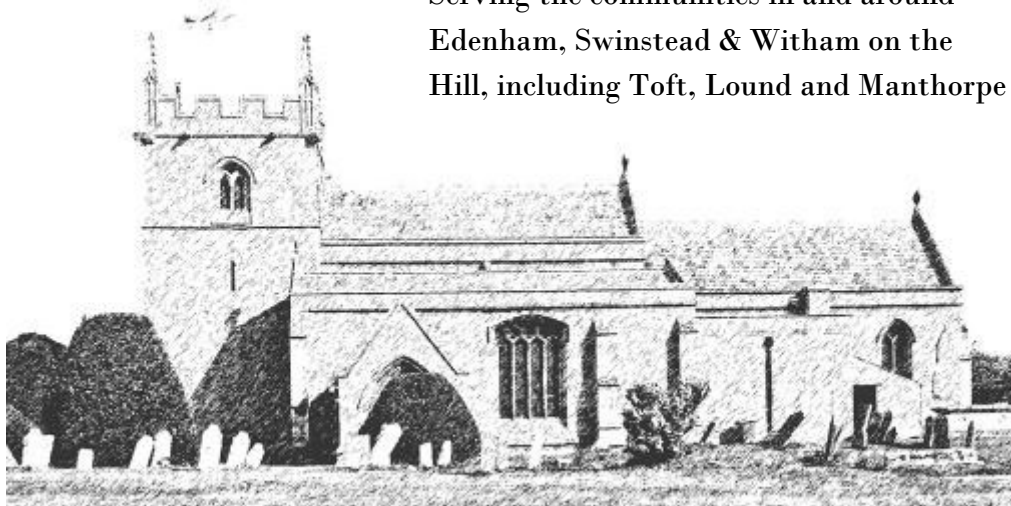


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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Cider Tasting - 2nd March at 7.30pm in Witham-on-the-hill Parish Hall. Come and taste all the locally made ciders. A prize will be awarded for the best-judged cider. Entry £5.00 per person, to include cheese, pate, French bread and a glass of wine. Bring your own drinks if you don't drink cider. A raffle will be held.

Coffee Morning - 3rd March at 10am-1pm Saturday in 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.

Witham on the Hill Historical Society - Member's meeting, 26th March at 7.30pm.

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

80's Quiz Night - May 19th at 7.30pm in Witham-on-the-hill Parish Hall. A fun evening to include an 80's Quiz, and a raffle. Entry £7.50 per person, to include a two-course meal and a glass of wine.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee
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:

'Food glorious food'! I notice shelves of recipe books in many kitchens around the parishes. The Vicarage kitchen is the same – and there are always new ones appearing, plus various pages and articles out of magazines and newspapers with more ideas about meals and menus. This is old hat compared to the 'food celebrities' of television, and popular programmes like 'come dine with me'.

Food is important not only to our physical wellbeing but also our emotional life. I heard a food writer recently explaining how the top chefs keep memories of 'comfort food' alive in their recipes – ingredients that trigger a sense of wellbeing and the memory of meals past.

It should come as no surprise then to learn that food has its spiritual significance too. Now we are in the season of lent – which is a time for abstinence and fasting. Christians mirror in their own lives the forty day fast of Jesus in the wilderness to learn

for themselves one of the lessons that Jesus learnt himself: 'man does not live on bread alone but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God'. In short there are more important things in life than food and answering physical appetite.

Lent follows Shrove Tuesday with its traditional fare of pancakes to use up the fat and sweet things in the pantry before the fast. Lent ends with Holy Week which includes Maundy Thursday, the service on that day commemorates the last supper of Jesus with his disciples. In this meal Jesus gave the Passover Meal of the Jews a completely new meaning – taking the bread and wine and instructing his disciples to use them as the means of making him present with him in the future. This Holy Communion fulfils Jesus' own promise 'I am the bread of life – whoever comes to me will never be hungry.'

