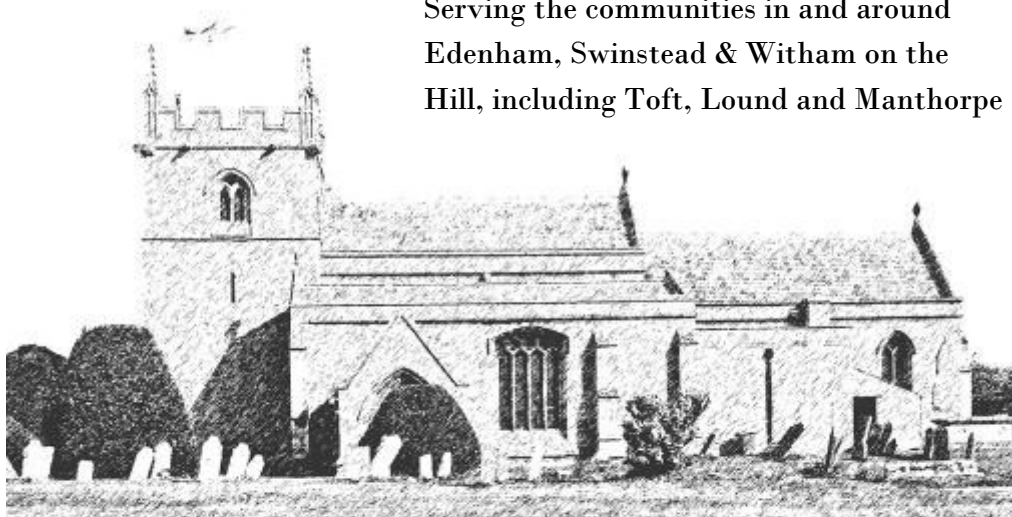


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BREAKING NEWS

Congratulations to Ron and Sara Murphy of "The Poplars" in Toft who had a baby boy, Finley William Murphy, on 29th May 2011.

Congratulations to Tommy and Louisa Plummer on their marriage on 11 June. Wishing you both much happiness in your new life together.

Parish Council Meetings - All welcome - Members of the public are encouraged to bring points of concern to the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors; they may also voice opinions or concerns during or prior meeting (depending on local Parish Council practice). Also if anyone has any events, items of interest, pictures, historical facts, or other information that they would like to share then please contact the appropriate Clerk who will arrange for information to be placed on their Parish Website.

Next public meetings:

Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe - 12 July at 7.30pm -Toft Hotel
Clerk, Adrian Childs - adrianchilds@tiscali.co.uk

Witham-on-the-Hill - 11 July at 7pm - Parish Hall
Clerk, Rosemary Woolley - email-wothparishcouncil@msn.com

Swinstead Parish Council - 7 July at 8pm - Village Hall
Clerk, Jane Hunt-Webb - 01476 552355

VICAR'S MENTIONS

The Revd Canon Andrew Hawes M.A. SSC
The Vicarage, Edenham, PE10 0LS
Telephone 01778 591358
E-mail athawes@tiscali.co.uk

JULY SERVICES

It is an unwritten rule in these parishes that we make it as easy as possible to go to church; each parish, as a norm, has a service each Sunday at the same time (a very rare thing these days for villages). This month things get complicated – **so please do look at *The Three Towers* before setting off to church.** If transport is a problem please call me on 01778 591358.

GRIMSTHORPE CHAPEL

Evening Prayer on a Sunday and Parish Communion on the 17th July are in the Chapel of Grimsthorpe Castle. To worship in this wonderful space where the light falls in from the high windows, and to enjoy its silence is one of the many blessings we have in the Holy Places in our parishes.

For Evening Prayer please let the ticket office know your intentions

and follow the signs to Chapel Service, for Three Parishes Communion please use the white gates at the top of Grimsthorpe Hill and park by the Castle.

MRS MARY ROBERTS

The funeral of Mary Roberts took place at Edenham on the 8th June; she was a few weeks off her 95th birthday. Mrs Roberts had been a very significant personality in the life of Edenham since 1967 when her husband Geoffrey became the Vicar.

Since 2006 Mary had been living in Anglesey near her daughter Susan. Mary's funeral was the best example I know of someone being prepared for their own death. Too few people leave clear instructions as to what their own wishes are for their funeral, which is rather surprising given that it is a certain event, although the actual date is not predictable.

