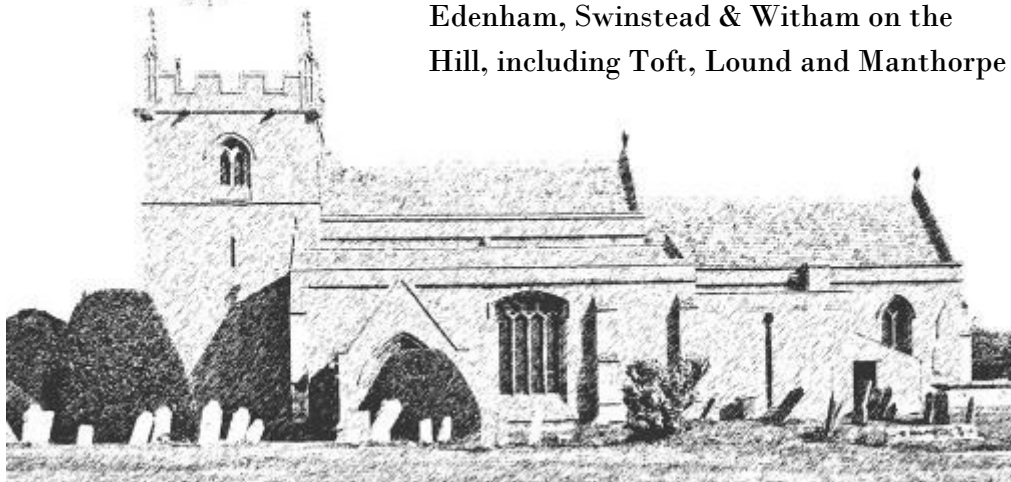


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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

29th July, the annual summer garden fete will be held at Swinstead Hall. Lots of stalls selling an assortment of crafts and plants, games for young and old and refreshments. Come along and have fun.

8th September Edenham Produce Show.

8th September 7.30pm, Stephen Webb in Concert in Swinstead Church.

8th September Big Bike Ride and Stride.

14th September 7.30pm, Edenham Church, Song of Songs

5th October 7.00pm, Swinstead Harvest Festival followed by supper.

6th October Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham - leave 08.30am return 6.00pm.

7th October 10.00am, Witham All Age Harvest followed by bring and share lunch.

8th October (Monday) 7.00pm, Harvest Service in the Toft House Hotel followed by supper.

12th October 7.30pm, Edenham Harvest Supper.

14th October 11.15am, Edenham Harvest Festival.

Historical Society

17th September Glyn Coppack on Sempringham Abbey.

12th November Alistair Goodrumon "Balloons, Bleriot's and Barnstormers".

CONGRATULATIONS Hannah Dawson and Stephen Campbell on your marriage, 14 July at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill. Wishing you both much happiness together.

Big Thank You 'I would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone

who organised, attended, or contributed to my birthday. It was a glorious memorable day – even the weather was good! I am truly blessed to have such fantastic friends and wonderful family.'

From Debra Mcmillan, Witham on the Hill.

THE VICAR'S WRITES

The Olympic Games have their origin in the athletics competitions between the city states of Ancient Greece. The discus and the javelin were weapons of war and the marathon preserved the memory of the defeat of Troy at Marathon – the messenger running the twenty six miles to bring the news of victory. The games were ritualised warfare and provided the opportunity for the warrior elite to train and hone their skills in a competition which was bloodless. Sport and politics mix very easily. We know that sport has great power for propaganda purposes; we need only think of the 1936 Berlin Olympics and its presentation of Nazi Germany as super power and a 'super race'. The post war period saw the exploitation of the Olympic Games by the Eastern Bloc countries, and the 1968 Olympics are remembered by the black gloved salute of the American athletes launching the 'Black Power' movement.

Politicians know that sport has power, and business knows that

sport is money. The power of sport can be easily manipulated to political and commercial ends and it is a well-used means of exploitation and social engineering. Even as long ago as 1935 George Orwell was warning that the behaviour of football crowds made them ripe for political exploitation; 'all football fans are potential fascists' was his argument, and many sociologists have compared the pattern of life of a football fan to that of a follower of any religion. Last month 17 million people watched the Wimbledon Men's Final. That is only a few million less than the number who voted in the last general election. The value placed on professional footballers reveals a society with an absurd view of what is important.