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traditional menu for Easter Day includes lamb. This is a powerful reminder of the Passover lamb which was sacrificed in the temple in Jerusalem as a memorial of the escape of the Jews from slavery in Egypt – when the angel of death passed over the houses of the Jewish families which were marked with the blood of the lamb. For Christians Jesus is ‘the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world’. By his death he has destroyed death and opened to each of us the way to life with God – which scripture describes as the ‘wedding supper of the lamb’ a ‘heavenly banquet.’ As the Good Book says it is the best reason in the world to ‘eat your bread with joy’!

TALKING POINT

Richard Dawkins, the professional atheist, is very pleased to see that it is illegal to include prayers in the agenda of public meetings and that the extension of ‘marriage’ to gay couples has begun its path to legislation. He points out that few self-confessed Christians go to church regularly

and fewer read the Bible. It does appear to be the case that the Church of England seems content to put its stamp on the latest expression of secular morality.

There is clearly a challenge to be met in the march of the secularists. A few talking points: first, in rural areas at least, the church is as strong now as it was fifty years ago. Congregations in our own Deanery have increased year on year for ten years, the amount of financial support for the church in the same communities has almost doubled over the same period of time. The number of baptisms and marriages has also increased; is this a church in retreat? Secondly, whether the secularist society likes it or not we are all the subjects of a monarch who is anointed by a Bishop and is supreme governor of the national church – sacred and secular are very difficult to separate in our society. Something to reflect on in the Jubilee Year.

The Dawkins research does pose a question to all of us who would

call ourselves 'Christian' – 'how does that make an impact on our life and our relationships with others?' One last word from Jesus who said – 'he who is not with me is against me'.

THREE PARISHES CHOIR

The choir will begin practising soon to lead worship during the Deanery Service at Witham on the 25th March and at Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. If you are available to sing at these services and would like to join the choir please turn up to one of the practices. These take place from 4.30pm – 5.30pm on Sunday Afternoon at Edenham Church. People of all ages are welcome, there are no auditions and it is not necessary to be able to read music. All our music is specially written and arranged for the choir by Sue Nicholls (conductor) and Steve Webb (organist). The choir makes a huge contribution to our community and provides a welcome opportunity to meet people from across the three parishes and beyond. For more details call Sue on 01778 423036

or Trudy on 01780 754945.

LENT – A NEW BEGINNING

This year there are three different lent courses available as part of our parish programme.

MONDAYS: 27th February, 5th, 12th, 19th and 25th March
7.30pm – 9.00pm at Edenham Vicarage.

What on earth is that for? An opportunity to learn the function of all things and places in the church – led by Fr David Pickett.

TUESDAYS 28th February 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March
7.30pm – 9.00pm at Edenham Vicarage

The call to holiness in the Book of Common Prayer. An invitation to reflect on the teaching and worship of the Book of Common Prayer in its 350th anniversary year. The evenings begin with a celebration of Holy Communion and end with Compline. Led by Canon Andrew Hawes

THURSDAYS 23rd February, (not 1st) but 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th March 7.30pm – 9.00pm at

St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill.

Being faithful stewards. What does it mean to be human and have the ability to choose how we use our time and gifts? Are we making the best use of our resources at home and in the community? What does it mean to live a 'sustainable lifestyle'?

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ADDITIONAL CURATES SOCIETY (ACS)

ACS helps support those called to the priesthood before and after training. It also provides grants to parishes to help them pay the working expenses of curates in training. ACS makes a grant to

our parishes to help support our own Assistant Curate Fr David Pickett. This Lent you are invited to collect an ACS Lent Box from church. This is a small money box for the kitchen table or a place in the home. Fill it up over lent, and return it on or before Easter Day and all the money will be sent to ACS to support their vital work.

WALK WITH ME

Also available in church are copies on the lent book 'Walk with me' – daily readings and prayers for Lent cost £1.

