blue fabric pieces – the costumes from the 2010 Passion Play. After lunch we returned to Mosern; and Bob and I went on a walk up the mountain to the local lake.

Day 5 our tour guide took us on a walk around Mosern, and told us of places to visit in the afternoon. Bob, Francis and I followed the Stations of the Cross up a very steep hill, with fabulous views from the top. At 5pm we watched the Peace Bell of the Alpine Region, which rings every day. It was installed in 1997 as a beacon for good neighbourly relations and understanding amongst people of diverse nationalities, cultures and religions.

Day 6 was the day of the funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the hotel management very kindly set aside a room with a large screen TV, candles and a picture of the Queen, so we could watch the funeral. However,

Bob and I decided to get a local bus into Seefeld to see the sights - a lovely little town with a central square, quaint shops, winter sports centre, and some stunning little churches. We walked around the lake and enjoyed lunch in a café. We got the bus back to the hotel, in time to see the part of the funeral in Windsor Chapel.

Our final full day was a trip to Innsbruck, a tour of the city famous for the Golden Roof and the Hofburg Palace, the tomb of Emperor Maximilian I with its stunning larger than life bronze statues, including the English King Arthur! In the afternoon we visited Linderhof Palace the very grand home of King Ludwig II of Bavaria. Built in 1870's its opulence is similar to Louis XIV's Palace of Versailles, full of statues, ornamental plasterwork and an excessive amount of gold! Set in a narrow valley the garden is stunning, with terraces, flower beds and fountains. We were to have fitted in a visit to Stams Cistercian Monastery, but we ran out of time!

Day 8 was the return flight from Munich. At the airport we decided we should have weisswurst – a Munich speciality white sausage made of veal and pork, which was delicious! An uneventful journey home after a most exciting holiday, which we shall never ever forget. The Hotel was good, the staff were very helpful; and everywhere we went we were very welcome. The next season of the Passion Play will be in 2030, so you have 7 years to think about it. We can highly recommend it.

Jane and Bob Clark

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Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue

In the village of Clipsham in Rutland there is a handsome Hall built in the local limestone and surrounded by parkland. The Hall was originally constructed in 1582 but was drastically rebuilt in 1700 in the classical Doric style of architecture, leaving just one wall from the original structure. There were many additions and further alterations made in the 19th century. The Hall is the hub of the Clipsham Estate which includes the productive limestone quarries and a half mile long carriage drive lined with Yew trees.

In the mid-Victorian period, the estate came into the hands of the Handley family. When the purchaser, John Handley MP for Newark, died, he left the property to his nephew William Davenport on the condition that he adopt the additional surname Handley.

In 1870 the Estate Head Forester, a Mr Amos Alexander, asked John Davenport-Handley, the Estate owner at the time, if he could enhance the carriage drive by clipping the Yews into different shapes, an art called topiary.



Mr Davenport-Handley agreed, providing that each tree was different and paid tribute to events and people of local, national and world interest. However, he would not allow depictions of women, Queen Victoria being the only exception.

Family members with their names and years of birth would be depicted in topiary, as would important events in the family such as when David Davenport-Handley went to Dartmouth Royal Naval College in 1930, depicted by an anchor, and when Leslie Davenport-Handley celebrated her ruby wedding anniversary. Queen Victoria was represented in each of her jubilees. The tops of each tree were made into the shapes of various birds and animals.

In 1955 the Avenue was let to the Forestry Commission on a 999 year lease. Experts were brought in to continue the tradition of topiary and they created clippings showing a Spitfire from World War 2, Neil Armstrong as the first man on the moon in 1969, the county of Rutland gaining independence in 1997, a windmill and the initials of Amos Alexander and Sir David Davenport-Handley. And thus, the carriage drive became the celebrated Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue.

The result is an avenue unique in this country with free entrance to the public, open every day of the year, complete with car parks, seats, picnic tables and information panels. Topiary is only found in private gardens and never in such numbers as in the Avenue. The trees in the Avenue are over 200 years old, planted in Napoleonic War times. It is deservedly one of the top attractions in Rutland.

