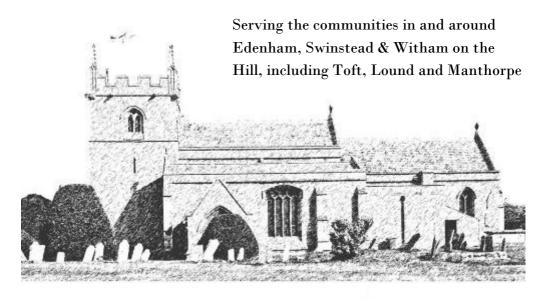
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### **June 2012**





### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### 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, 1.30 pm Tug of War competition Witham versus Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe

2.00pm on the Village Green - village party

### Manthorpe:

4th June, 1.30pm Tug of War at Witham on the Hill

2.00pm in the Parish Playing FieldParty on the Field

### Swinstead:

3rd June 2.30 pm tea party in the Village Hall.

### 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**

Imogen Allman, Beatrice Clark, Leah Clark, Coleen Clarke, Jeanne Mary Dungworth, Sophia Jessica Gregory, Jill Mary White, Richard Frederick Batten, Stephen George Hill, James Latham, and Stephen Mark Pickett on your confirmation on 29 April at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill. What a very special and moving day it was!

Claire Burley (nee Renner) on achieving her Masters Degree in Education from Hughes College, Cambridge University. Claire will be awarded her degree on Saturday 19th may. What a year - getting married, having a baby daughter and now her Masters!

# 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 Doomsday Project' display - details available locally

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June2012

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**

Trevor Phillips, the head of the 'Human Rights and Equality Commission', said recently; 'it is time to get over the issue of gay marriage; this is not the subject on which to debate the place of religion in public life.' My first thought on reading this was - the issue of marriage is exactly where I would seek to overturn the Christian teaching if my aim was to expel the influence of the Christian Church from public life. Having witnessed, over a lifetime, the success of the 'equality party' and its fundamentalist approach to social and ethical issues, which has transformed English society (for good and for ill), I am quite sure they will achieve their aim; as they possess a renowned presence in the media, and on issues of gay rights, in Parliament.

The institution of marriage is absolutely central to Christian Faith and life and is built on fundamental principles of Christian Doctrine. Marriage in the Christian Faith is a Sacrament – it is the way that the eternal love of

God is made present in the here and now.

The first principle concerns the nature of creation, indeed the belief that God is Creator. As the modern Marriage Service proclaims 'marriage is a gift of God in creation' or as the Book of Common Prayer succinctly puts it 'marriage was ordained by God for the procreation of mankind.' The union of a man and woman to procreate new life is part of the Divine ordering of creation. Now that most sexual activity is deliberately non-procreative, it means that in secular morality two men having sex is the moral equivalent to heterosexual sex. Sexuality divorced from the purpose of creation has the consequence of reworking every aspect of human relationships including the role of parents. In the Christian Faith, the complementary nature of humanity as expressed in male and female is most fully expressed in the role of father and mother. Fathers and mothers are made by marriage.

The second principle is found in the teaching of Jesus who reminds us of this ordering in creation that 'a man shall leave his mother and father and be joined to his wife and that the two shall become one flesh.' For the Christian, marriage is a God-given way to spend a life in loving for the sake of the other and in so doing find a freedom and communion which Jesus saw as a foretaste of eternal life. Jesus' first sign or miracle was made at a wedding in Cana, he described himself as a Bridegroom and heaven as a wedding feast.

The third principle is that of community. Marriage is the central element of community - as the Marriage Service proclaims – 'in marriage husband and wife belong to one another and they begin a new life together in the community.' Marriage creates home and family as places of security and love. It is out of home life that community grows and develops. No one should be surprised that the rejection of marriage by the 'Thatcher Generation' should have led to breakdown in community.