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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TELL US YOUR STORY:

The "Domesday Project" is gathering momentum and several people have already sent in their submissions. These will be included in the display on show at St Andrew's church during the celebrations. The idea is to have the stories bound into a couple of books, one for the archives at Lincoln, the other to be sent to Buckingham palace. All you need to do is write a small piece about the house you live in, possibly its age and anything at all you can find out about it, how you came to be there and how you feel about the place you live in. It can be as short or as long as you wish to make it, and you can add a photograph of your house and even include the members of the family who live there with you. An example of the submissions already made are on the next few pages. These may give you some ideas and see how simple it is. IT NEED NOT TAKE MUCH TIME AT ALL, AND I DO KNOW THAT THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY STARTED HAVE FOUND THE EXERCISE VERY ENJOYABLE.

Here are your local contacts if you need any help: Jane Clark (Witham 590232), Jenny and John Gilbert (Toft 590273) Jean Croft (Lound 590249) Doreen Whittaker (Manthorpe 590547) Trudy Templeman (01780 754945) and Gill Stamford (591224), Trudy and Gill are your contacts if you live outside the area but come in either for work or for worship at the church; that chapter has a working title of " Drawn to St Andrew's"

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE: Do you have an aerial photograph of one of the villages? We would like to see a copy to help with research, please contact one of the above named people if you can help.

WITHAM VIEW - MANTHORPE

We moved to Manthorpe in October 1986, the house was brand new at the time, having been built by a local builder named Fred Smith. We believe that his son is now working in the family business. The house was built on the site of a grain dryer and it was part of Twells Yard, the Twell family being farmers in this area. To this day, the wonderful view which beguiled us in the first place is still the same, there is a lovely paddock at the back which, as yet, has not been built on and so we enjoy an uninterrupted view of Witham on the Hill with the church being just visible... if you know where to look!

At the time the family comprised of Martin and Ann Taylor and their two children Carl and Jennifer who are now grown up and living out of the area. We moved here from Buckinghamshire when Martin took up a job at Thomas Cook's in Peterborough and we have loved living here ever since. When we arrived the rear garden was nothing but knee high grass and forget-me-nots. We have not done too much to it and for a long time it was just laid to lawn and a few trees and shrubs, however, we have recently established a vegetable patch which gives us a great deal of pleasure. There is a wonderful wisteria which covers the front of the house. This was bought at the Spalding flower festival, soon after our arrival. It was in a small pot and no more than about 50 centimetres high and in full bloom. We wanted to give the garden a bit of instant colour but had not expected it to live over the winter, so it has proved quite miraculous and a great delight. Martin looks after it lovingly and prunes it back twice a year to keep it in tip top condition.

One of our first challenges was to find a suitable name for the house as the properties are not numbered. Reluctantly, we dismissed the temptation to call it "Twells Yard", knowing that we would encounter no end of problems with the spelling and most people would decide we lived at number Twelve. Our then neighbour George Whittaker suggested several names including "Hereward House" and "Witham View". We settled for the latter and I rather enjoy the play on words "With -a -View" for it certainly has a lovely view. The house has hardly changed since it was first built, although white upvu windows have replaced the original timber ones which, though double glazed, proved to be very draughty once the wood started to move and warp. The coal fired central heating is now oil fired but the brown glazed front door is the original. Several new houses have been built in the intervening years but perhaps the greatest change we have noted is the increase in traffic. The expansion of Thurlby, Northorpe and Bourne has created a significant number of commuters who use Manthorpe as the Route into Stamford and the A1.

COPSE VIEW, MAIN STREET - WITHAM ON THE HILL

Jane and Bob Clark moved here with Karen and Dawn in 1985. At the time, the house was owned by the local Police Authority and was used as a rural police office, with Bob as the local police officer for the area. He previously served in nearby Stamford. They eventually bought the house in 1993 and renamed it 'Copse View'. (A neat play on words; there is a copse in the field behind the house).

Records show that it was built in 1952, the Police Authority having purchased a small piece of farmland from the Fenwick family at Witham Hall. The Police House has been occupied by a succession of police officers all serving the local area and operating from the attached office which, conveniently, leads straight into the living room. Bob was the very last residential beat officer for the Witham on the Hill area.

