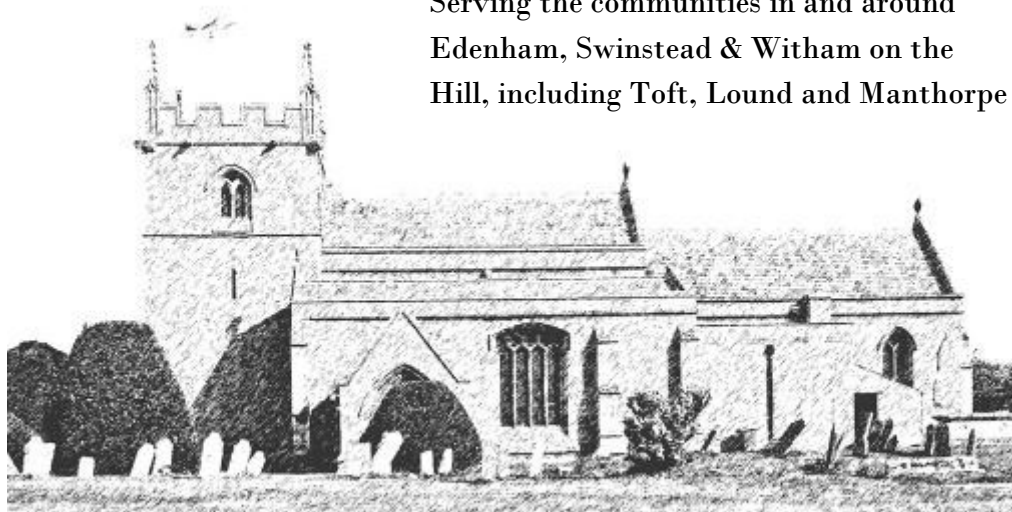


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MONDAY 09.00 - 15.00

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Valentine's Dance - 11th February at 7.30pm in the Edenham Village Hall with John Parker's duo, 'Tomorrows Dream'; includes a light supper. Tickets available from Ruth Atter or Jane Bradley.

Proceeds will go towards Diamond Jubilee celebrations

Sausage and Mash Supper - 24th February at 7.30pm in Swinstead Village Hall.

Cider Tasting - 2nd March at 7.30pm - further details to follow.

Coffee Morning - 3rd March at 10am-1pm Saturday at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. In aid of the Anthony Nolan charity.

Steam Action AGM - 12th March at 7.30pm in the Edenham Village Hall. Enquiries - ring Jane Bradley on 07976 578877.

Pudding Extravaganza - 31st March at 7.30pm in the St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee - 2nd to 4th June

Witham on the Hill:

2nd June, 7.00pm to 11.00pm Ceilidh (barn dance with Moggy in the Wood) in Witham on the Hill School Sports Hall.

4th June, 2.00pm on the Village Green - village party

Manthorpe:

4th June, 2.00pm in the Parish Playing Field - Parish party

Swinstead: details to be decided

Edenham:

2nd June, Village photograph plus Fun on the Field. Barn dance plus hog roast and bar.

5th June, Songs of Praise in the Church

THE VICAR'S WRITES:

One advantage of living in the countryside is that stars can be seen in all their 'vast array' (to quote the Psalms). The other night my granddaughter and I watched a huge full moon rise in the sky as we walked down a lane; 'Men walked on the moon once', I said. 'Did they really – it's a long way?' 'Yes, they did, and there weren't many computers then – in fact some of their machines were old fashioned clockwork.' 'That's a joke isn't it?' she asked, concluding the conversation. It is amazing, as a former parishioner remarked, that 'they went all the way there and all the way back and just left a load of rubbish.' The moon landing in 1969 was in many ways the climax and fulfilment of the 'scientific age.' It was ironic that 'Christian USA' beat 'atheist USSR' in the 'Space Race.' Khrushchev famously said 'the cosmonauts have never seen God in space – it proves it's a lie.'

Well, it turns out that much of science is a lie. One philosopher

said recently that 'science is the last great superstition.' The idea that there is the 'one answer to everything' is now apparently risible. Parishioners who teach science tell me that there is no such thing any more as 'scientific laws' there is instead 'theories waiting to be disproved.' One of these, researchers at the Hedron Collider think might have been proved mistaken, is that nothing travels faster than light.