I expect to be castigated as homophobic – and anyone who knows me will defend me against that charge. Anyone who criticises the 'new order' is bound to be dismissed as mad or bad - it was ever thus where fundamentalist ideologies are in charge. The problem is we now live in a moral environment where the principle of equality (which is a bastard concept of a material view of the world and not known in Christian ethic) rules over all. As the AB of C, Rowan Williams, has said 'this obsession to make everything equal is obscuring life giving difference in society.' Some things are just not possible from a Christian viewpoint and one of them is gay marriage.

For more information see the Coalition for Marriage Website.



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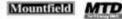
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### WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

Witham on the Hill WI Meeting held on 1st May 2012

The President, Ann Burbidge, welcomed 22 members (including 2 new ladies) and 2 visitors. This was the NFWI Resolutions' Meeting when the employment of more midwives was brought to the attention of all. The NFWI calls on the Government to increase investment in the training, employment and retention of midwives in England and Wales to ensure services are adequately resourced and are able to deliver a high standard of care. The vote was unanimous and passed accordingly. Our speaker was Teresa Thompson who gave an indepth presentation of costumes from the time of George III to the 1980's. Her talk was entitled "Costume Cavalcade" and was illustrated with approximately 50 dolls in the varying period styles. The dolls were most intricately made by Teresa and dressed in the most amazing costumes. It was a highly enjoyable evening.

Mrs Jean Budden drew our attention to the truly first class service provided by the WI for their blind or partially sighted members in the form of a DVD presentation

of the WI Life magazine. The competition, a piece of costume jewellery, was won by Pamela Wood with Sue Cork and Frances Plummer coming 2nd and 3rd respectively. Sue Cork was lucky again in winning the raffle. Refreshments were provided by Jane Clark and Jean Mathams; these were greatly appreciated by all the ladies.

Table tennis is played on a monthly basis at Sue Cork's home and regular walks are enjoyed by many members. The next walk has been arranged for Thursday 10th May at Cowbit followed by lunch at Springfields. May 21st sees a visit to a recycling centre in Grantham to find out about the final farewell of electrical items! Several other outings have been arranged for the coming months - so watch this space!

Our meetings are normally held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm; however, next month's meeting will be on Thursday 7th June at the same time, and all visitors will be made very welcome. Our speaker will be the well-known Blue Badge Guide, Jill Collinge, whose talk is entitled "Right Royal Revelry". We look forward to this with much pleasure.

### Swinstead Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebration Tea

A tea party to celebrate the Queen's diamond jubilee will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 3rd June starting at 2.30 pm. Competitions will include the best decorated hat, a celebration card (any occasion) that must include the jubilee colours and a raffle. £1 each to enter any of the competitions. Prizes for the

winners of the competitions will be awarded during the afternoon. Also on offer is a talk on the Royal family and a display of Royal memorabilia.

The tea party is free to all that attend but to book your place and obtain more details please contact Elsie on 01476 550512

Come along and help celebrate this unique occasion and enjoy an afternoon tea.

### Swinstead News

Bingo in the Village Hall on Monday 11th June - eyes down at 7.30 pm. good prizes and a cash snowball. Swinstead garden fete will be held in the grounds of Swinstead Hall on Sunday 29th July starting at 2.30 pm. Lots of stalls, games and refreshments resulting in entertainment for all the family. Come along and enjoy a pleasant afternoon at this annual event.

Coffee morning at the Village Hall every second Tuesday; come and enjoy a tasty cup of tea or coffee plus biscuits, hopefully win a raffle prize, take part in a quiz and generally have a good time. Good fun all round. Next coffee morning is on Tuesday 22nd May from 10.00 am.

### Flower rota:

9th - 16th June - Jill Barry 23rd June - 7th July - Grace Strut 8th July - 14th July - D Bell

Karen and Shaun would like to thank everyone who sponsored us so generously, when we took part in the London Marathon on 22 April. Once all donations have been collected, we will have raised over £2,000 for the Anthony Nolan Charity.

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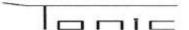
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# Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 8th May

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The chairman expressed concern that yet again there were no members of the public present for the Annual Parish Meeting. All parishioners are reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

Election of Officers: Councillor Joyce was elected as Chairman and Councillor Martin as Vice-Chair for the forthcoming year.