It is believed that the house stands on land at one time occupied by an old hall, owned by the wealthy Harrington family. The hall dated from the 16th century but there is now very little trace of it. Whilst digging in the front garden, Bob once unearthed what looked like a cobbled courtyard floor. This was covered over again and is still in situ. Some large carved masonry blocks have also been unearthed. The deeds of the house state that a stock-proof fence had to be maintained. Many large and small animal bones have been dug up over the years leading us to believe that cattle and sheep were grazed on the land.

When the police house was built it stood almost alone on its own plot of land at the east end of the village. The Six Bells pub was on the other side of the road and the nearest dwellings were the cottages in Elm Avenue. Over time many homes have been built opposite and on both sides of the house.

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SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2012

Correspondence: Pack received from SKDC relating to HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations (Beacons). Letter from JR and JA Whitelam.

GLOBE – Relating to the new Localism Bill. SKDC Local Development Framework. SKDC – Notification of “drop in” sessions relating to SKDC/parish councils and local communities. Leaflet on Notice Board and board in Village Hall

Financial Report: 2 Cheques signed since last meeting:

Neil Dowlman Architects :
£1,071.00: SKDC Election charges £62.00 & A Financial Report was circulated.

Neighbourhood Watch: No local issues but general problem of metal theft. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinator reported that we no longer have access to the Witham PCSO Reports via e-mail. Councillor Robbins stated that Swinstead village was now within the Colsterworth PCSO NW area. The Parish church roof issues, after lead was taken, has yet to be resolved.

The Butter Cross: The Consents

for the work have come through and Mr Somerville distributed the Report by English Heritage. The Specification, as previously drafted, should be sufficient for quotations to be obtained from stonemasons, for the work which may be carried out in two stages. Firstly the “beaten banded” stone for the Cross itself and followed by the surrounding slabbing which will be on a slope so that drainage is not an issue. Mr Somerville to arrange for three quotations from local stonemasons.

Community Wildlife Grant: Mr Lynch reported that he is awaiting a reply from the owners regarding use of the paddock close to Oaks Lane on the Creeton Road for the creation of a Community Orchard. If this were to go ahead, the Parish Council would like to see this established as the village's lasting recognition of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:

The pack sent to the Parish Council relating to these celebrations was discussed and it was agreed that the Council would not take part in the “beacon related” celebrations as there were various issues such as the expense of insurance, health and safety and risk management.

Dog Fouling: The Council is grateful for responsible dog owners who clear away their own animal's street litter. Councillor Robins is to ascertain the procedure for purchasing and the maintenance of red "dog litter" bins although it is thought that this will present problems both with the high expense of the bins and the maintenance thereof, e.g. emptying and replacement liners. It was also thought that it would be unlikely to make a difference to the situation. At the last meeting of the Swinstead Parish Council on the 12th January, District Councillor Nick Robins confirmed that it is not acceptable for the green waste bins situated in the village to be used for the disposal of bags of dog excrement. Parishioners are asked to dispose of dog waste in their own waste bins. The Parish Council will be monitoring this.

Road Sweeping: Councillor Robins said he would look into the road sweeping services for Swinstead as there does not seem to be any evidence of a regular visit to the village.

Litter: It was noted that the amount of litter accumulating in the village has risen alarmingly. Some villages organise litter picking teams to help alleviate the

problem. The problem of fly tipping was also discussed and Councillor Robins said that he would be speaking to Martin Hill about this problem together with litter and migration of road gravel onto the pavements causing various problems.

Blocked Drain outside Croake Hill Cottage: Mr Lynch is to write a letter with regard to the need for a service by SKDC to remove leaves blocking this drain and other drainage on the High Street.

Memorial Seat at Croake Hill: It was agreed that the seat is now beyond repair and a health and safety matter. Mr Lynch will arrange for disposal and funding for a replacement will be considered at a later date.

Parish Council Precepts: A letter was received from SKDC regarding Precepts for this year and outlines for 2013/14 and 14/15. These were discussed and the figures have been submitted to the SKDC.