It just goes to prove that a world view and human values that are determined by materialism are not worth the paper they are written on and definitely not worth dying in a ditch for. A friend of mine had a T-shirt made with the slogan 'if matter is all that matters – you don't!' In a way the stone, wood and glass of the church buildings in our villages say something very

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.

different about the material world - 'you are made for an eternal and spiritual purpose and the material world exists to help you on your way.' Even the stars at night, the Psalms tell us, 'communicate knowledge' of the things that last for ever.

Lent Courses

Apart from the course at the Regional House on Tuesdays in Lent, Fr David Pickett is offering a course at Edenham Vicarage on Mondays (7.30pm – 9.00pm).

This will be an opportunity to find out 'the reason why' the church building is built with certain features. Fr David will also explain the origin and use of the artefacts in the church, as well as answer any questions about worship that people may have.

On Thursday evenings (7.30pm – 9.00pm) the Vicar will lead a series of studies on Christian Stewardship – exploring priorities in the use of time, talents and money. Please ring for more details.

COFFEE MORNING Witham Parish Hall

10am-1pm Saturday March 3rd - offering home-made cakes and savouries and a small selection of handmade craft items. Organised by Karen Clark and Shaun Hill who are running this year's London Marathon in aid of the Anthony Nolan charity (which helps people with blood cancer). Sponsor forms at The Six Bells, Rasell's Nurseries, The No. 10 Store in Little Bytham, St. Andrew's Church, and Castle Bytham Village Shop, or donate online at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ShawnHill> - Thanks!

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Edenham Regional House

Programme of Retreats and Days of Reflection

Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Trinity 29th February to 6th July 2012

'Draw near to God and he will draw near to you'

Days of Reflection: what are they?

Participants arrive from 10.00am for a 10.30 start. The days usually divide into two sessions – one before 12 noon and one after lunch. Often there is worship at midday – on Fridays this is always the Eucharist. The days draw to a close with corporate prayer at 3.30pm after which tea is available (and cake!) There are no set charges at Edenham; the suggested contribution for a day which includes lunch and refreshments is £12.50 – guests give more or less according to circumstances and inclination. To book a place or make an enquiry, please notify of any dietary requirements - please call 01778 591358 or email edreghouse@tiscali.co.uk. Further information can be found on www.erh.org.uk

The house is also available for individuals to use for day or

residential use – either catered or self-catered. Please ask if you would like to know more.

Wednesday 29th February: The Possibilities of Prayer

A day exploring the work and writing of Evelyn Underhill – Anglican spiritual writer of the early twentieth century. Led by Canon Arthur Middleton, tutor at Durham University and author of 'Prayer in a Workaday World' and many other titles.

Tuesday 13th March: Painting and Prayer

A return visit from Kate Austen of Christart – who will help participants engage in prayerful reflection through painting. *No previous experience necessary.* Kate will provide all the materials – suggested contribution for this day is £20 – includes lunch.

Friday 23rd March: Via Dolorosa – The Way of Sorrow

Dilys Phipps, a psychoanalyst and spiritual director, explores the place of suffering in therapeutic healing with reference to the Stations of the Cross.

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Tuesday 3rd April (in Holy Week) – The Servant King

A day using both art and music – led by Fr David Mackenzie – a former RAF chaplain and experienced conductor of retreats.

Friday 20th April: Easter is Unpainted

The Revd Peter Garland explores the ways in which artists have explored the Resurrection of Jesus.

Friday 11th May: Bearing Witness

Canon Ian Silk, who is involved in evangelism both in Lincolnshire and nationally, opens up the prayer and teaching of Lincolnshire saints – Guthlac, Hugh, Edward King and others on the command of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all nations.

Saturday 16th June: Stop in the Name of God!

This day is Edenham's contribution to a national initiative by the Retreat Association. Members of the Regional House ministry team will offer 'taster sessions' of different types of prayer.

Friday 6th July: On Mixed Life

Canon Andrew Hawes opens up

the wisdom of Walter Hinton (the fourteenth century English spiritual writer) on seeking holiness in an active life of engagement with family, business and community.

Lent Course:

The call to holiness in the book of common prayer

Five quiet evenings to mark the 350th anniversary of the Prayer Book. Led by Canon Andrew Hawes Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm 28th Feb, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March. Each evening will begin with Holy Communion (BCP) at 7.30pm and end with Compline. Evenings will examine the 'call to unity', 'the call to penitence', 'the call to intercede and to praise', 'the call to be meet partakers' and 'the call to hear and receive the Word'.