At the road entrance there are two Copper Beech trees, one on each side of the double gates. Each bears a metal plaque stating that it was planted by Sir David Davenport-Handley on 21st March 1986. Strangely, the one on the left has grown better than the one on the right. The stone-built lodge, built in 1860, also on the left of the gates is grade II listed. It appeared to be empty

until a few years ago, I know this because I often took a peek through the windows, but now it seems to have been converted to a private house. At the end of the avenue are a further set of gates from which there is an excellent panorama of the estate parkland with a distant view of the Hall. There is also a not terribly comfortable seat and a useful information board describing the fauna and flora of the Avenue.

In 2010 the Forestry Commission announced that it no longer had the funding to continue with the clipping and the trees soon became diseased and overgrown. The patterns on the trees were lost, bank voles chewed up the ground and the Yews deteriorated further. The grass was not cut and large potholes appeared in the car park and approach roads.

Despite its increasingly poor condition, visitor numbers to the Avenue remained high. Fortunately, in 2012 a number of local people started to raise serious concerns about the lack of maintenance and the very survival of the Avenue.

In 2018, a new charitable trust was formed – the Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue Trust, a group of local people determined to get something done. They estimated that £15,000 to £20,000 would have to be raised each year to maintain and improve the Avenue. With help from local MPs and council leaders, they set about fund-raising and have received several grants. The Trust has contracted with the Forestry Commission to take over the management of the Avenue and a regular program is now in place.

The Trust have certainly done a superb job with the Avenue now looking better than ever. Supported by the Friends of Clipsham Yew Tree Avenue, an extra car park has been built, growth behind the Yews has been cut back, the grass has been regularly cut, seats, picnic tables and information boards have been installed, drainage channels cleared and many, but not all, of the potholes on the entrance roads have been filled in. And of course, the topiary is in the process of being restored.

That no entrance fee is charged is amazing. A visit is a great experience and is extremely popular. Visitors, with or without granny or dogs, can go for a pleasant walk, take the kids for a noisy run about, have a picnic in good weather, photograph the flora and fauna or just sit and admire the trees and breathe God's fresh air. But when arriving take care to avoid the occasional pothole, there are still a few remaining to be filled up. Dick Mundy

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

6TH APRIL 2023 at 3pm

STEAM ACTION AGM

7 FEBRUARY

On Tuesday 7th February Steam Action held its annual AGM at Edenham Regional House. It was well attended with 13 current committee members in attendance and 4 members of the public.

Lucie, the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave everyone a brief explanation of Steam Action and its history. The minutes of 2022 AGM were circulated and they were agreed to be a true record.

Chair's report: We held 10 committee meetings last year and quite a few events including Lincolnshire Plum Loaf Bake off, Poetical Cellist, Queen's Jubilee Picnic, Summer Quiz, Afternoon Tea, Veg and Produce Show, Christmas Lunch and the pantomime. Overall it was a good year but it was felt we are ready for new members and new ideas for getting the committee together.

Election of Officers

Chair – Lucie VonCarthy

Deputy Chair – Lynda Wilson

Treasurer – Pat Smith

Secretary and Minute Secretary – Emma Aque

Committee – 2 members of the committee that had been great assets for many years decided to step down and four new members were welcomed onto the committee. We now have 17 members of the committee.

Dates for our regular events were discussed and we are looking for ideas for new events.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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Parish Council of Edenham, Grimsthorpe, Elsthorpe & Scottlethorpe - Clerk's Notes of the Meeting 14th March 2023

Attendees: Parish Councillors Mr T Clarke (Chairman), Mr A Wilson, Mrs M Marshall, Mrs A Treacy, Mr D Hawes, Mrs M Avis & Mrs C Sands (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Mrs P Cranfield (Vice Chairman), Mr M Hill (LCC).

Parish Clerk Update from PC Meeting 10th January 2023

Speed Monitor Data: Speeding continues to be an ongoing issue along Main Street, Edenham. The Parish Clerk has obtained a new quote for the equipment to carry out Community Speed Watch sessions; however, there are currently no offers of support to help to carry out the sessions.

TRS Building: Conifer tree shaping - nothing new to report on this item, the Parish Clerk is awaiting a reply from Openreach.

Christmas Tree & Carol Singing: Everyone involved in making this event possible received a 'Thank You' via the Three Towers Magazine.

Drainage issues Main Street Edenham: Cllr Hill (LCC) confirmed that a tanker/ jetter vehicle will be sent to the area in due course and later this month the flooding team will investigate.

Dog Fouling Scottlethorpe Road: This is still being monitored and the situation has improved.

