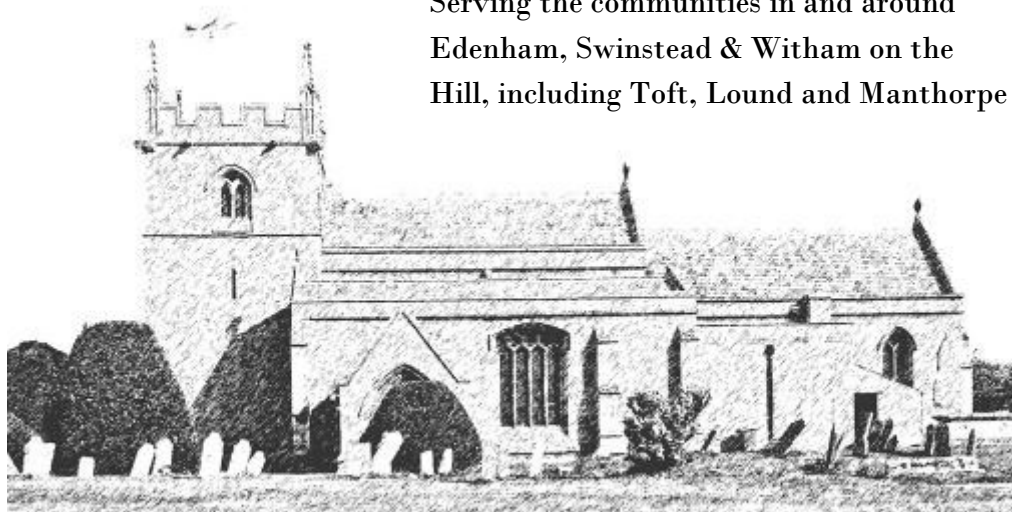


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Edenham Arts, Craft, Needlework and Fellowship Group - May 25th 2pm to 4pm in the Vicarage.

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.

Race night in Edenham Village hall on Friday 22nd June 7pm for 7.30pm prompt start. Free entry but if you would like to buy a horse or sponsor a race please contact Ruth 01778 591328 before 15th June. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Proceeds to Steam Action.

CONGRATULATIONS to Trish and Jon Page on the birth of Sebastian, on Thursday 19 April, weighing in at 8 pounds 1 ounce. A brother for Francesca.

CONGRATULATIONS to Claire (nee Renner) and Gareth Burley of Edenham, on the birth of their first baby, Penelope, on Tuesday 17 April, weighing in at 9 pounds 4 ounces.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill

**The Church will be open all weekend for the
'Jubilee Domesday Project' display - details
available locally**

Sunday 3rd June 2012

10am Church service – Parish Communion

**6pm Church service – Songs of Praise and
the Revd. Canon Andrew Hawes will bless
and distribute the commemorative Jubilee
mugs**

**Jubilee tree planting ceremony – more
details to follow**

All are warmly invited to all of these events

VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

May is called 'Mary's month' – 'Lady Day' being the last day, the 31st – on which Christians celebrate the visit of The Virgin Mary to her kinswoman Elizabeth, who was six months pregnant with John the Baptist. As Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting the baby leapt in her womb and Elizabeth greeted Mary with the question 'who am I that the mother of My Lord should visit me?' From this has come the various titles of Mary – 'Mother of God' or in the Greek 'Theotokos' meaning God –bearer or God's parent.

On Easter Day I remarked to the congregation that I had never seen so many babies and pregnant women in church before. Certainly, as far as the parish churches are concerned, the thought of imminent births has never been far from our thoughts and prayers, neither have the unborn members of our congregation. As many readers will know, having a baby around changes life radically; each baby needs its own community of care

– but in all this there is no substitute for the place of the Mother.

From a Christian perspective, there is no higher vocation and no more important work than mothering; and despite all the rightful and righteous aspirations of women to have a demanding and fulfilling working life, it is wonderful to see and share the wonder, joy and reckless love that new mothers discover in their new role.

During Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee we have an opportunity to reflect on a life-time of Christian service to the United Kingdom and The Commonwealth. Although she has never said, as her namesake Elizabeth the first did, that ' I am the mother of the nation', there is no doubt that being a wife and mother has provided her with strength, wisdom and insight that has enabled her to be a source of unity, strength and integrity to our common life.

During the Jubilee celebrations your Parish Church will host a

'Songs of Praise' as a thanksgiving for the Queen's ministry and an opportunity to renew our commitment to love God and our neighbour. These songs will represent each decade of the past sixty years and there will be readings from all the poet laureates of the Queen's Reign. There will be a special service booklet that will serve as a souvenir of the celebration. I hope to see the churches full with people and song!

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Please do make a generous response to the annual collection for Christian Aid which will take place between 13th and 20th May. As we experience all the lush beauty of an English spring we might spare some thought and money for those who do not even have clean water to drink.

ROGATION

Rogationtide is a time of asking God's blessing on the growing crops and on the work of human hands. This is usually accompanied by a procession

with prayer through the orchards and fields. Please see details of the Rogation Walk (on the service list) this year from Swinstead to Edenham on the 13th May. This route takes an hour and a half of slow walking through the peerless parkland of the Grimsthorpe Estate including the banks of the lake. Please do come – if only for the guided walk!

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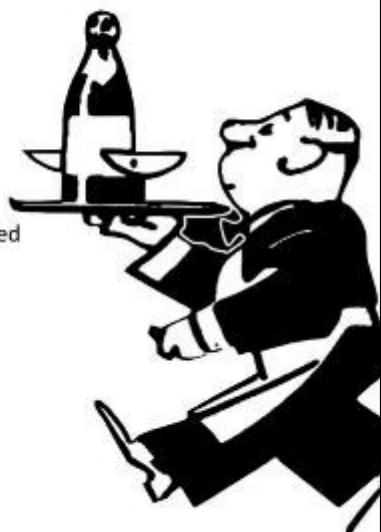
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The Regional House has a programme of days of reflection, open to all. They begin at 10am

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.

“BEARING WITNESS” – Friday 11 May. Canon Ian Silk opens up the prayer and teaching of Lincolnshire saints – Guthlac, Hugh, and Edward King on the command of Christ to proclaim the Gospel to all nations.

“STOP IN THE NAME OF GOD” – Saturday 16 June. This 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.

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WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

At the AGM on 3 April Ann Burbidge was re-elected as President. Following the business, a bring and share supper was enjoyed by all. After supper, entertainment included Marion Paterson leading community singing of old folk songs, Margaret Rine reciting a couple of Pam Ayers poems, and Sue Cork spoke of her work as wardrobe mistress at Tolethorpe and answered lots of questions. The evening concluded with Ann Burbidge hosting the card game of "higher and lower" which resulted in a lot of shouting and laughter.

The programme for the next six months is as follows:

1st May "Costume Cavalcade Part 2" (dressed dolls through the ages) by Teresa Thompson

Clerk's notes of the Witham on the Hill Parish Council Meeting, held on 12th March 2012

The Parish Council meeting was well attended and the following concerns were reported: dust cart destroying grass verge; blocked drain; damage to a number of bungalows at East Green; broken litter bin; possible damage to stocks roof by overhanging

7th June "Right Royal Revelry" by Jill Collinge

3rd July "Decopatch" (hands-on craft work) by Angela Nicholls

14th August "Corsets, camis, swimsuits & Smiles" by Maggie Rampley (*at Carlby Village Hall*)

4th September "Waitrose" by Kelham Cooke

2nd October "My Life as a Banquet Florist" by Peggy Shrosbree

Visitors and new members are always most welcome. We meet at 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Do come along and hear about all the other things that we do! For further information contact President Ann Burbidge, Hill View, Witham on the Hill, tel 01778 590132

branches and moles on the Village Green. It was also suggested that a wildflower meadow be created on the Village Green. A discussion also took place regarding a proposed planning application for Motocross events which have been found to be situated in the parish of Careby.