Residential Retreats

(It is also possible for non-residents to take part)

The Great Four Days

Maundy Thursday 5th April
6.00pm to Easter Day 4.00pm.

An opportunity to participate in all the liturgy and prayer in St Michael and All Angels Edenham including the Vigil at dawn on Easter Day (suggested

contribution £90 for residents
please ask if you are commuting!)

Meet Partakers

A retreat reflecting on the teaching of the Prayer Book on Holy Communion (part of the Prayer Book 350th programme). Led by Canon Andrew Hawes.

Friday 20th April 6.00pm to
Sunday 22nd April 3.00pm.
(suggested contribution £65
commuters please ask?)

Update on the Garden Project

All the ground work is now complete and the lawn re-laid - the 'piazza' has its new beds and the disruption is now over!

The Friends organisation is organising a 'fundraiser' to provide the £1000 needed for the stone table which will be the centre-piece of the upper garden. Their 'winter feast' is on Saturday 18th February from 7.00pm – please contact the house for tickets. These are £10 each. (numbers are limited)

Song of Songs 14th September 2012 7.30pm

Looking further ahead, there is to be a performance of the 'Song of Songs' by Patrick Hawes in Edenham Parish Church with Elin Manahan Thomas as the Soloist. All tickets will be £10.

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Fire Station News

It is always good news to have new recruit on station and we are pleased to welcome Ruairi Lennon to our ranks. Ruairi completed his six weeks of basic training at Lincoln Training HQ and is now a valued member of the team. He has certainly joined us at a busy time as during October and November we were the busiest fire crew in the county - the appliance rolled 52 times in those few weeks. We were called out to all manner of things and it all seems a blur now as we return to something like the normal amount of callouts.

A particularly nasty road traffic accident on the A1 saw the crews tested to the full. That night a lorry turning right on the carriageway stopped across the fast lane waiting to cross. Regrettably, a van travelling in the same direction had no chance of seeing the unlit side of the lorry sticking out into the carriageway. The impact must have been terrible and when we got there the van driver was barely visible in his cab. Incredibly, his passenger had been able to climb out of the vehicle and was able to tell us just what had happened. On investigation the driver was obviously severely trapped in his

vehicle but seemed in remarkably good spirits.

Along with Grantham's crew we began on the arduous task of trying to free the driver. Relief cuts were made in the sills of the vehicle so that the hydraulic rams could take full effect and push the steering column and dashboard away from the driver. It was a slow and painstaking job and we could not yet see the full extent of the casualty's injuries. While this operation was going on, further crews were working on plan B (always have a plan B just in case plan A fails). Plan B was to remove the metal bulkhead dividing the passenger compartment from the rear stowage area of the van. Luckily the van was empty and crews were quickly able to obtain this goal. It was decided that with the bulkhead removed and the driver's seat reclined, the best course of action was to lay the casualty onto a spinal board and transfer him out of the rear of the van.

As the driver became free of the wreckage his terrible leg injuries became evident and the pain he was in must have been immense but with great courage he actually asked us if it was okay to scream – what a man. He had not wanted

to make a fuss while we were all still so hard at work around him! We were glad to have been there to help him and, although his leg injuries were severe, it was pleasing to think that we had been able to help save his life and we hope he makes a full recovery. Of course unless he tells us, we shall never know.

Every two years the station personnel have to take part in four breathing apparatus training sessions before finally spending a day at the Waddington training centre. This day is fully assessed and starts with a written exam followed by breathing apparatus entry control board exercise. In the afternoon the crews take part in hot fire training. The facilities for training at Waddington are recognised nationwide as some of the finest any fire service has to offer. The new fire house, "The Villa", is a group of shipping containers three storeys high. Inside are winding corridors and narrow staircases.

The first exercise was to assess our ability to employ techniques known as short pulse, long pulse, coning down, painting, indirect and direct cooling. Fire Brigades around the world use these techniques of applying small amounts of water to cool the hot

fire gases. It is fascinating to sit in the firehouse with a raging fire in front of you, watching the hot toxic gases catch fire, and be asked to deal with the situation.

The fire houses get so hot that, as a safety measure, each fire fighter must has his temperature taken immediately before they enter and after exiting from the firehouse.

