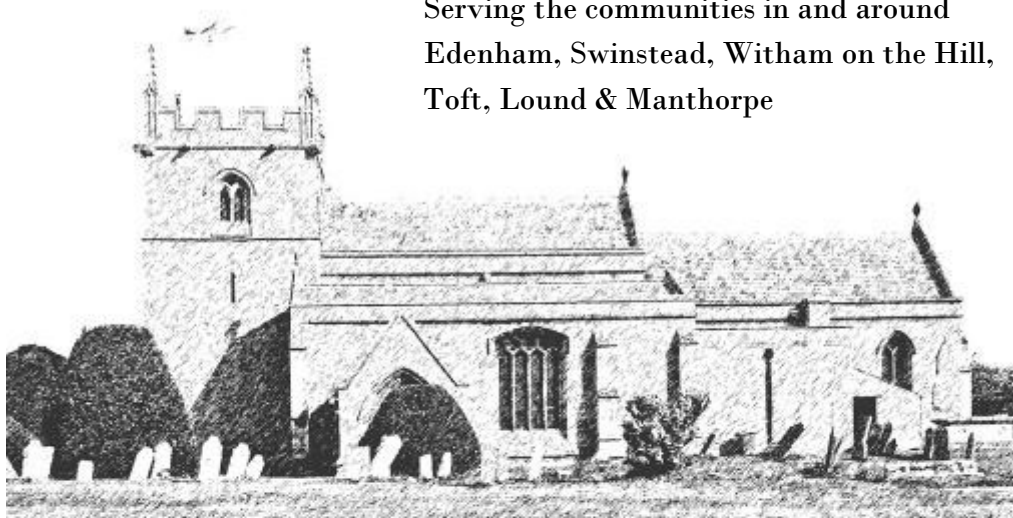


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NOTICES

Happy 100th birthday to Betty Noble of Digby Court, Bourne. It was lovely to see you at St Andrew's Church and to share in your celebrations.

Happy 90th birthday to Arthur Bone of Manthorpe on 30th September. Thanks from all your friends and neighbours for the day-long party!

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Good News - Bertha Brant of Winnipeg, Canada (sister to Ruth Atter of Edenham) who has been on our prayer list. Bertha has been suffering with cancer and had to undergo a major operation in early September. It is a great pleasure to note that Bertha has had the good news that the operation was a success and she is now free of the cancer. Bertha would like to thank everyone for their prayers, blessings and positive thoughts, which have been a great comfort, and strength to her and her family. We all thank God for looking after her and bringing her through this difficult time.

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Welcome back to Toft - Jill White.

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Welcome to Witham on the Hill Mel and Darren Holmes. We hope you will be very happy in Redlands.

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Pamela and Jim would like to thank all friends and neighbours who attended Laurie's funeral on 18th September or sent flowers, messages and cards; your kindness and sympathy has been greatly appreciated.

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Patrick Hawes is performing with Laura Wright (soprano) and the Raven String Quartet in St John's Church Peterborough on Saturday 26th November at 7.45. Special 'mates' rates' tickets available from the Vicarage 01778 591358 at £10.

VICAR'S MENTIONS

The Revd Canon Andrew Hawes M.A. SSC
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I visited a friend of mine recently who has just returned home from hospital. At the age of eighty four he had spent two months in various wards. He made this comment, 'the young people – the nurses and doctors - were so caring. It made me think about my own youth – mine was a generation formed by war and the fear of war. By and large we were not so caring.' Quite a comment to make.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Afghanistan campaign is now longer than the First and Second World Wars added together, and the personal experience of having a son who is a soldier, at the age of fifty seven my life has been one of peace. It is very difficult to imagine the experience of my friend's generation growing up in the shadow of the Great War and whose teenage years were

full of the threat of fascism from abroad and depression at home. The stable prosperity of my lifetime is, historically speaking, almost unparalleled in European history but its foundation was War.

Few people would argue that present prosperity and peace is not the outcome of the past conflicts we commemorate on Remembrance Day. The sheer scale of loss and the cost to communities is still reflected in the poppies we all wear. They are personal signs of personal or family remembrance and they provide evidence to pain and anguish beyond measure. It is now nearly one hundred years after the beginning of the First World War and it is ever more important to remember

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.

those who have died or have been wounded. Their pain and sacrifice is the price of our peace and prosperity. As the poem says, 'for your tomorrows we have given our todays.'