It gave Mary a chance to witness in a beautiful way to her own faith and spirituality; and it allowed her to give the Edenham Church community a last lesson on the Christian life.

We had Bach and Traherne and readings from the Authorised Version of the Bible. Among the prayers were the collect for the Sixth Sunday after Trinity and the prayer of J H Newman:

'Lord, support us all the day long of the troublous life, until shadows lengthen, the evening comes, our work is over and the day is done. Then Lord in your mercy, grant us a holy rest and peace at the last.'

At the graveside her family sang 'Dona nobis pacem' (give us peace). The hymns were carefully chosen and included 'Brother, sister let me serve you' – I often chose this for Sunday worship as I knew Mary loved it. 'The church is my family' she used to say – and she was like a second mother to many.

Mary had made her arrangements in 1998 and paid for the funeral by a 'funeral bond scheme'. This meant she could choose everything herself including the quality and wood of the coffin! As one may imagine, this made life much easier for her family. I have already prepared instructions for

my funeral and would be very happy to advise anyone else who would like to do the same. It could be the most loving thing that one could do for your family.

LEGACIES

On a related topic – Edenham Church has in the past year been the beneficiary of two bequests. To a small parish, which costs £500 per week to remain solvent, these are a wonderful bonus. Many people do not realise that the upkeep of our parish churches are the responsibility of the parish. There are no Government or Church of England funds to draw on. It also is local money that funds the local church. This is even the case for the Vicar's stipend, housing and pension costs. Our three little parishes (total population of 850) have to find £30,000 this year to help pay for the Vicar and for the training of others. So don't pass over the parish church in your bequests. It will ensure that the Parish Church remains open for worship. It the most local of charities and is there to benefit the whole community.

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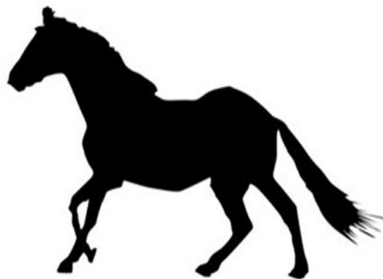
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THE UPPER ROOMS

It is now ten years to the month since the 'Upper Rooms' at Edenham Regional House were opened and blessed by the Bishop of Lincoln, Bob Hardy. After a very long process of planning consultations, and achieving the seemingly impossible task of raising £100,000, a new staircase and significant structural strengthening saw the provision of four en-suite rooms, a kitchenette, a dining-sitting room with a separate stair and outside access. At the same time wheel chair ramps were added and doors altered to provide wheel chair access to the dining room. In the past year the rooms were used on 262 separate nights, and have included clergy groups from all over England, groups of lay people coming on retreat, clergy on Sabbaticals, and in the last few weeks a group of

four RAF chaplains who had returned from Afghanistan.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

After the upper rooms, the old coach house was developed to provide residential facilities for wheel chair users – including a wet room. The last piece of the jigsaw was the conversion of the old boiler room into a kitchen set up to cater for large numbers, and the addition of a glazed corridor on the north side of the house to link the upper rooms staircase, the dining room and the regional house kitchen.

THE GROUNDS

The vicarage is set in an acre of woodland and gardens and these are now being redeveloped to maximise their potential. The key objective is to provide maximum accessibility to the grounds for those who have mobility problems. One of the problems the house has is that wheel chairs find it very difficult to move around on the gravel drive. In order to provide a pathway, the drive and lawn at the front of the house

require drastic reordering. With the inspiration of Peter Eustance (a garden designer on the management committee) the house has embarked on a major reorganisation of the grounds to make them more accessible, easier to maintain, to gain areas for quiet reflection and prayer, and open up the garden to light and the majestic views of the East Glen valley that the unique position of the Vicarage affords. Work has already begun, the trees have been 'shaped' much of the undergrowth has been cleared. After a fortnight's work by tree surgeons and 135 hours of volunteer labour the effect is dramatic.

The house has secured significant funding from charities and in August the landscaping will begin. The plan replicates on the outside the floor plan of Edenham Church – its pillars and east to west orientation, with a font like water feature in the west and a focus for worship and gathering in the form of a massive stone table.