The final exercise was a search and rescue scenario. This is certainly the most physically demanding part of the day - managing 40 metres of hose reel through and upstairs into a burning building before locating two heavy casualty dummies and bringing them out certainly tests your fitness and strength! Everyone agreed that the effort was worth it and we have returned with honed skills that will prove invaluable in future situations.

Watch Manager - Bryan Lynch

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Witham Whist Drive St Andrew's Parish Hall

The Christmas Whist Drive was held on Friday 9th December when £110 was raised for Church funds. Among the winners were:

GENTS:

1st A. Stanford

2nd L.Stratton

3rd Mrs.G.Stanford

LADIES:

1st Mrs.M.Jacobs

2nd Mrs.S.Olley

3rd Mrs.W.Stratton

Wonderful Christmas food was provided for supper followed by a marvellous raffle. Among the winners were S.Osborne, M.Imminck, A.Blanchard, S.Olley, A.Stanford, T.Jacobs, J.West, T.Barlow, J.Osborne, S.Hartley. L.Stratton, M.Barlow and D.Bennett. Heartfelt thanks to all those who so generously donated prizes; donations are always very gratefully received and help us to continue with this event to raise money. Dates for the next two Whist Drives starting at 7.00pm are: Friday 17th February and Friday 16th March.

Witham on the Hill Women's Institute

The Witham on the Hill WI rounded off a very interesting year with Christmas lunch at Toft, which was excellent. The trip to the Lincoln Christmas market in December was also very good, although the weather definitely not helpful. However, everyone enjoyed themselves and this may become an annual event. The last meeting on 6th December was an evening of carols, winter quiz, gifts, and a wonderful supper organised by the committee. The walks and table tennis sessions went well throughout the year and will be resumed in February/March, depending on the weather.

Next meeting: Tuesday February 7th 2012 at the St Andrew's Parish Hall in Witham on the Hill – My Life as a Judge, speaker Rev. Peter Morrell. Starts 7.30pm.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month. New members very welcome (as are existing members of course!)


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Tuesday 14th February - Valentine's Menu with a Difference
(Contemporary Tapas sharing platter - £10 per couple)

Tuesday 6th March - Quiz Night - Win a £25 meal voucher

Sunday 3rd March - Pie Night - £18 for two people

See website for details - Booking and deposit required for all meal events
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HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

St Andrew's Parish

A very happy new year to everyone! As I write this the wind is howling and it is bitter cold. Hopefully by the time you read these words the weather will have improved, but it is still winter, many outdoor activities are not too inviting and the nights are still long. This is just the time to settle by the fire and turn your thoughts to a bit of creative writing. Time to get going on the "Domesday project". Most of you know by now that the Villages of Witham on the Hill, Manthorpe, Toft and Lound have been asked to get together in order to compile a "snapshot" of what our villages look like in the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This involves every household. We hope you will be willing to write about the house you live in, how you came to live there, who lives there with you. If your house has an interesting history, you may wish to include that, if you have recently moved in you may know who the builder was and possibly what was on the land before the house was built. Some of you may have more time than others to devote to this, once you get started you may become involved in the project or you may decide to just submit the very basic details. The idea is that as many people as possible should get involved and have some fun.

Local co-ordinators are ready and willing to help anyone who may need a hand in getting started: contact and telephone details:

Jane Clark (Witham 590232), Jenny and John Gilbert (Toft 590273), Jean Croft (Lound 590249), Doreen Whittaker (Manthorpe 590547), Trudy Templeman (01780 754945) and Gill Stanford (591224)

There are also volunteers who will write your story for you if you either write out a few notes or tell it to them. Your local coordinator will guide you. We will soon be holding a meeting to see how well we are all getting on - **WATCH THIS SPACE!!!!**

HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Swinstead Parish

Swinstead Parish Council invites residents to submit suggestions regarding local celebrations and/or commemorations to mark HM The Queen's Jubilee next year. The Council will consider suggestions at their meeting on 8th March and residents are also invited to present their proposals to the public forum at 8pm before commencement of the meeting. Please send your suggestions to –

Mrs Jane Hunt-Webb, Parish Clerk, Croake Hill Farmhouse,
6 Creeton Road, Swinstead, NG33 4PF

HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish

The Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish is co-ordinating its celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with its partners in Witham. Witham has kindly opened its events to the neighbours and has challenged the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe community to kick-off their respective parties on Monday 4th June with an inter-parish tug-of-war.