More parochially families thrash themselves to death to support children in their sport with a devotion that would rival a Franciscan monk, putting enormous pressure on their home life and making sport a priority over many other family activities and aspects of community life. In

other homes countless hours are squandered in the addiction to TV sport whilst at the same time local organisations struggle to find support and volunteers, and (ironically) some local sports clubs struggle to put out teams. There is something unhealthy about this and it would be a good thing if the sports fans among us reviewed the place of sport in our hearts, minds and use of time and other resources.

Like many other aspects of life sport needs to be subject to thoughtful appraisal. Ask the questions 'why I am doing this, who am I doing this for and what outcomes will it have in the medium and long term? The Christian Faith teaches that all things can work for good if they are used for a good purpose but warns that even the best things in life can corrupt if they are misplaced and misused. There is a great responsibility on each of us to be thoughtful about what we do with our lives.

One of our daughters had the opportunity to continue a successful career in international

sport after school and under 18 age groups but she decided to withdraw from the senior international squad. 'Dad,' she said after making her decision, 'I can't see the point in it ruling every minute and every aspect of my life; it's just not worth it.' I for one agreed with her. Hats off to those Olympic athletes who think it is.

EDENHAM REGIONAL HOUSE

The autumn programme for the Regional House opens on September 1st with a visit from Kate Austen of Christ Art. Kate uses art in two ways – by looking and by participating to explore themes in the Christian life. She provides all materials and we provide lunch – suggested donation is £20 for the day. In October we have three different events. On the 4th October Canon Valerie Rampton will be leading a day titled 'Mists and mellow fruitfulness' – a day of reflection for autumn. On 13th October we hold the annual 'apple day' when we pick the fruit in the orchard to store or prepare for use in the Regional House kitchen. This runs from 10.00am to 4.00pm and

includes lunch; all ages are welcome and it's free so please let us know you are coming. On the 16th October Fr Stephen Hoy from Lincoln will introduce the writing of St Therese of Lisieux a twentieth century saint with a reputation for a sweet disposition but who is down to earth and practical in her advice. All are welcome to these days. To find out more or book a place call the Vicarage on 01778 591358.

BISHOP OPENS GARDEN

On Midsummer Day the clouds parted for a few hours, and the sun shone on the gathering of friends, volunteers and parishioners at Edenham Regional House, the retreat and conference centre, as the Bishop of Lincoln, Christopher Lowson, dedicated St Michael's Court. This paved terrace to the south of Edenham Vicarage has been developed to provide a meeting and worship area accessible to all. It overlooks the relaid lawns and views through the woodland over the East Glen valley. With a table of Ancaster stone at the east end,

and a fountain at the west end, St Michael's Court mirrors the pattern of the Parish Church, its eight beds of green oak shadowing the pillars of the church.



Funded by grants, donations and fund raising by the Friends Association the project has taken eighteen months from design to completion. Over four hundred hours of voluntary labour, cleared woodland, paths and hedges, planted bulbs and provided unskilled but essential labour. There is still a third stage to complete which will see the creation of walkways and the installation of art works. To see the project for yourself arrange a visit by contacting the warden Canon Andrew Hawes 01778 591358.

SONG OF SONGS

St Michael and All Angels Church in Edenham will host the Song of Songs Concert on Friday 14th September 7.30pm. Written and conducted by Patrick Hawes, this performance features the soprano, Elin Manahan Thomas, together with the Raven Quartet and St Botolph's Singers.

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Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 10th July 2012

A member of the parish requested that improved ways of notifying the parish of forthcoming meetings be considered. It was agreed that the use of e-mail should be trialled.

Interested parishioners should therefore please e-mail the parish clerk at clayton_epc@o2.co.uk. Parishioners are reminded that the Open Forum is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors.

As a requirement of the Localism Act 2011, the Parish Council has adopted a revised Code of Conduct.

The Community Street Cleaning scheme has cleared the majority of the Parish's highway verges of litter.

The Parish Fun Day was a great success. Photos are available (£4-00 for a 10 x 8 print); please see the lists in the Church entrance, Post Office and Village Hall - closing date 31st Aug. A small profit may lead to commemorative mugs for Parish children and/or a new bench for the playing field.

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Jane Bradley and all the hard working volunteers whose efforts made the day possible.

Edenham School revised plans for the solar panels were considered to be a suitable compromise.

No objections were made to Elsthorpe Grange Plans for an array of solar panels on land adjacent to Elsthorpe Grange.

Potholes, broken and blocked drainage gullies within the Parish will be reported to Highways.

The next meeting of the Edenham Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11th September at 7:30pm in Edenham Village Hall.

Steam Action & Produce Show

The Race night on 22 June was a really good night and I think everyone enjoyed it. We raised £855.20 which will go a long way towards the Steam Action Christmas party. So thank you for your support.