Councillors' Reports: Under the new Localism Initiative, the Parish Council may now wish to draw up its own Constitution. However, Councillor Robins advised against such a change and suggested that we retain our present Constitution which is in

line with that suggested by the SKDC. He pointed that if we adopted our own Constitution, any legal challenges to the Parish Council would be more difficult to refute as the SKDC would be unable to help with any litigation which may arise.

Date of Next meeting: 8th March 2012 at 8pm.

E-mail Advice

Avoid Scams and SPAMS

How many of you receive innocent e-mails from friends that say "forward this on to '10' of your friends", "sign this petition", or "you'll get bad luck" or "you'll get good luck" or "you'll see something funny on your screen after you send it" or the like.

BEWARE these are highly likely to have an e-mail tracker program attached that tracks the cookies and e-mails of those to whom you forward the message.

The host sender receives a copy each time the message is forwarded and is then able to compile lists of 'active' e-mail addresses to use in other SPAM emails or sell on to others.

These crooks often prey on your emotions; citing God, children with

incurable diseases (typically, 'how would you feel if it was your child'). More innocently, they might invite you to share recipes.

These people don't care how they get a hold of your e-mail address - just as long as they get it.

Do yourself and your friends a favour; **ignore the message** and don't participate.

STOP adding your and your friends' names to these lists regardless how inviting they might sound or how guilty they try to make you feel if you don't participate.

You may think you are supporting a great cause, but you are not.

Neither are you upsetting your friends by not passing 'their' message on; you are in fact preventing the scam getting further into your network of friends.

Remember these messages are all about collecting active e-mail addresses and nothing more. If you do pass the message on, you will instead receive junk mail later and very possibly a virus in your computer to boot!

Additionally, you are helping the Spammers get rich – don't make it easy for them.

Swinstead News

Bingo in the village hall on Monday 12th March eyes down at 7. 30pm good fun, good prizes

Easter Fayre to be held in the village hall on Saturday 7th April (Easter Saturday) doors open at 2.30pm. Stalls include Easter egg

tombola, refreshments and other seasonal attractions. Come along and win an Easter egg. Should anyone wish to donate an Easter egg for this worthy cause please contact Elsie Kiely on 01476 550512. All donations will be gratefully received

Edenham Village Hall

Edenham Village Hall committee has set a date for their AGM which will be on 25th April in the hall meeting room. Please make a note of the date and come and support us and find out all the news.

The Christingle service at Edenham Church on 18 December raised £112.34 for "The Children's Society". Many thanks to the children of Edenham School for helping to make up the Christingles.

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Witham on the Hill Parish Council Meeting held on 16th January 2012

A councillor gave a report on his visit to the Motorcross track in November. He had looked at the facilities which included first aid, Event Marshalls etc., and reported that he had witnessed a noise test being carried out on four machines, picked at random. The meeting was informed that South Kesteven District Council has asked for an independent sound check to be carried out.

The Clerk reported that the End of Year Form 2011/12 had been approved in August but had been lost in transit. She has asked Clement Keys to forward a covering letter explaining why the Council only has a photocopy. It was agreed that the 2012/13 precept would be £2,000.

The following planning applications have been approved by District, Witham Hall School-extension to teaching block and tree work; Palace Farm - alteration of the dovecote (Listed Building Consent); reduce the beech tree at Longacre, thin the spruce at the Village Green; tree work at Somersby House. The following were refused, Palace Close - demolition of existing

dwelling/garage, build private dwelling house/garage and Golf course appeal dismissed.

It was reported that concern was expressed that a vehicle was being driven across East Green and some residents were complaining that the willow tree should be removed.

Correspondence had been received from Lincolnshire County Council Highways giving self-help tips when snow falls on roads and footpaths, information placed on the notice boards. Also a booklet on planning explained, and improved communications between residents and the District Council.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 12th March 2012 at St. Andrew's Parish Hall starting at 7pm. All welcome.

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2nd A.Stanford

3rd Mrs.M.Imminck

LADIES

1st Mrs. P. Batt

2nd Mrs. S. Olley

3rd Mrs.G.Stanford

Among the raffle winners were Mrs.M.Barlow, T.Barlow, Mrs.M.Imminck, Mrs.J.Osborne, A.Stanford and Mrs.A.Blanchard. Many thanks to all those who very kindly donated prizes, this is a great help, and to all who support the evening. The next Whist Drive is on Friday 18th March.