Like many things in the twenty-two year history of the house, what was a vision will become a reality and people from all over the world will find hope and healing in this holy place sanctified by centuries of prayer and Christian service.

HOG ROAST!

The Friends Association have been key to all these developments and as a fund raising exercise have organised a hog roast on July 8th in the Vicarage gardens at 7.30pm. Tickets are a fiver. There will be a bar, and all the traditional garden fete games will be set up to test our skills. Tickets from 01778 591358.

FRIDAYS AT EDENHAM

Every Friday at Edenham, except Good Friday, there is a celebration of the Eucharist in the Stable Chapel at 12 noon. This service is quiet and reflective and includes a Homily. It lasts around 40 to 45 minutes. For those able and willing to stay, the Eucharist is followed by a bring and share lunch.

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FORTHCOMING PERIODS OF REFLECTION

FRIDAY 1 JULY 10am-4pm

“Teach us our God and King” led by the Venerable Tim Barker, Archdeacon of Lincoln. Tim poses the question “What does George Herbert and some other metaphysical poets have to teach us about life in Church today?”

EDENHAM GARDEN FETE

16 July 2011—3.00pm

The Edenham Garden Fete will take place on the 16th July at 3.00pm in the Vicarage garden. There will be the traditional games to test your skills, wonderful homemade teas and lots of stalls, including white elephant, books and toys, cakes and produce. So bring your friends and spend the afternoon in wonderful surroundings.

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Funny how themes repeat themselves over the years; I for one have noticed that my wife's clothes have migrated to my daughter's wardrobe at university where her 'vintage' fashion is a big hit. However, I hope that you agree that the over-exposure of TV chefs has been partially balanced by the recent programme that sought to re-introduce traditional British food back onto our tables.

A return to seasonal fare and good local produce is not only good for the environment but also for our immediate economy and our health. We are spoiled in the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish with a well-established farm shop in the middle of Manthorpe, 'Groovyfoods' on the A6121 between Toft and the T-junction going towards Bourne and our latest new-comer, David and Louise Kreuzberger's egg

stall just after the bridge in Manthorpe.

Munton's Mill Farm Shop is an established family business that has been serving the community well for many years:

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David Ewles from behind the counter even finds time to control the rabbits digging up the Manthorpe playing field for us – free of charge. And, of course, those who came to the post Royal Wedding party in Manthorpe will have seen Mick Dawson expertly making and dishing out crepes, again, all at no cost to the community.

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Groovyfoods of Toft Lodge Farm is another local family business. In addition to their hog roasts and other event support, they have recently opened a butchery department to sell their own free-range and outdoor-reared meats:

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Still growing, the farm shop currently opens at weekends and they plan to increase opening hours as the business expands.

With beef hung for 3 weeks and pork reared until it reaches its peak flavour, Groovyfoods looks to sell the whole carcass not just the best bits. Everything that is not sold fresh over the weekend is available from the freezer; just call and ask.

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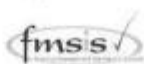
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Edenham School Rogation Walk

The whole community of Edenham School, including pupils, parents, staff and Friends of the school, shared in a Rogation worship on May 26th. We walked together from the school, through Copy Lawn Farm and Grimsthorpe Estate to the Castle. Pupils carried a cross and our school banner, and also read prayers they wrote for themselves.

Our prayers for rain, at the request of Heath Cranfield whose crops are suffering, were answered the minute we arrived at the farm. Well done, Father Andy! However, despite the damp, the feeling was cheerful and the children showed great respect and thoughtfulness for their environment. Thanks to the Cranfield's, the Estate and every body who joined us.

You may enjoy sharing some of the pupils prayers below:

Dear Lord, we ask you to bless the trees and hedges, and send lots of rain to help them grow and give us oxygen, please make sure that they don't die because they bring us food

and joy. Help us keep the trees and hedges from dying. It's very good to have trees because they give us wood and hedges can grow berries to feed the birds. Amen

By Imogen, Georgia, Polly and Ruby

Dear Lord, we ask that our farmers and growers have a good harvest and bring in lots of crops. We also ask you to keep them in good health. Amen

By Finn H and Nicolas

Our Father, we thank you for the people who work on the land – the farmers, woodsmen and rangers. We thank you for gardeners and plants men who make sure we have plentiful food and produce to live on. Help us remember we share the responsibility to care for everything around us, to keep our eyes open and our minds thinking about your goodness. Amen

By Class 4

Truck Safety

You may have spotted a huge HGV parked at the village hall on the 24th May. This arrived, thanks

to the DHL Foundation Trust, in order to help us teach our pupils about Trucks and Child Safety.