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The first of this month sees the Feast of All Saints (in old English 'All Hallows – making 31st October All Hallows Eve – Halloween) when the church celebrates the Church Triumphant in heaven. This is followed by All Souls Day on the 2nd November when the church remembers before God the faithful departed asking that he will in his Love and Mercy fulfil his perfect purpose in them. If you would like someone remembering in the prayers then please write their names clearly in the booklet you will find in church. Better still come to one of the special times of prayer and worship. Sunday 30th 6.00pm at Witham on the Hill; Tuesday 1st November 7.30pm

at Edenham and Wednesday 2nd 9.00am at Swinstead.

THREE PARISHES CHOIR

The 'Dibley Singers' begin practising for the Advent and Christmas Carol Services on 6th November at 4.30pm to 5.30pm at the Vicarage (if cold) or Edenham Church (if warm) and subsequently on the 13th and 20th in preparation for the Advent Carols on the 27th at 6.00pm. No auditions but enormous amounts of fun and music making. For details ring 01778 591358.

ST ANDREW'S DAY

Witham on the Hills Patronal Festival on the 30th November will be marked by a special service at 6.30pm followed by dinner at the Toft House Hotel (£10 per head). Please sign up in church or ring 590433 or 591358.

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The Regional House has a programme of days of reflection, open to all. They begin at 10am with registration and refreshment. A simple lunch is provided. Please notify the house of any special dietary needs. Suggested contribution is £12.50, but

participants may give more or less, according to will or circumstance. For booking or further information Tel 01778 591358 or email edreghouse@tiscali.co.uk.

“REST ETERNAL GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD” Friday 4 November. Revd Margaret Saunders, hospital Chaplain in Lincoln, leads a quiet day for All Souls tide.

“A GREAT AND MIGHTY WONDER” Friday 2 December. Revd Peter Garland leads a day using art, to approach and contemplate the mystery of the incarnation of Our Lord.

At the time of writing the builders are putting the finishing touches to the paths and beds; it looks spectacular. The next job is the levelling and reseeding of the lawn and the planting – among which will be hundreds of bulbs. If you would like to help plant them please have a word with Fr Andy 591358.

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VIEW FROM THE PEW

What a wonderful start to October! We celebrated with a beautiful Harvest Eucharist on Sunday the 2nd at St Andrew's. Father David, our new assistant curate, did a splendid job, bringing his sermon to life by encouraging the children to illustrate his message and, much to his credit, they were all involved, including little Oliver (3 years old). Stephen Pickett read out the prayers in a masterly way; I gather he had very little time to prepare, so, all credit to him. The service was followed by a "bring and share" lunch in the Parish hall.

The next evening we enjoyed the traditional Harvest Supper and auction in the same venue. Joy and Sally of Mill Farm Catering in Manthorpe put on a delicious three course meal, ably assisted by a whole host of helpers. It was a true pleasure to see so many members of our community gathered together, ranging from some very familiar faces to some very new ones - not forgetting baby Emma who made a short appearance and so completing the age range from 1 year onwards. Proof that ours are active and vibrant villages, where people retain the old values of friendship in its broadest sense.

Father David was once again on duty, this time leading the auction. So expertly did he discharge his task that a most amazing figure of £289.00 was raised for St Barnabas Hospice, a very worthy cause to support, and what an enjoyable way to be parted from one's cash.

For those who like numbers, a further £183.00 was raised from the raffle - thanks to the generosity of all who contributed.

So much to be thankful for! The beauty of our surroundings, the meeting of one another's needs, the generosity of the earth which yields its produce and the generosity of the people willing to share their time, talents and good humour to create such a special environment in which to live.

Whether we work on the land or not, we can all appreciate the joys and challenges of a rural way of life, and our many traditions, secular and religious, help to keep us grounded in these truths. It is always a source of wonder to me, that it is in honouring what has gone before, we are renewed, able to embrace all that is good in modern life and better equipped to face the difficulties as well.