### **Community Street Cleaning:**

Council has been accepted onto the SKDC supported street cleaning scheme and it is hoped that standards of cleanliness should improve.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee: The Jubilee Programme commences with a Parish Photograph at 12 o'clock followed by family fun afternoon. In the evening there will be a barn dance to the 'Elusive Black Dog Ceilidh Band' with Hog-Roast Supper. The decorated

Wheelbarrow Competition is still open for entries – contact Mr Ray Biggs. Hopefully all within the parish will attend the event, especially the historical parish photograph.

Annual Accounts and External
Audit: Annual accounts were
accepted by the Council. External
Audit Return completed and
signed by the Chairman and
Secretary. Notice of electors' rights
to inspect the accounts had been
placed on Parish notice boards.

**Edenham School - Planning Application**: Plans to install solar panels on the new school extension were discussed. Council voted by a majority of 4-2 against the proposal due to the negative visual impact it would have on the local area in particular the panels on the western side - facing the Old School Building which is "Listed". Much effort was taken at the planning stages of the new extension to ensure that roofing materials etc were sympathetic to the locale and to then cover such with solar panels would make that effort seemingly pointless.

Children's Play Area: The council would like to thank all that helped to lay the new play area safety floor material, especially Heath Cranfield and Tony Martin (machines save so much hard work!!).

**Highway Matters**: Potholes, broken and blocked drainage gullies within the Parish are to be reported to Lincolnshire Highways.

Loose and dangerous 'Bike' Warning signs to be reported to Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

**Next Meeting**: Tuesday 10th July 2012 at 7:30pm in Edenham Village Hall.

Parish Council Meetings take place on the second Tuesday in every other month -- Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov.

### Steam Action

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### Notes from the Swinstead Parish Annual Meeting and Parish Council AGM 3rd May

### **Parish Annual Meeting**

Chairman's Annual Report to the Council: The Chairman thanked members of the Council and the Clerk for their support throughout the past year and in particular M. Somerville for progressing the Buttercross Project and for his continuing liaison with English Heritage and potential contractors.

There remains a need to support residents and liaise with the Police and SKDC with regard to continuing problems at Croake Hill. Other issues still requiring close monitoring by the Council include litter and dog fouling in the village. The football field continues to be maintained.

Regarding H.M. The Queen's Jubilee the Chairman was pleased to note that an afternoon event had been planned for June 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Village Hall. This would also include a Talk by a former member of The Queen's household.

The Chairman also continues in his role as Trustee for the Poor's Land and the Trust distributed funds to elderly local residents of more than 10 years standing.

Financial Report for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2012: Income for the year was £2,601.00. Expenditure amounted to £2,728.00 and a Reserve of £3,753.00 was in hand at the year's end. The accounts were approved by the Council. The accounts have been passed to the internal verifier Sir Edward Barry.

**Electors concerns:** No members of the public were present.

### **Parish Council AGM**

**Election of Chairman:** B. Lynch was elected Chairman and G. Brown as Vice-Chairman

Charitable Donation:Lady Barry had written to the Council requesting a donation to St Mary's Church; a donation of £230 was agreed.

The Buttercross: Letters have been sent to 3 potential contractors for quotations. Progress on obtaining grants continues.

Community Wildlife Grant: The Council agreed that we would submit an application for a grant to the Natural Environment Team at Lincolnshire County Council towards the costs of purchasing trees for planting in existing gaps in hedgerows at the playing field.

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### **HM The Queen's Jubilee**

**Celebrations:** It was suggested that the seat at Croake Hill be replaced to mark the Jubilee; it was decided to wait until the full and final costs of the Buttercross Project had been settled.

### **Councillor and Clerk Training:**

The Clerk was scheduled to attend a day-course at Pointon on 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Councillors will attend a course later in the year.

**Noise Nuisance:** Issues continue to be monitored; the Chairman will be writing with regard to new problems reported on the High Street.

Councillors' Reports: It was

noted that the down-pipe on the bus shelter at the top end of the village had become dislodged. Arrangements will be made to repair the pipe.