The Produce show will be on September 8th this year so if you won one of the trophies last year, please can you deliver to Ruth Atter at 9 School Lane by 1st September all clean and shining.

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Glorious Gardens

Witham on the Hill opened its gardens on Sunday 1st July 2012 to support the cost of running the Parish Hall. Whilst it was a dull chilly day it did nothing to deter more than 150 visitors to enjoy the 12 gardens including the majestic gardens of Witham Hall School.

Many thanks to all those who supported the event particularly those who opened their gardens, the helpers who manned the car park, assisted in the kitchen and organised the raffle. A special thanks to Witham Hall School for the use of their car park and for opening their gardens to our visitors also Jean Mathams and Angela Clifford who worked tirelessly in the Parish Hall providing teas for the visitors, Mike Mathams who spent hours organising the event to ensure that everything worked faultlessly on the day and Bob Ray for his expertise in making all the signs.

This is the fourth time open gardens has been held in the village. Not only was it really enjoyed by all the visitors but also by those who participated – and of course it was a good reason to ensure that all the gardens were at their best.

The event raised over £500 some of which is being used to undertake a complete 'deep clean' of the Parish Hall. If you would like to see the results of the clean please come along to our next meeting at 7.30pm, Wednesday 1st August 2012. The hall is also available to use for private functions at very reasonable rates (contact David 01778 590331).



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Swinstead Parish Council Clerk's Notes

Accounts for 2011/12 were signed and submitted to the external auditors. Accounts will be available for public inspection later in the year.

Swinstead now falls under the Colsterworth Neighbourhood Watch Area.

No quotations for restoration work on the Butter Cross were received; a further 3 stonemasons will now be approached for tenders. Work on applications for grants continues.

BT will be approached with regard to refurbishing the telephone box.

Costings have now been ascertained with regard to the Council's application for the Community Wildlife Grant. In the meantime, an initial purchase of 5 apple trees will be made to start the Jubilee Orchard in the paddock on Creeton Road.

Anyone willing to help set up and care for the Community Orchard would be most welcome.

Highways will be approached to

ensure that jetting of local culverts was carried out soon.

An application with regard to 12 High Street, Swinstead was approved. The SKDC has conditionally approved the plans for repair of the Church porch roof.

Bad weather prevented completion of the last grass cut on the football field; the Council have now agreed to keep the matter under review. LCC has stated that grass verges are now cut twice per year.

The Council discussed the issue of nuisance bonfires and burning of material in braziers in the village.

Liaison with SKDC continues with regard to issues at Croake Hill.

A letter is to be sent to Yvonne Szwed and Ann Hakesley thanking them for arranging the tea party at the Village Hall for the Jubilee Celebrations.

SKDC will be approached to sweep the pavements of gravel as this remains a persistent problem since the re-surfacing last year.

Next meeting will be held on 6th September.

The Computer Swallowed Grandma

The computer swallowed grandma. Yes, honestly it's true! She pressed 'control and 'enter' And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely,
The thought just makes me squirm.
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I've searched through the recycle bin and files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Jeeves
My searches to refine.
The reply from him was negative,
Not a thing was found 'online.'

So, if inside your 'Inbox,'
My Grandma you should see,
Please 'Copy, Scan' and 'Paste'
her and send her back to me.

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Swinstead News

The annual summer **garden fete** will be held on **Sunday 29th July at Swinstead Hall**. Lots of stalls selling an assortment of crafts and plants, games for young and old and refreshments. Come along and have fun.

On Saturday 8th September at Swinstead village church an evening concert with organist Stephen Webb commencing at 7.30 pm. Refreshments and drinks will be provided. Tickets in advance are £6 each from Elsie 01476 550512 or at the door on the evening. Everyone welcome.

Bingo in the village hall on Monday 13th August eyes down at 7.30 pm good prizes and of course the cash snowball.

The next 3 coffee mornings will be on Tuesday 31st July, then the 14th and 28th August in the village hall commencing at 10 am. Tea, coffee, a raffle and a quiz - come along, take part and enjoy the fun.

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Notes of the Witham on the Hill Parish Council Meeting 2 July 2012

The Parish Council agreed to adopt the same code of conduct as South Kesteven District Council, (SKDC) which included the Nolan principles and dispensations.

The clerk reported that she had again contacted SKDC in regards to various problems at East Green. She had also received a reply to her request for a map showing the site and number of each street light belonging to SKDC. They replied that there was 'insufficient funds' to place the numbers on the posts. It was reported that some of rights of way had been cleared, while others would have to wait until August.