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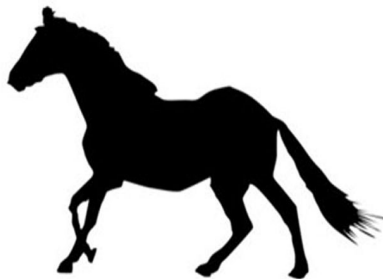
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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Witham on the Hill Women's Institute met on 4th October to hear a talk from Nic Lance on the Luttrell Psalter. Mr Lance gave a fascinating insight into medieval life through the pages of this illuminated manuscript – a book of Psalms written in Latin, by a scribe in the 1330s. The members heard that Sir Geoffrey Luttrell, a wealthy landowner from Irnham, commissioned the making of the book, which contains illustrations of everyday life during the period. The slides inspired members to want to go to the British Library to view this national treasure for themselves!

The monthly walk for October started at Braunston, near Oakham, and ended with an excellent lunch at the Blue Ball. November's walk will be in Exton. A proposed outing to the Lincoln Christmas market with Shaw's Coaches will be on Sunday 4th December.

The next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday 1st November at the Parish hall and the speaker will be

Jane Barnes – 'Tales from a Farmer's Wife'.

Since 2006 our WI has presented 1,241 knitted items to the Peterborough Maternity Unit ranging from hats, blankets and cardigans to warm new born babies, knitted breasts for use by midwives and stillborn wraps.

For those who do not know, we have walks each month ending with lunch in a country pub. We also hold regular fun table tennis sessions in a member's garage; not scoring just knocking up with coffee, biscuits and lots of chat. Our regular outings take us to interesting events and places. And we cannot forget our craft days; these are led by members and include machine sewing patchwork cushions, bread baskets and gift bags and even making a laptop quilt in a day.

Our meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, starting at 7.30 in the Parish Hall - all are welcome.

The December meeting will be a Christmas party!

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Notes of the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting 28th September 2011

The public meeting held in the Toft Hotel was well attended. This appeared to be as a direct result of the personal letters delivered to residents of Lound Road in Toft informing them of the Parish Council's decision to withdraw from negotiations between them and the Highways Department.

Toft Walkway

The Parish Council has decided to withdraw from negotiations between Highways Department and residents of Lound Road in Toft. The frontage boundary limit of some of these properties is unclear and it is now inappropriate for the Parish Council to act in its previous liaison role. The Chairman has written to LCC Highways inviting them to deal directly with the residents.

Toft Traffic Issues

New signs stating "Welcome to Toft Please Drive Carefully" have been installed at both ends of the village on the A6121. An additional bend sign is still to be erected on the A6121 from Bourne.

Discussion on the proposed

reactive speed sign continues. An on-site meeting has been requested with Highways to determine the location of the sign and definitive costs. The Parish Council remains concerned that any money spent to reduce the likelihood of further accidents at this black-spot is invested wisely. As such, the Parish Council wishes to include the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership in this project.

Mr Robert Reid has advised that he will no longer be able to maintain the triangle of land adjacent to the hotel on the A6121. The Toft residents will therefore resume responsibility for the upkeep.

Planning Applications

Mrs Renner of Bridge House has applied to retain a mobile home. An application has been received by the enforcement officer and is being processed.

Playing Field

Culling of the rabbits on the playing field continues and ground repairs can be considered when culling is complete. Other methods of reducing the rabbit population were discussed but the problem is throughout the area.

Anti-bird fouling strips were

successfully installed to prevent bird mess on the children's' swing seats; this action has already proven to be popular with residents.

Lincolnshire County Council

The County Councillor advised that a new Deputy Leader of LCC had been appointed. The Highways department are well prepared for the winter and all salt boxes are full with adequate reserves. The Councillor advised he has an allocation of money for donations to local good causes.

The Parish Council will consider making a bid.