The work shops included a demonstration of the vehicle moving, a climb into the cab, what the load beeping means and some really interesting facts.

Did you know, for example, that a 44-tonne truck is as long as a whale, as tall as a giraffe and as heavy as 7 elephants or that a fully loaded, fats-moving truck needs to travel the length of a football pitch before it comes to a stop? Scary and very useful.

New Sports Kit

A huge thanks to Andrew Holmes for his sponsorship of a fantastic new sports kit for our teams.

Thanks also to Ray Biggs for his time persuading Andrew that it would be a great idea!

The dark blue and red kits look very professional and include a Steam Engine logo. Andrew also brought one of his steam engines in for the whole school to explore for the launch of the kit.

Contributions like this are really

valuable to us – THANK YOU!

Before-School and After-School Care

We are delighted to be able to inform everyone that Edenham Pre-School, run by Julie Marshall on the Grimsthorpe Estate, is now to offer before- and after-school child-care from the beginning of September 2011. The facility will be open from 7:30 until 6pm and will offer a brilliant range of activities including outdoor den building, sports and art and drama.

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Swinstead Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting; held at 8pm 12th May 2011.

Present: G Brown, C Lunn, M Somerville, B Lynch, N Robins, K Davies. J Hunt-Webb. No members of the public were present. The new officer of SKDC, Mr Nick Robins was welcomed to the meeting.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2010 were read and agreed as an accurate record.

The Chairman's Report A letter of resignation had been received from the Chairman. The Council expressed a vote of thanks for his time in office.

Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2011: Including the precept of £2500.00, the income for the year was £3142.87; this included a VAT rebate of £142.03. The expenditure amounted to £1883.39 including staff costs and insurance. A reserve of £3879.87 was in hand at the year's end.

The annual audit had been completed and was about to be passed to the internal verifier (Sir Edward Barry). The audit and accounts were approved by the council.

Elector's concerns - none.

Minutes of the Parish Council; held at 8.00pm 16th May, 2011

Present: G Brown, C Lunn, M Somerville, B Lynch, K Davies. No members of the public were present.

Elections: Chairman - B Lynch; Vice Chairman - G Brown.

There were no declarations of interest.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th March 2011 were agreed as an accurate record.

Clerk's report on outstanding matters: The application for a Parish cleaner had been sent to SKDC.

Quotes for grass cutting were to be discussed later in the meeting.

SKDC informed the clerk that provision of the sign for Macham Close was the responsibility of the

developer. If the developer was no longer operating, the residents were financially responsible for signage. The Clerk and Councillor Somerville will investigate the matter further and report back at the next meeting.

Correspondence

Lady Barry had written to the council requesting a donation to St Mary's church; a donation of £210 was agreed.

Two quotes had been received for the grass cutting of the old football field; it was decided to continue with the existing contractor (PJH landscapes) but to seek further quotes for the forthcoming year.

The clerk was asked to draft a letter of thanks from the council to the outgoing Chairman.

Financial Report: The treasurer's report is as discussed in AGM. The Annual audit was signed by the Chairman.

Appointment of new Parish Clerk

Mrs Jane Hunt-Webb was appointed as the Parish Clerk; the committee and expressed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Clerk, Mr

Ken Davies.

Councillors Reports

The continuing work on the Butter Cross project was to be taken over by M Somerville, a file had been passed to the Clerk by the outgoing Chairman who had previously dealt with this task.

Councillor Brown raised the issue of holding a celebration in the village for the Queens Diamond Jubilee. It was decided that various ideas should be brought forward at the next meeting and the Clerk was to liaise with Sir Edward about a joint venture with the village hall committee.

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If it is a choice between Bob Dylan's 70th birthday, Her Majesty The Queen's visit to Ireland or President Obama's visit to the UK, what would you choose to remember from these past few days in May 2011?