Civility & Respect Certificate: This is now on the Parish Council website.

New Parish Council Matters:

King Charles Coronation: Bourne to Care, Main Street Edenham will be holding a Whist drive and Afternoon Tea on Thursday 4th May 2023. If you are interested in attending this event please confirm attendance directly to Councillor Avis by Monday 1st May 2023.

Carol Singing 2023: This item was carried over to the next meeting to

allow Councillor Cranfield to be involved in the discussions.

Elections May 2023: Election packs handed to all Councillors present at the meeting.

Parish Council Documents: Councillors' Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were all approved.

Parish Clerk to upload the documents onto the Parish Council Website.

Play Area: Councillor Treacy reported that there are currently no issues to report in the play area.

Planning Matters: Parish Clerk to contact SKDC Planning Department for an update regarding the planning application S22/1360 Randalls Farm, Scottlethorpe Road, Edenham.

Financial Matters: The accounts were audited and it was confirmed that they were all in order.

Expenditure: (March & April 2023)

LALC Training Scheme subscription: (Due April 1st) £108; **LALC**

Membership: (Due April 1st) £82.22; **Salaries and HMRC PAYE:** (Clerk & Community Street Cleaning due 31st March) £397.72; **Parish**

Council Admin costs: (16th March) Ink Cartridge £17.99; **Play area:** (16th March) Grass seed and compost for resurfacing areas £10.00;

Microsoft Word Package: Annual package costs £60.00

Bank Account Reconciliations: (13th March)

Treasurer's Account: £2102.03; **Business Account:** £3447.07

Going forward Councillor Clarke will release payments on the internet banking app, Parish Clerk to set this up.

Correspondence: Various funding opportunities are available via SKDC, this information has been shared with the Village Hall Committee.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday 16th May 2023 this meeting is a week later than usual due to the elections process.



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Witham on the Hill WI - March 2023

The speaker at the March meeting was Lucienne Bennett, a “Cloggie” – the nickname given to people from the Netherlands. She came to England in 1978, being married to a RAF officer. South Holland and North Holland are western districts of the Netherlands where most of the bulbs are grown. She has ancestors growing tulips since the 18th century. Tulips originated in Iran and Afghanistan and it was discovered they were suited to the soil in Holland – a mixture of sand and clay, on the land reclaimed from the sea. Tulips need free-draining soil with little sustenance as the bulb is the complete package, only needing water. The ground is flooded prior to planting which gets rid of pests, weeds and old tulip leaves. Then the water is pumped out and bulbs are planted in late autumn. They are covered in straw to keep birds and rodents away. Tulips grow in spring and are almost immediately beheaded if grown for the bulb. The petals are used for festivals like the former Spalding tulip parade. When the leaves have died back, they are harvested like potatoes, sorted and graded. The small bulblets are grown on for 5 years. There are over 3,000 varieties; new ones are always being developed. Lucienne advised to buy bulbs loose from growers or garden centres where they are stored correctly and not from supermarkets. She advised to plant them late Nov/early Dec. If planted in pots, they need old used compost. Bulbs for cut flowers are grown by hydroculture in huge greenhouses, heated by ground-source heat pumps. The flowers are flown all over the world from Schiphol airport, very close to the growing area. Lucienne showed a picture of the very modern computerised Aalsmeer flower auction warehouse, rather like a stock exchange.

Frances Plummer gave the vote of thanks for a very interesting talk. On display were items of patchwork recently made at an English paper piece workshop led by Kaye Mundy. Opportunities for various outings and lunches in the next few months were to be signed up for. A community café afternoon tea will take place on Tuesday 28 March from 2-4pm in the St

Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, to promote better mental health. All welcome – come for tea, cake and a chat. Board games available. Subscriptions will be due in April and the Witham WI committee has agreed to reduce the subs recommended by NFWI from £46 to £40 to encourage more members. The annual subscription is still great value for money – 11 meetings a year at no extra cost.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4 April at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, when the speaker will be Geoff Evans on "Around Mull and Scotland". New members and visitors are always most welcome. For further information, contact Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.



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Clerk's Notes - Swinstead Parish Council Meeting,

Thursday 9th March

Chair, Cllr A Whitworth, Cllr B Lynch, Cllr C Lunn, Cllr L Underhill, Cllr Vardy, C Hatch (Clerk)

Welcome Mrs Vardy to the Parish Council. Cllr Vardy completed and signed the Acceptance and DOI forms, the Clerk will forward them to SKDC.