South Kesteven District Council

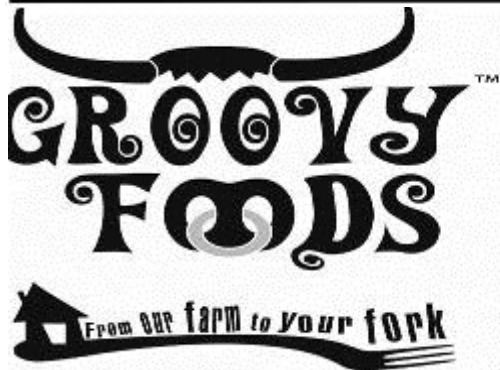
The District Councillor gave details of other 'Parish Plans' for consideration. The Parish Council is yet to discuss and agree on the need and usefulness of such an administrative document.

The next meeting will be held in the Toft Hotel on 30th November 2011.

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O Happy Band of Pilgrims!

On Saturday 8th October forty-nine people boarded a coach in Edenham to make a day pilgrimage to Walsingham. Aged from thirteen weeks to ninety-two years, we were indeed a motley collection but all had but one intention – to spend the day with God!

When we arrived at Walsingham the younger children went off to find all the pictures of animals they could in the Shrine Church. In doing this they were able to discover all the parts of the church and see what they were used for. The older ones went on a trail

around the village with Father Andy, visiting the Parish Church and the Orthodox Church. The adults followed the Stations of the Cross around the grounds led by Father David.

We then all came together in the Shrine Church for the Angelus and midday Mass.

After a picnic lunch for some and a trip to the café for others, we all came together again for the “Sprinkling”. You can find out all about the Shrine and the “Sprinkling” on the Walsingham website.

All too soon it was time to leave – something one is always loathe to do – but we had all revelled a day of spirituality and came away renewed and refreshed.

Witham on the Hill Historical Society

All events held in the St Andrew's Parish Hall in Witham on the Hill
Monday 21st November 2011. 7.30pm, talk by Ray Biggs on
“Grimsthorpe: a quintessential English Estate”

Next Members Meeting: Monday 7th of November at 7.30pm

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We would be pleased to welcome you to Edenham School's Foundation Stage Open Days to be held on:

Tuesday 1st November, 2011 – 10:00 until 11:30 am

Wednesday 2nd November, 2011 – 1:30-2:45 pm

You will be able to visit the Foundation Stage classroom, have a tour of the school and meet staff and the Head Teacher. We'd be pleased to answer any questions, including providing information about our Breakfast and After School Club run by Edenham Pre-School.

If you would like to visit but cannot make either of those dates, please contact the school office – we will be pleased to make an individual appointment. Contact: 01778 591207 - enquiries@edenham.lincs.sch.uk

Thank you to all families of Edenham School who found wellies for their children to wear and made donations to our Harvest Charity – Farm Africa. The pupils had a really great day in school on the 12th October – it's amazing what wearing a pair of wellies can do to create a fun atmosphere! The afternoon included an extremely well-attended Harvest Thanksgiving Service where pupils read poems they had written, sang songs, acted out a short play, and, we were joined by many of our friends from Edenham Pre-School.

We have collected an excellent sum of £243 & Pre-School have some money they raised to add in and we hope to raise a little more during the year with various welly related projects.

We would be glad to receive pairs of old wellies in school – we hope to raise more money in the Spring by selling decorated wellies planted with Spring flowers. We may even have a Welly flower arranging challenge in order to decorate the Church for our Easter Service in April.

Notes of the Swinstead Parish Council Meeting 7th July 2011

A Parish Council meeting was held on 8th September. The next meeting will take place on 3rd November in the Swinstead village hall.

Butter Cross

A plan has been submitted to English Heritage but they are keeping the application in abeyance until the problem of the surrounding area of the Buttercross is resolved. There has been a suggestion to install an open French drain but English Heritage are not happy with this proposal. Paving slabs with open joists or a grid run off a pipe in the road have been suggested and it seems that this would be acceptable. Nothing can be done until English Heritage give approval.

Creeton Quarry

The Parish Council sent an e-mail and a letter to Marc Willis, Principal Planning Officer, Development Management at Lincolnshire County Council, regarding the extended hours at the quarry. The Parish Council will allow 2/3 weeks more before making further enquiries relating to our letter.