The clerk reported that she had met with SKDC regarding an extra

street light along the footpath, East Green. Unfortunately the District Council would not fund an additional one but the clerk had obtained a quotation from E-on to supply and install a steel column and provide a new electrical service connection. She also reported that she had spoken with SKDC regarding the movement in some of the bungalows and a structural engineer has been asked to provide a report.

It was reported that one quotation had been received for the extension of the Village Green car park and that the Council would have to register for PAYE.

The following planning applications were discussed: Witham Manor, removal of yew hedge to be replaced by a close boarded fence. All Councillors objected to the application as it would have a negative impact on the landscape of the village, situated opposite Witham Hall and the three Archways which are listed; removal of hedge during spring would disturb nesting birds, and Witham is a conservation village. The Councillors instructed the District Councillor to ask that the application be presented to the Development Control Committee and request a site visit. The Councillors had no

representations to the following applications: Palace Close-demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement; School House-increase height and partial re-alignment of boundary wall; West Farm-erection of single storey forward extension to dwelling and erection of agricultural building; Somersby House-reduce two poplar trees and South Cottage-pollard willow.

County Councillor Martin Trollope-Bellew reported that he would be taking bids for his 'Big Society Fund' for 2012-13. It was agreed that the Jubilee Committee would apply for a contribution, amount to be finalized nearer the time.

There was a request that all dog walkers '**Please keep their animals under control**' when using cross-country footpaths, especially where there are livestock in the field. Also within the next couple of months birds will begin to start nests and special care should be taken over ground-nesting birds.

The next meeting to take place at St Andrew's Parish Hall on Monday 14th May at 7pm. This would include the Annual Parish Meeting, please come along and support your Parish Councillors.

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The Domesday project is going really well; there is now a ring binder at St Andrew's Church in Witham with some of the entries. Everyone is welcome to go in and have a look.

All entries will be gathered together as part of the Jubilee celebrations, these will be displayed and then, subject to funding, bound into a book, one for the Lincoln archives, one to be sent to Buckingham Palace and others for sale to interested individuals.

If you are still wondering how to get started, here are some topics which you may like to cover: **Your name, house name and who lives there with you. Have you always lived there? If not, where did you come from? How long ago did you move here and why did you choose your particular house and location? Was the house new when you moved in and do you know who the builder was? If your house is older, do you know who lived there before you. Is your house a conversion from a different kind of building or do you know its history? How do you feel about living where you do and what changes have come about since you moved in?**

Just a reminder of your contacts: Jane Clark, Witham: 590232; Jenny and John Gilbert, Toft: 590273; Jean Croft, Lound: 590249; Doreen Whittaker, Manthorpe: 590547; Trudy Templeman, 01780 754945 ; Gill Stamford, 591224.

Trudy and Gill are your contacts if you live outside the area but you come in for work or to worship at the church.

**ALSO NEEDED: OLD PHOTOGRAPH OF THE VILLAGES AND ANY MATERIAL RELATING TO THE SILVER JUBILEE, WE WOULD LIKE TO USE THESE FOR A DISPLAY DURING THE JUBILEE WEEK
END**

TIMBERSCOMBE, MANTHORPE

My wife Magda and I retired in 1991 from the school in Surrey which we had served for 40 years, she as a school matron, myself as deputy headmaster. We hadn't enough money to buy a garage in Surrey, let alone a house, so one day we drove up the A1 to look at Stamford which once had had a connection with my college at Oxford, Brasenose. We both fell in love with Stamford and found this place in Manthorpe well within our budget. Tragically, Magda died within 18 months of our retirement but, apart from that, I have been very happy here and think the Lincolnshire people the friendliest in the world.

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Now it is totally upgraded and organised and the gardens are well maintained by our gardener. Family and friends come to stay as guests and to recharge their batteries. It was built around 1880 as two cottages initially, my father, Leslie Dungworth the local farmer subsequently had his foreman living there with his growing family until his death in 1990.

I am most fortunate and grateful to have inherited the property and now have it held in trust for my 5 children, Claire, Edward, Frazer, Thomas and Juliette who are all successful in their lives, but I hope to continue to enjoy living here for many years to come. I still enjoy working as a Community DN two evenings a week and respite foster caring to allow children with disabilities to benefit from the facilities we have on offer here. Juliette continues to live with me and we feel privileged to be surrounded by the beauty of the undulating forested surroundings and to be involved in such a positive friendly community and at the same time being surrounded by extended family.