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Swinstead Parish

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Mrs Jane Hunt-Webb, Parish Clerk, Croake Hill Farmhouse,
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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.



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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.

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Edenham Parish

“60 Glorious Years” - decorated Wheelbarrow Competition

On Saturday 2nd June there will be a special ‘fun on the field’ event at Edenham to celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

As part of the run up to this special occasion everyone living or working in the villages will have the opportunity to take part in a light-hearted, fun competition. You are all invited to 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, the 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.

Ensure your wheelbarrow is positioned so as not to cause an obstruction or be unsafe to others.

Wheelbarrows must be displayed from Friday 25th May to Friday 1st June 2012.

Judging will take place during this period and the judges decision is final

Wheelbarrows will be displayed at the ‘Fun on the field’ event on Saturday 2nd June from 1200-1700

A £10 donation to village funds will secure eligibility for the competition.

The organisers reserve the right to use photographs of wheelbarrow displays for future publicity.

Don't worry if you don't own a wheelbarrow. Contact Ray Biggs and when you register to take part and make your £10 donation you will be loaned a wheelbarrow until the end of the competition (courtesy of Travis Perkins Ltd). The winner and runner-up will receive prizes. There will be commemorative certificates for all participants.

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Grimsthorpe Castle

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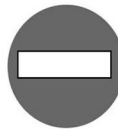
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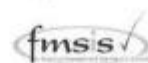
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Edenham Primary School

The year has got off to a busy start. Our young sportsmen and women have been kept busy with in school tournaments for Netball and Football. Our young Football team, who have been playing together only for one term, won their tournament in a nail-biting penalty shoot-out! Thanks to Father David for his excellent coaching skills. Congratulations to Grace Burrows who represented the school and the county in an indoor athletics tournament, and also to James Latham and Polly Luscombe who have been selected to become Young Sports Ambassadors. They have been chosen due to their commitment, enthusiasm and talent in sport and we look forward to hearing more from them in the run up to the Olympics.

The Gardening Club organisers are really looking forward to getting started when the days begin to warm up. They have plenty of excellent ideas for planting this year – we look forward to crops of vegetables

and, strawberries (if we can fight off the blackbirds). Please see the information box for an appeal from our Year 5 and 6 Head Gardeners – help if you can. Thanks also to Leon's Grandad for making us three lovely bird boxes – we will be hanging them on the school site during half-term ready for spring bird-watching.

Finally, the crowning glory of this term for the pupils – SNOWY DAYS! We've enjoyed watching a crowd of snowmen appear on the playing field. If anyone's children have 'lost' hats and gloves, be warned, they may have been borrowed...

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SAUSAGE JAMBALAYA

(Serves 4)

- 8 Lincolnshire sausages
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 teaspoon chilli powder
- 2 teaspoons ground turmeric
- 8 oz brown rice
- $\frac{3}{4}$ pint stock
- 1 can chopped tomatoes
- 1 sliced courgette
- 1 red pepper, deseeded and chopped
- 4 oz button mushrooms, quartered

Halve sausages, and fry in oil over a medium heat for 10 mins until lightly browned. Add onion, chilli powder, turmeric and rice. Fry for 5 mins, until rice is opaque. Add stock and tomatoes, bring to boil and simmer for 40 mins, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking, adding more liquid if necessary. Add the pepper, courgette, and mushrooms. Cook for a further 10 mins.

For vegetarians just omit sausages. Other veg can be used (mange tout, green beans) or omitted as required.

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 18th May 2012

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Last year we had over 100 suppers taking part in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In the three years we have been running the event we have raised £20,000 to support spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

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18 th March MOTHERING SUNDAY	10.00am Village Service 6.30pm Bourne Abbey Deanery Service	10.00am Parish Communion for all ages	11.15am Parish Communion for all ages
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