Weed Control/Surface Dressing -Loose Chippings/Flooding

A letter is to be sent to Lincolnshire County Council regarding the weed control spraying service in the village and surrounding roads, asking if the service has been suspended and requesting proposals for control of the weeds in the future. It is suggested that the Parish Council will arrange the spraying if the Lincolnshire County Council are prepared to provide the weed killer spray.

A letter is also to be sent to the Council regarding the loose chippings scattered after road maintenance which are causing problems on the road surface, making the road surface unstable.

A letter is to be sent to Kevin Broomfield at Lincolnshire County Council requesting a site meeting with the Chairman regarding flooding to several houses in Bourne Road whenever there are thunderstorms or heavy rain.

Village Hall

Concern was expressed at the poor state of the floor in the Village Hall. Sir Edward Barry is to be approached with regard to renewal of the varnish.



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JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPES

On the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham last month, I enjoyed a very large slice of Norfolk shortcake in the café at the shrine. It reminded me of a teatime recipe that I have used many times in the past. The Norfolk shortcake was rather like a tray bake slice – soft rather than crisp, packed with currants and nutmeg. This recipe is similar, in that it uses nutmeg and currants, but is more like a giant scone sandwich!

Norfolk Scone

1lb self-raising flour - 6oz butter - 2 eggs - 3oz soft brown sugar
6fl oz milk - 4oz currants - ½ teaspoon nutmeg - 2 tablespoons Demerara sugar

Rub 4oz butter into flour. Mix to a soft dough with eggs & milk. Knead lightly. Divide dough in half, & roll each piece into an 8 inch round. Place one on a lightly greased baking tray. Spread remaining butter on dough. Mix brown sugar, currants & nutmeg. Spread evenly over buttered dough. Lay the second round on top, & press down firmly. Cut into 8 wedges, through the top layer of dough only. Brush top with milk & sprinkle with Demerara sugar. Bake at 200c for 35 mins.

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Saturday 5th November - Bonfire Night in Manthorpe

Friday 11th November Steam Action News - **Murder Mystery Evening** at the Village Hall, Edenham. Tickets £6.50 including lasagne and salad supper, bring your own drinks.

Saturday 12th November 7.30pm - Witham on the Hill **1980's Quiz Night**, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill

Monday 21st November 7.30pm **Historical Society talk** 'Grimsthorpe; a quintessential English Estate' St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill

Saturday 26th November 7.45pm **Patrick Hawes Concert** in St John's Church Peterborough. Special 'mates rates' tickets available from the Vicarage 01778 591358 at £10.

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Laurie Brown RIP

Laurie Brown died on 18th September at the age of 97 years ending many years of service to the community. Latterly the St Andrew's treasurer, Laurie was also previously the clerk to the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council and a long-serving member of Witham's Church and School and Estate Trust. During the funeral service, Father Andy described Laurie as the most fair-minded man he had ever met and acknowledged that the fabric of St Andrew's, as we see it today, is largely due to Laurie's efforts. It is thanks to Laurie's administrative skills that we were successful in obtaining a great deal of financial assistance towards the upkeep and repair of the Church. Father Andy also remembered how Laurie had enjoyed singing hymns with him and Revd David Pickett when they visited him in hospital.

Pamela Pohling-Brown and Jim Meacham wish to thank to all who visited Laurie in his final years - at home, in the care home or in hospital, and particularly Canon Andy for his visits. They also thank the St Andrew's Parish Hall committee for the use of the hall after the service and, of course, Gill Stanford, who chose and played the music for the service. Finally, they thank the ringers who rang in a quarter-peal before the service and the local band which rang afterwards, led by Jane Clark and including at one point the vicar himself.

Laurie will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

PARISH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2011

	SWINSTEAD	WITHAM	EDENHAM
Tuesday 1st			7.30pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
Wednesday 2 nd All Souls Day	9.00am Requiem Eucharist		
6 th November 3 rd Before Advent	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
13 th November Remembrance Sunday	8.45am Parish Communion 6.30pm Remembrance Service	10.00am Parish Communion	1100am (<i>note earlier time</i>) Remembrance Service
20 th November Christ the King	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
27 th November Advent Sunday	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion – (with children especially in mind)	11.15am Parish Communion (with children especially in mind) 6.00pm Advent Carol Service

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