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EDENHAM PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A variety of events will take place over the weekend of 2nd - 5th June. We hope that as many people as possible will join in, take part and enjoy a community weekend. On May 12th, there will be a coffee morning held in The Village Hall Edenham to raise funds towards the celebrations. Decorated Wheelbarrows will be on display throughout the Parish for the whole week preceding the Jubilee weekend. The Church will host a photographic display featuring 60 years of Parish Events and will be open all day, every day of the Jubilee weekend.

On Saturday 2nd June at 12 noon a community photograph will be taken in front of the Village Hall by a professional photographer. We need as many residents there as possible to create a lasting record of the Parish in 2012. The finished picture will be displayed in the Village Hall and copies will be available for sale. This will be followed by the unveiling of a lasting tribute to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, commissioned by Edenham Parish Council. Then we will have 'Fun on the Field' – children's games, football, cricket, rounders, face painting, dressing-up competitions. Afternoon tea will be served in the Village Hall along

with a Pimms tent. The Red Hot Chillies jazz band will play. Later on Saturday evening there will be a barn dance in The Village Hall with dancing to the Elusive Black Dog Ceilidh Band. There will be a bar and a raffle and tickets include a hog roast provided by Groovy Foods. Tickets are just £9 each or £5 for under 12 years.

The whole weekend will be rounded up with a rousing Songs of Praise service in St Michael and All Angels Church on Tuesday evening.

Steam Action Vegetable and Produce Show

This year will be held on Saturday 8th September - please put the date in your diaries and start planning your entries, get growing, get stitching and knitting, get cooking!

New classes this year will be a cheesecake, a poster to advertise the show, a handmade tea cosy (knitted or sewn).

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diamond jubilee celebrations
a farming scene of today
a wild animal
a computer enhanced photograph (max size 12x10")

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Swinstead News

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The Annual Easter fayre was held on Easter Saturday in the Village

Hall. All stalls, including raffle, egg tombola, bookstall and regular tombola were well attended and tea and coffee were available for the thirsty. A profit of nearly £170 was raised for the local Church. A big thank you goes to Elsie, Grace, Mollie, Chris, Pat, and Yvonne.

Both the recent delightful family service and Easter Sunday services were well attended.

The regular Church bingo will be held in the village hall on Monday 14th May, eyes down at 7.30pm; good prizes and a cash snowball.

Well done to Karen Clark and Shaun Hill on completing their first London marathon and raising funds for the Anthony Nolan charity. Karen finished in 4 hours 4 mins, and Shaun in a magnificent 3 hours 28 mins, despite a bad attack of cramp at 600 yards from the finish!

The Witham on the Hill Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

Monday 4th June 2012

1.30pm – Start

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2.00pm Children's Fancy Dress

3.00pm Mini Olympics

4.00pm Children's Prettiest Pet Competition

4.45pm Group Parish Photograph

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By the middle of April the firefighters at Corby Glen had already attended over sixty incidents in what has been a hectic first quarter. The well-documented tragedy at Holywell was a night of many emotions and for all our professional training it is a very difficult to prepare for incidents like these, the most we can do is offer our condolences to the families.

Only a few days after that we were called to the report of rider trapped under a shire horse between Holywell and Aunby. After being directed to the incident by local people, it soon became evident that we would not be able to reach the rider in the fire appliance and set off on foot across fields to get to the rider. We were glad when a local person offered to attempt to take us to the incident in his car. We took what first aid we could with us and on route the shire horse concerned walked past us going in the opposite direction. We could now see people further up the track helping to keep the injured rider calm. It seems that the horse had stumbled and ended up on top of its rider, luckily the rider was able to move her arm and locate her mobile phone and dial for help. The first people

to reach the stricken pair had attempted to stop the horse moving and so injuring the rider further but it was having none of this and promptly got up and walked off. The rider had a lot of pain in her wrist but had still got full movement in the rest of her body. We carry a pulse oximeter which measures the oxygen saturation levels of the blood supply from which we determine whether to administer oxygen or not and the indications were that oxygen therapy was required. Due to the remote location the air ambulance had been assigned to the incident and we were able to pinpoint the location for the pilot with a GPS map location. Within a few minutes the ambulance arrived and after a primary survey the casualty was air lifted to hospital. A couple of days later the rider turned up at our training night with a broken wrist in plaster and a case of beer for the crews, always nice to have a good outcome and be appreciated for your efforts.