The Parish is still looking for ideas from the community as to what they wish to organise for the event. The suggestions so far include an old-fashioned fête on the Parish playing field with 'Olympic-type' challenges for the children (and adults if up for it), a fly-past, commemorative tree planting, boules, community photograph, and lots of eating and drinking!

The Parish is also participating in the Beacon lighting.

More details to follow when available.

HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Witham on the Hill

Witham is looking to celebrate the Jubilee with an action-packed weekend of events, including a Ceilidh, a traditional tea party, fun and games on the Village Green and the lighting of a beacon in the village. We are also hoping to give a memento of the event to each child in the village. We are looking to keep costs to a minimum and very much hope that the whole village will want to join in the weekend's activities.

There are several fund-raising events planned in the Parish Hall - a Pudding Evening and food quiz (see below) and an antiques valuation evening on 27th April (to be confirmed). We are also looking for any donations people may wish to give - cash donations would be particularly helpful at this stage. If you would like to contribute - however large or small - please give to Richard Burbidge or send a cheque to Witham on the Hill Parish Council.

Any offers to help with the weekend will be very gratefully received. Please contact any committee member with offers of help. These are: Ann & Richard Burbidge, Will Stanton, Neil Rogers, Frances Plummer, Trudy Templeman, Martyn Hyde, Angela Clifford and Penny Dick.

Pudding Extravaganza Saturday 31st March at 7.30pm



Join us in the Parish Hall for the ultimate pudding lover's experience. Enjoy a light supper plus a glass of wine, a raffle and an amazing Foodie Quiz - great prizes - plus vote for your favourite pudding and crown the Witham on the Hill 'Queen of Puddings'. Who knows, you may even pick up some Perfect Pudding Recipes.

Tickets £7.50 or £4 if you enter a pudding! All proceeds to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. Tickets are available from Penny (590159) or Frances (590308)

HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Edenham Parish

As part of the run-up to the main weekend everyone living or working in the villages of Grimsthorpe and Edenham is invited to take part in a **light-hearted, fun competition** - decorate a wheelbarrow and display it outside your home or place of work celebrating “**60 Glorious Years**”. Draw your inspiration from your home, local history, the countryside, HM Queen and her reign or anything that you think will make an attractive display. The wheelbarrow could be planted with flowers or used to display a sculpture. Let your imagination explore any possibilities. The intention is that the displays will be attractive to those who pass through our villages and we will be sending out a positive message about our community. There are a few rules, which will be printed in the next edition of the Three Towers. **Contact Ray Biggs now to register and for more details. 591195.**

The official weekend will begin on Saturday 2nd June 2012 with a village photograph in front of the Village Hall - a professionally taken parish record, so please be there. This will be followed by the unveiling of a specially commissioned addition to our Village Hall.

There will be Fun on the Field for the rest of Saturday afternoon - cricket, rounders, football tournament, tug-of-war, fancy dress competitions and the newly refurbished village hall games. Afternoon tea will be served, along with Pimms, and a jazz band will play.

On Saturday evening, The Elusive Black Dog Ceilidh Band will play at a barn dance, along with a hog roast and bar.

The church will be hosting a photographic display - ‘Six Decades of Parish Life’, throughout the weekend. The weekend will be rounded off with a rousing Songs of Praise in church on the evening of Tuesday 5th June.

HM THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Grimsthorpe Castle

Throughout the summer Grimsthorpe Castle will host a display of grand objects connected with Royal Coronations. In addition to these pieces of memorabilia, it is intended to display items of a more general nature that have a connection with Royal jubilees and coronations. We are looking for everyday items like mugs, biscuit tins, souvenir programmes and other interesting objects that people would be prepared to loan for display in the Castle from March through to September 2012. The display will use a museum-quality secure display cabinet located in the information room in the Coach House Yard. Ray Biggs would be delighted to visit you to look at your objects or you are welcome to take them to the Estate Office.

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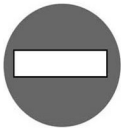
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Swinstead News

Village Hall Bingo - Monday 13th February eyes down at 7.30pm.

The Swinstead shoe box appeal culminated with 23 boxes. A heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to this worthwhile appeal.

The Christingle service was conducted by Heather Lee and Father David Pickett. This delightful service was well received by all.