**AOB:** The Council approved a Planning Application by the Reverend Canon Andrew Hawes for the replacement of stolen lead from the St Mary's Church Porch with slate.

The Chairman will write to Mrs Anita Henson thanking her and Sir Edward Barry concerning the administration of the Village Hall.

**Date and time of Next Meeting:** 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 8pm.

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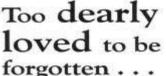
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3 oz soft marge

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1 egg

1 tsp cinnamon

6 oz mixed dried fruit

2 large cooking apples

2 oz granulated sugar

8 sugar cubes

Break bread in a basin & cover with water. Leave to soak for several hours. Cream marge and sugar, beat in egg. In a sieve, squeeze out water from bread. Return to bowl & beat with wooden spoon, until broken down. Add bread to creamed mixture with cinnamon & fruit. Mix well. Spread half into a greased 2 pint dish. Place half of sliced apples over the bread mixture & sprinkle with half of granulated sugar. Spread with remaining bread, cover with rest of sliced apple, sprinkle over rest of granulated sugar, then crushed sugar cubes. Bake approx 1 hour, 190c until brown & shrinking from sides of dish.

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### **Edenham CE Primary School**

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# New Starters Information evening for parents Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7:00-8:00pm

Pupil visits to school Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June or Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1:00-3:00pm.

(We will be in touch to let you know which day of the week is allocated for your child.)

### Class Swap Day – for all pupils, New Starters to attend Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

Life has been extremely busy in school for the past few months. Lent and Easter provide some fantastic opportunities for thinking about ourselves, each other and what it means to be part of our community. We were proud of our Y6 pupils who lead a moving Holy Week service using drama, with prayers bravely read by our Year 1 and Foundation Stage pupils.

We launched energetically into the Summer Term with an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Service. Unfortunately, wet weather nearly stopped play, foiling our plans to walk to Grimsthorpe for both activities but, thanks to our brilliant Friends of the School, the hunt was relocated to the school grounds and woodland, whilst at the service, we were able to enjoy the beautiful flowers decorating Edenham Church.

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This term sees some really exciting learning taking place – each class is a different country and, whilst we can't stretch to international travel, we are aiming to experience countries of our choice as best we can. Foundation/Y1 pupils are studying Kenya and have already relived a trip to the savannah with Mrs Clarke and her holiday snaps. Y1/Y2 pupils are sampling tastes of Italy, Y3/4 are kicking back to enjoy the beauty of Oceania and Australia and Y5/6 are exploring the complexity of India. Activities to be enjoyed will include trips to Whipsnade, Frankie and Bennie's in Spalding, an Indian takeaway, a Hindu dance and language workshop and packing our suitcases to visit another nation.

We are already learning a huge amount about the Olympics and Olympic Values and hope to represent our adopted nations proudly during our sports day!

We'd be really pleased to hear from you if you have any experiences you could share with our pupils about these four countries – language, art, travel, sport. Who knows...

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### **EDENHAM SCHOOL SUMMER FETE**

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- 2. Mr M.Brace
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Among the raffle winners were Mrs J. Osborne, Mrs M. Imminck, Mrs W. Stratton, Mrs P. Garrard, Mr S. Osborne, Mrs M. Barlow, Mr A. Stanford, Mrs D. Bennett and Mrs G. Stanford.

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported these evenings and to all those who have donated prizes throughout the season, this is a tremendous help. We look forward to seeing you all again when the Whist Drives begin again on Friday 21st September.



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Jubilee 3 <sup>RD</sup> June	11.30am Songs of Praise and Pimms!	6.00pm Songs of Praise	6.00pm Evening Prayer
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>			6.00pm Songs of Praise
1 <sup>st</sup> after Trinity 10 <sup>th</sup> June	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion Evening Prayer 6.00pm	11.15am Parish Communion
2 <sup>nd</sup> After Trinity 17 <sup>th</sup> June	8.45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
24 <sup>th</sup> June Birth of John the Baptist	8.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
1 <sup>st</sup> July St Peter and Paul		10.00am Morning Prayer	3.00pm Ordination to the Priesthood of The Revd David Pickett 4.30pm Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe Castle

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