It was agreed that there would be no representation in regard to the applications to remove a willow tree at Hillcrest House or stone cladding, install new windows and replace front porch with gable roof at The Sycamores.

Cllr. Bonney informed the meeting that he and Mr & Mrs Stapleton

had agreed an area on the Green which could become the Nectar Meadow (referred to previously as Wildflower Meadow). It was agreed that they could spend a maximum of £200.00 on seed and other items required. Cllr. Bonney would apply for a wildlife grant from Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) to help cover costs.

C.Cllr Trollope-Bellew reported that C.Cllr Webb, portfolio holder for LCC Highways, had visited the site at Witham Manor and looked at the problem in regard to the footpath and yew hedge. C.Cllr Trollope-Bellew also reported that LCC had adopted a wind farm policy which was being looked at very closely by other councils. Finally he congratulated Witham on the Hill on their win against Manthorpe in the Tug of War and that he was pleased to support their Jubilee celebrations with a donation from his 'Councillors Big Society Fund'.

Next meeting takes place at The Parish Hall on Monday 3rd September at 7pm. All welcome.

WITHAM on the HILL WI Report of meeting held on 3rd July

Myriad hues enveloping an assortment of animals and shapes, creating a rainbow of colours, dazzled our eyes. Had we been transported to a parallel universe? No! These are the tools of the trade of our speaker, Angela Nicholls from Decopatch Farmhouse Chicken Crafts. After a brief introduction several ladies produced their own works of art! On a basic shape, tiny pieces of brightly coloured paper are glued onto the surface, resulting in a memorable souvenir. It was fun; but I do believe some of us are still trying to remove the glue from our hair! Jane Clark thanked Angela remarking how “therapeutic” the experience had been.

Forthcoming event is 28 July - Table Tennis at Manthorpe.

Our next meeting is a combined one with Carlby WI on Tuesday 14 August at 7.30pm and we shall travel to Carlby Village Hall for this. We look forward to the evening as both Presidents will conduct the proceedings. A warm

welcome is extended to all. As usual, further info may be obtained from Ann Burbidge on 01778 590132.

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JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPE

Rhubarb is very much in season now, and the Regional House has plenty of it! I have made rhubarb fool, rhubarb crumble, rhubarb cake, and rhubarb chutney. This recipe comes from a British Sugar book which I got in 1977, that started my foray into preserves. I always consult it when I have a glut of produce, to see what I can make. This recipe I used for the first time this year, and it is absolutely delicious on a slice of fresh home-made bread.

RHUBARB AND GINGER JAM

- 2lb 8oz rhubarb
- 2lb 8oz sugar
- 5 tablespoons lemon juice
- 4oz stem ginger
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger

Cut rhubarb into small pieces, place in a large bowl in alternate layers with sugar. Add lemon juice and leave overnight. Place in preserving pan and bring to boil, then boil rapidly for 15 mins. Add stem ginger & ground ginger. Boil rapidly for approx 10 mins until setting point is reached - test by cooling a teaspoon of jam on a cold saucer in fridge for 5 mins. Push the jam and if it wrinkles, setting point has been reached. Give the jam a good stir, then pot in small jars and seal with screw tops immediately, while still hot. Makes approx 5 pounds of jam.



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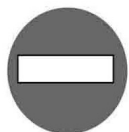
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| 12 th August 10 th after Trinity | 8.45 am Parish Communion | 10.00am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion 4.30pm Evening Prayer |
| 19 th August 11 th after Trinity | 8.45 am Parish Communion | 10.00am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion 4.30pm Evening Prayer |
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| | SWINSTEAD | WITHAM | EDENHAM |
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| 2 nd September 13 th after Trinity | 8.45am Parish Communion | 10.00am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer |
| 9 th September 14 th after Trinity | 8.45 am Parish Communion | 10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 16 th September 15 th after Trinity | 8.45 am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer | 10.00am Parish Communion | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 23 rd September 16 th after Trinity | 8.45 am Parish Communion | 10.00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer | 11.15am Parish Communion |
| 30 th September Michaelmass | | | 1030 Three Parishes Eucharist 6.00pm Evening Prayer |

In addition evening prayer is said Monday to Friday in Edenham church at 5.00pm
 The Eucharist is celebrated on weekdays – see details in church porch.
 Every Friday at 1200 the Eucharist is celebrated in the stable chapel at the vicarage
 a bring and share lunch follows for all willing and able to stay.