Apologies for Absence. Cllr Lunn.

Matters Arising from previous meeting. The Clerk confirmed contact with a contractor with the appropriate NRSWA certificate who will quote for the relocation of the Creeton Road Speed sign. He also confirmed the road closures for the Coronation have been agreed by Highways. SKDC Councillor Robins advised the building surveyors have confirmed “Whitegates” is not an unsafe structure.

County & District Councillors. Cllr Robins provided a review on District Council activity.

Parish Clerk report. Position at Bank. The Clerk presented the PC accounts to date which were accepted. Cheques to be signed. Clerks' salary £265.52, LALC Annual renewal £77.85, Mr J Hawkins £200, Jubilee Orchard Hedge cutting. (Invoice received after publication of the agenda).

Planning:

S23/0376 Mr A Baines, 20 High Street Swinstead. Reduce height pollard 1x walnut tree. (Tree preservation order). (Received after publication of agenda). No comment from PC.

22/2368 Mr Smith, Land Adjacent to Macham Close, Swinstead, NG33 4QH. Conversion, partial demolition, and erection of extensions to existing barn, to form a detached residential dwelling. (Decision pending).

Correspondence:

SKDC Prosperity Fund Grant. The Clerk confirmed the Parish Council's Grant Application for Deer Fencing to be erected in the Jubilee Orchard was successful. The Prosperity Grant Board has approved the full cost of work, which will commence shortly.

Dash UK Ltd. Provided information for Commemorative Coronation Mugs. The Councillors suggested these should be given to the children (16 yrs. and below) of the Village as a memento of the day. Parents should email the Clerk to express their interest.

AOB: The Clerk advised the Councillors that elections for District, Town and Parish Councils will take place on the 4th of May 2023. He provided all Councillors who sought re-election with an application pack and explained the process to follow. Any resident of Swinstead who qualify and would like to become a Parish Councillor, should contact the Clerk for an application pack.

Date of next meeting.

May 11th, 2023, 6.00pm at Swinstead Village Hall

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Jane's Seasonal Recipe

A Tesco recipe for parsnip dumplings sounded very different – and it is very tasty! At the moment, we have only parsnips and leeks left in the garden until we get the spring veg, so this is an unusual way of using up parsnips.

Curried beef stew with parsnip dumplings

*1 tablespoon oil
400g diced beef
1 onion, sliced
2 carrots, cut into chunks
2 teaspoons cumin
1 teaspoon turmeric
1 teaspoon coriander
100g sr flour
600ml beef stock
300g parsnips, roughly chopped
300g potatoes, chopped
1 teaspoon rosemary
5g fresh parsley, chopped
100g mature cheddar, grated*

Brown the beef in oil. Add onions and carrots cook over medium heat for 5 mins. Stir in spices, 1 tablespoon flour and cook for 1 min. Add beef stock. Bring to boil, cook in oven 170°C for 1½ hrs. Meanwhile put parsnips and potatoes in cold water, boil for 10-12 mins until tender. Drain well, steam dry for a few mins then mash well with herbs, flour, and 75g grated cheese. Leave to cool while stew cooks. Shape potato mix into small dumplings and place on top of stew. Sprinkle over rest of cheese. Bake in oven 200°C for approx. 30 mins until dumplings are golden and cooked through. Serve with green veg.

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2 nd April Palm Sunday	10.30am Benefice Palm Sunday Procession & Eucharist		4pm Stations of the Cross 6.30pm Deanery Evensong (Corby Glen)
3 rd April Mon in Holy Week	7.30pm Eucharist (Swinstead)		
4 th April Tues in Holy Week	7.30pm Eucharist (Castle Bytham)		
5 th April Wed in Holy Week	7.30pm Eucharist (Creeton)		
6 th April Maundy Thurs	7.30pm Sung Eucharist & Watch (Little Bytham)		
7 th April Good Friday	1.30pm Good Friday Liturgy (Swinstead)	10.30am All-age Service (Careby)	
8 th April Holy Saturday			
9 th April Easter Day	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	5.30am Easter Vigil & Breakfast (meet outside Church Porch) 11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong & Benediction

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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
16 th April Easter 2		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
23 rd April Easter 3		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
30 th April Easter 4		10.30am Benefice Eucharist	4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)

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