We were alerted to an animal rescue of a different kind when we were sent to Roman Bank sluice gates in Spalding. Enroute control informed us that we were going to reports of a seal marooned on a mud bank and we would be helping the RSPCA. The young seal was exhausted and had been

on the bank for several hours and we were tasked with donning dry suits and then rowing ourselves across the River Welland on an inflatable in an attempt to capture the seal in a crate provided by the RSPCA. Exhausted or not, as soon as that seal saw us it decided to roll back in to the water and then proceeded to swim rings around us. After a few attempts it was clear our efforts were going to be futile and we had to admit defeat as the seal popped its nose out of the water and headed for Skegness!

With heating oil and solid fuels being so expensive we are seeing a growing trend for more houses to be fitted with wood burners. This in turn has led to an increase in the number of chimney fires we are attending. These tend to be caused by a number of things – poorly fitted appliances, burning unseasoned wood, storing logs too close to the wood burner and not increasing the number of times the chimney is swept. We were called out to report of a house fire in a local village at 2.30am. On arriving at the property we found two people had evacuated their home and that the ground floor was badly smoke logged. We sent in a 2-man breathing apparatus team who quickly found the seat of the fire. Sparks from a wood burner

had ignited boarding near the metal flue, this in turn set fire to the wooden chimney lintel which dropped sparks into the nearby log basket which proceeded to spread to a rug and carpet. The worst of the fire was quickly extinguished; crews then had to chop out some of the plasterwork to gain access to the charring on the wooden lintel. These trends really do show that we should be taking more care when having wood burners fitted and also with their maintenance.

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75g butter
150g caster sugar
2 eggs
175g sr flour
175g dates
175ml boiling water
½ tsp vanilla essence
2 tsp coffee essence
¾ tsp bicarb

For sauce:
350g soft brown sugar
220g butter
2 tbsp double cream

Pour boiling water over chopped dates. Add vanilla, coffee & bicarb. Set aside. Cream butter & caster sugar until pale. Add beaten eggs and mix well. Fold in flour, & stir in date mixture. (The mixture will be very sloppy!) Divide between 8x3ins ramekins, or 8x175g metal pudding basins. Place on baking tray & cook at gas mark 4, 350f, 180c or 170c fan oven for 25 mins. Leave to cool for 5 mins before turning out on to a shallow Swiss roll-type tin. Make sauce by melting all the ingredients in a saucepan & heating gently until sugar has dissolved. Pre-heat grill to its highest setting. Pour the sauce evenly over puddings. Place tin under the grill so that the tops of puds are 5 inches from heat. Heat for about 8 mins, until the tops become brown & slightly crunchy & sauce is hot & bubbling. Serve with chilled pouring cream.



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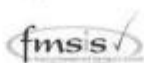
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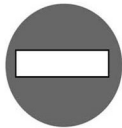


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13 th May Sixth of Easter Rogation Sunday	8.45am Parish Communion 4.00pm Rogation Walk begins St Mary's to Edenham	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 5.30pm Tea at the Vicarage 6.00pm Rogation Service.
17 th Thursday Ascension Day		7.00pm Sung Eucharist	
20 th May Seventh of Easter	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
PENTECOST 27 TH May	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Deanery Service and authorisation of local ministers Swayfield	11.15am Parish Communion
TRINITY SUNDAY Diamond Jubilee 3 RD June	8.45am Parish Communion 11.30am Songs of Praise and Pimms!	10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Songs of Praise	11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
4 th June			6.00pm Songs of Praise

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