For many living outside our special microclimate it is probably none of these. Whilst our farmers and gardeners are desperate for rain, we have seen the devastation of storms in the US. And in our own lands, I know for certain that those living north of the border on Scotland's west coast have had little time to think about their favourite American and his wife as they arrive at Buckingham Palace. Instead, they are assessing the wreckage around them and, in too many cases, awaiting the loss adjuster/insurance assessor to drop by so that they can start to get their homes repaired.

Of course, the damage caused by storms and Bob Dylan's birthday will fade with the passing of time but what of these other events?

The Queen's visit to Ireland was much more than the visit of one

head of state to another. It was a magnificently stage-managed affair that, according to the Irish press, brought cheers and smiles from ordinary Irish folk and provided the forum for the most unlikely mixture of Irish political figures, from the North and the South, to come together for the first time.

Her words of condolence for those who lost loved ones during the years' of violence were carefully scripted and well-received, as her visit to Croke Park demonstrated. Is it too much to hope that this act will further strengthen the move back to normality between our nations?

The history of Ireland tends to suggest that we should not take anything for granted. Memories are long in that part of the world. But there are good grounds for hope.

Compare this with the visit of President Obama to the UK. We have heard that our two countries share not just a 'special relationship' but an 'essential' one. It will be most interesting to see how this change in emphasis alters the attitude of our politicians towards our transatlantic communication.

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The redcurrant bushes in our garden are looking very healthy, so soon we will be inundated with redcurrants. I use them a lot in summer puddings, topping for cheesecakes, compotes, or simply lightly stewed with a little sugar, and stirred into Greek yogurt - very light and refreshing after a big Sunday lunch. Our favourite though, is redcurrant and mango cobbler – a delicious mix of smooth sweet mango with tart redcurrants, divine! If redcurrants aren't available, or difficult to come by, raspberries can be substituted instead.

REDCURRANT & MANGO COBBLER

2 ripe mangoes
12 oz redcurrants
1 oz plain flour
4 oz caster sugar

COBBLER TOPPING

4 oz self raising flour
1 oz caster sugar
2 oz butter
6 tablespoons single cream

Peel and slice the mangoes. Place in a pie dish with redcurrants, sprinkle over plain flour, caster sugar & mix lightly. To make the cobbler topping: rub butter into flour & sugar. Add cream to make a light dough. Roll out, & cut into rounds, ½ inch thick, with a biscuit cutter. Overlap the rounds to cover around the edge of the dish – leaving the fruit in the middle uncovered. Bake for 30-40 mins until the scones are lightly brown. Sprinkle with caster sugar. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream or crème fraiche.

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older adult groups and communities to get in touch as I am looking to begin booking events and courses from October as I will be concentrating on the South Kesteven area from October 2011 – September 2012.

The project has been running since October 2009 and is set to continue until September 2014. So far, Boston, Spalding, South Holland and East Lindsey have been covered.

My remit is to support existing older adults groups, develop new groups, host taster sessions for the new groups and provide training;

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Existing groups have contacted me for a variety of reasons, the most common have been:

Attending their meeting and giving information; sign posting for funding and advertising; assisting with promoting the group; developing a new activity.

Communities have contacted me and New Activities in:

Arts & Crafts; Lunch Clubs; New Age Kurling; Extend-Gentle Seated Exercise; Bingo; and On-line Centres have been started.

Training.

I offered free computer lessons for older adults with little or no computer knowledge after the winter of 2009. Due to the weather, service providers who are already stretched needed to assist people with shopping as they were house bound due to the snow. The idea was to empower people with the confidence to use a computer and go onto use the internet and order their shopping on-line. In addition to this, with the Internet becoming more and more the way of communication and accessing information; being able to use a computer and the Internet would assist people in remaining independent and also offer a way of perhaps keeping in touch with distant relatives. Imagine being able to see and talk to relatives who have moved

away, booking your holiday on-line or even your doctors or hospital appointment! Not to mention the endless information available, who knows you might wish to research your ancestors, a hobby or even Einstein's theory of relativity!

The computer lessons for complete beginners will be available in South Kesteven and, if requested, an intermediate course can be arranged and adapted to a groups needs. The courses have been very popular usually having reserve lists and have been held at a variety of venues including Sheltered Housing Community Rooms, schools and village halls. This offers older adults the opportunity to access free computer lessons locally, and the beginner course starts from the very basics....how to switch it on!