The annual crib and carol service was well attended. Heather Lee and Father David conducted the service and local children presented the characters to the crib as the story of the nativity progressed. Thanks to Steve Webb for his the organ playing.

Refreshments including snacks

and drinks were given out by Clive and Molly Lunn; a lovely service and a beautiful prelude to Christmas.

Sausage and Mash Supper Friday 24th February 7.30pm Tickets £6. Don't miss this exciting adventure of Lincolnshire culinary delight; spiced up by a quiz by our own 'welsh wizard' Fr D. There will also be a raffle and bar. Tickets from the usual sources or ring 01778 591358.

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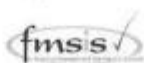
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Edenham Primary School

Preparations for Christmas at Edenham School entered into full swing at the end of November with the beginning of our Advent celebrations. The three Posadas were shared by 14 families during December, much to the delight of many of the children. Posada is a Mexican tradition where a nativity set travels between families, spending a night or two in each home. We also send home Christmas story books, carols sheets, a few prayers, cut-out nativity characters and, to record all the fun this year, cameras! The pupils really enjoy it and make the most of it.

Our Christmas Performances took place in the final week of term. 'Gabriel's Message', written by Steve Webb and Father Andy, was performed in church by Reception and Key Stage One pupils – they were magnificent and sang truly like angels. Key Stage Two meanwhile performed a hearty rendition of 'Scrooge' linking with their work on the Victorians. The Scrooge was

miserable, the ghosts were ghoulish and the Scottish Jig and Reel had faultless footwork. Really well done everybody and huge thanks to everyone – staff, pupils, parents, grandparents and friends of Edenham who made it such a success. Please see our website for photos – www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk

The term came to a close with a lovely Carols and Lessons Service with readings by grandparents, children and staff, joyful carol singing and solo star turns on the Violin by Ellie Brentnall, Millie O'Shea and Lara Landeweerd.

Friends of Edenham School

The Friends of Edenham School worked their socks off as usual to help the pupils have a wonderful time. The Christmas Fete, held in school, complete with Father Christmas and his Reindeer raised a spectacular £1500 and great fun was had by all. They then turned their hand to putting on a great Christmas lunch for the children with disco and prizes galore in a children's free raffle.

Further funds were raised through sterling work by Anthony Andrews and Katrine Hudson who sold nearly £600 worth of raffle tickets for Hampers. Well done and thanks to all of you who support the Friends of Edenham in any shape or form – Janie O’Shea, dressed as a reindeer, Sue Green for supplying Christmas trees, all the parents who helped set up the marquee, and took it down in the freezing dark, and Rachel Marshall-Roberts for kindly donating a Hays Hamper. All the

funds raised will go a long way to making the next school year great fun for the pupils.

September 2012 Admissions to Reception

A quick reminder to all parents that all applications for admissions to the Reception year group for September 2012 must be completed by January 20th, at 12 noon if you are applying online. For further information contact us in school – 01778 591207 or visit www.lincolnshire.gov.uk



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Edenham Parish Council

Meeting 10th January 2012

Open Forum No members of the public present. All parishioners are reminded that the open forum is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with the Parish Council hence are invited to attend Parish Council Meetings.

Queens Diamond Jubilee

Weathervane for Village Hall progressing well - revised cast iron plaque, incorporating a Crown & detailing the Queen's Jubilee. The Jubilee Committee are to meet again on 16th Jan 2012 to progress plans for the parish's celebrations.

Photographer for the Parish Photograph to be booked, bands booked for the afternoon and evening sessions Hog-Roast to be booked, Decorated Wheelbarrow completion organisation well under way etc. The council would again emphasize that the celebrations are an opportunity for all parishioners to get involved in marking the occasion by both offering help during the preparations and participating on the day itself. Make a note in your diary!! 2nd June 2012. Interested in helping? - please contact any Parish Councillor or Steam Action/ Village Hall committee member.

Annual Budget/Precept for

2012/13 Budget agreed for the forthcoming year and following much discussion the Precept for the year is to be set at £2750-00p – the same as 2011/12.

Children's Play Area Remedial work on 2 posts plus play surface required – unfortunately these high extra costs incurred will impact severely on other maintenance grants paid out later in the year

Planning System Guidance notes on Government's Changes to the Planning System to be circulated to all Councillors.