So,

If, you are a member of an existing group who would like some support....

If, you are a community who would like to start a new activity and perhaps hold a taster session....

If, you are a community who would be interested in some free computer lessons please contact me on:

Kathy Briggs

Tel: 07939 669 308 (Mon – Weds)

Email: kathybriggsct@aol.com

I will be delighted to come and meet with you to discuss matters and look forward to hearing from you.

For full details about the project and the other partners go to www.communitylincs.com or call 01529 302466.

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Fire Station News

The station's status as animal rescue specialists has seen us busy in the last few months. The team was recently called out to rescue a horse which had collapsed in a horse box; this is a situation that has to be treated with the utmost care and with consideration for the welfare of the animal and the animal's owner.

One of the most difficult areas of animal rescue is stopping the owner from becoming too involved. Obviously owners are worried and anxious but we have a duty of care to them as well; and a horse can be a very difficult animal to deal with. We learn all about head control, kick and flight zones, something about which a worried owner might be oblivious to.

The rescue had a happy outcome and with the help of a local vet,



the rescue was completed without injury to anyone.

A pony that had collapsed in his stable was another interesting rescue we were to be involved in. When questioned how the pony had become prone on the ground we were told, "well he is forty years old". To help the old gentleman back on to his legs we used threading bars to get rescue straps around him. From there he was winched back on to all four legs and was soon eating heartily from a bucket before regaining full mobility.

We are just about to embark on a day at training school to keep up our competencies in animal rescue and have a lot to learn about new equipment that has just been made available to us.

The house fire in a local village that has been so widely reported upon saw some excellent work from the personnel here and from all the following crews. A fire fighting breathing apparatus team of Crew Manager Paul Harwood and Firefighter Ben Harwood were the first to enter the building where they were confronted by a difficult compartment entry into a well-ventilated free-burning fire.

Upper most in their thoughts would have been the potential for the phenomenon of flashover to occur; this is when all the contents of the room reach their point of combustion and fire flashes over the whole compartment. Crews use gas cooling techniques to minimise the danger of this happening and fire fighting branches are used to throw short

pulses of water up into the fire gases. This creates steam which aids with cooling and reduces the risk of flashover occurring. Get it wrong and you create too much steam which in turn can lead to fire fighter injuries, get it right and you create a safer environment from which to fight the fire.

The crew from Corby Glen were left in charge for the duration of the incident and after a long night the blaze was eventually brought under control.

All too often we attend road traffic accidents on Lincolnshire's roads; to be awoken from a deep sleep at two o'clock in the morning certainly gets the adrenaline flowing and a cool head has to be kept especially when dealing with incidents on the A1.

A lorry turned over near Honey Pot Lane saw us first in attendance. The driver, although not trapped as such, could not get out of his cab because of the position of the door trapped

against the roadside verge and the difficulty of the height of his cab to get to the other door.

We quickly decided the best action we could take would be to remove the windscreen and Firefighters Tim Brown and Ben Harwood set about this task using the glassmaster saw. Within minutes they had created enough space to allow a very relieved driver to escape his predicament.

With the chances of shock setting in, we quickly sat the driver down and gave him oxygen therapy

before handing him over to the ambulance crew.

I would like to make all our readers aware that we now have a large clothing bank installed in the car park at the front of the fire station. So if you have any unwanted clothing, shoes etc, please make use of this facility which will help to raise funds for injured firefighters and their families.

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Witham on the Hill WI

On 7th June, the Women's Institute held their usual monthly meeting in the parish hall. The speaker for the evening was Russ Yates, who entertained everyone with his extremely interesting and humorous description of his 'Life in Japan'. He also gave the members a pictorial presentation of festivals, temples and shrines, food, Sumo, travel, and the traditions of the country.

A Coffee Morning was held in the parish hall on Saturday 11th June where Catherine Gee (60 Minutes Makeover programme) opened the event. The WI members displayed their craft work at the St Andrews 'Celebration of Community Life' on 18th/19th June, as well as selling raffle tickets at the Little Bytham fete on 12th June, and helping at the Witham on the Hill Open Gardens on 26th June.

Forthcoming dates for the WI diaries are (all starting at 7.30pm):

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