Highways Rubbish alongside the A151 throughout the parish is particularly bad and is to be reported to SKDC, also the footways in Edenham are in need of remedial work to clear overgrown grass edges and debris etc. Again to be reported to SKDC. Damaged verge and potholes by No's 36/38 Scottlethorpe Rd, Edenham – report to Highways Dept.

Next meeting - Tuesday 13th March 2012 at 7:30pm in Edenham Village Hall.

JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPES

After the excesses of Christmas, a good warming bowl of soup goes down a treat. We have about 100 leeks still in the garden so this is a recipe that is very useful. Bob gets bored with plain leek and potato soup, so the addition of Boursin cheese (or any other similar garlic flavoured cheese works as well) elevates it from a simple soup to a special one.

Leek, Potato and Boursin Soup

(Serves 2-4)

- 2 tablespoons olive oil**
- 3 large leeks**
- 3 large potatoes**
- 2 pints vegetable stock**
- 1 pack Boursin (or Roule) cheese**

Heat the oil over a moderate heat, add thinly sliced leeks and cook gently until softened but not brown. Cut peeled potatoes into small pieces and add to leeks. Pour in hot stock and simmer until potatoes are soft (approx 15 minutes). Allow to cool slightly then liquidise until smooth. Return to heat, add cheese and simmer until it has all melted. Season to taste. Serve with fresh warm crusty bread.

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John Robert Brudenell

(Known as "Tim" to the veterans of the Parish)

John had lived in Witham for most of his life, starting his education at Witham Village School. In his younger days he worked tirelessly for St Andrew's Church where he was also a zealous bell ringer. John was on the first Parish Council and, with the other Parish Councillors, he was instrumental in the obtaining the status of "Conservation Village" for Witham in 1974. John fought hard with his fellow councillors for the mains sewage scheme to be installed before there were any health problems. This concluded with the opening of the Manthorpe Sewage Treatment Works in July 1976. John was also on the committee for the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977. John's other interests led him to arrange the very popular Bingo evenings in support of the Royal British Legion and arranging and organising the Dedication of the Standard in May 1979. He also organised bags of coal for the OAP's and the annual Christmas parties for the children of the Parish.

Janet, Robert and Justin would, once again, like to convey their heartfelt thanks to those who have written to or visited us. Their thoughts, words and deeds have made our sudden and traumatic experience more bearable.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR PARISH NEWSLETTER ARE WELCOME

If you have any news or announcements that you may wish to share with the Parish then please offer them to us for publication.

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BAPTISM Ava Lambert, baby daughter of Sarah and Rob Lambert on 18 December at St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill. Welcome to our Church community.

CONDOLENCES to Janet, Robert and Justin on the sudden loss of John Brudenell of Greystones, Witham on the Hill.

WELCOME to Ellie and Jessica at Mulberry Cottage. We hope you will be very happy in Witham on the Hill.

CONGRATULATIONS to Abi, Georgie and Matt Dick on cycling 17 miles around Rutland Water, raising £500 for Children In Need. Well done!

HAPPY 60TH BIRTHDAY Ann Burbidge on 22 December. Hope you had a happy day and a wonderful holiday!

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY Father David Bratley. Many happy returns!

CAROL SINGING The Witham singers raised approximately £152 for St Andrew's Church. Well done all of you – a magnificent effort!

CAROL SINGING Despite the rain, (and their coughs and colds) Manthorpe choir yet again rose to the challenge and raised approximately £152. Well done choir, well done Josh Bentley and Louis Scott who did the door to door collecting and above all residents for your generous contributions. Helped by warming mulled wine and pizza along the way an enjoyable and successful evening. Thank you Manthorpe.

CAROL SINGING Steam Action had 2 very good nights singing around the villages; thanks to all for giving up two evenings to maintain this lovely tradition. Thanks also to all who generously supplied sustenance along our way - the mulled wine, port and sherry, Baileys, cheese straws and mince pies were all fantastic aids to the voice! Special thanks too to David and Sue Johnson and Arthur and Gill Stanford who invited in all their neighbours to join us.

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12 th February 2 nd before Lent	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
19 th February Sunday next before Lent	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am All Age Communion	11.15am All Age Communion
22 nd February Ash Wednesday	9.00pm Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes		7.30pm Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
26 th February Lent 1	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Skillington Deanery Service	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion

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