

# The Three Towers

July 2013

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Hill, including Toft, Lound and Manthorpe



**REMINDER - As usual, the 'summer' edition of The Three Towers will be a double-issue covering August & September. Please send your contributions in as early as possible. Thanks, Editor.**

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**Condolences** to Kathleen Burns and family on the very sad loss of Gilbert Burns. A charming man who will be greatly missed.

**Congratulations** to Clare and Darren Walker on the birth of Erin on 6 June. A sister for Rory and may she bring you much happiness.

**Congratulations** to Katy Hodgkinson (grand daughter of Madge Maile) and Christopher Barlow on their wedding on Saturday 29 June at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill. We wish you many years of happiness together.

**Thank you** says Madge Lynch to everyone who helped her celebrate her 90th birthday. Madge had so many well-wishers, cards, flowers and presents it was overwhelming.

**Thank you** says Jean Joyce to her fellow councillors who took her and Stephen out for a meal to mark Jean's standing down from the Parish Council. It was a really happy evening; another memory for Jean's box of souvenirs to treasure.

**Welcome** Kate and Robert Hardy to Elm Avenue, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy in our community.

**Good luck to** Nick, Karen, Sean and Christopher Coles in your new home in Morton.

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**Clothing collection** - the latest collection raised a magnificent £200. Thank you to everyone who donated clothing. Another collection will be made in the autumn; so keep saving your good unwanted clothes. The money will help to pay for St Andrew's Church roof repair.

## THE VICAR'S WRITES

As I write this the sun is shining, its warm and we are in – dare I say – a mini heat-wave! As I look out of my window I can see the rapeseed in the fields wafting gently in the breeze to the sound of evening birdsong. I can see a clear blue sky that holds the same colour as a warm Mediterranean sea. No doubt though that by the time you get to read this the weather will be back to its British norm and it will be wet, windy and cool! Like many things in life, our weather is fickle. That is why many nations know the UK as having 4 seasons in one day when it comes to weather patterns. But being fickle, I think, is part of what it means to be British. Speaking for myself I love tomatoes (my favourite food), but dislike tomato-juice as a drink. I love, love, love chocolate (don't we all!), but dislike chocolate cake and hot-chocolate as a drink. You too, may be fickle when it comes to food and drink or perhaps other things in your daily life. This same fickle behaviour of ours can also be found in our approach to Church and Church services. As baptised Christians we all accept and confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, the Son of God made man who came to earth,

born of a woman, to save us from our sins. We also accept that His Church, both spiritually and historically, is part of what it means to be a practising Christian, coming together to worship God as one body. But many of us differ in what we find acceptable in Church and church services. Many of us are comfortable with certain practices and beliefs, whilst others feel uncomfortable or tolerate things because of a need to belong, or often through lack of choice. We have phrases - easily spouted - such as: high-church, low-church, reformed, free, Anglo-catholic, evangelical, charismatic etc, etc. Many people will categorise themselves, or lay allegiance to one of these types of church, whilst others will feel comfortable in one or more styles. What is wonderful about Anglican worship - especially the Church of England - is its strength in offering these differing styles of worship that appeal to all types of people. By doing this, it allows us to live and practice our faith in an environment that is comfortable and enjoyable - I think it fair to say that no one wants to feel uncomfortable in Church or see it as a form of dutiful drudgery? But when all is said and done, our fickle approach to Christian styles

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of worship does not distract from our love of the Church and all that it stands for. Yes, it has and continues to have problems, but together as a unified body – irrespective of style – we are strong. We are able to influence society, politics and life in general. We are able to promote God's love for all of his people through his Son. We are able to love and help our neighbour in need, both near and far. We are able to walk with God and ask for his intercession in our daily lives. And possibly, most importantly, we are able to offer the living, sacrificial body and blood of his Son through the Holy Eucharist. So, we may be British, we may be fickle, we may have to endure 4 seasons in one day, carrying both an umbrella and sun cream at the same time, but we can be proud that we are part of a wonderful Church, steeped in history, that has allowed, and continues to allow, us to be diverse and to think for ourselves, loving God in a free-thinking, honest way. And maybe, just maybe, that is the reason we can often smile through the rain! Fr David Picket

**WALSINGHAM** This year the **day pilgrimage** will be on **Saturday 5<sup>TH</sup> October** leaving Edenham at

8.30am and returning at 6.00pm. The cost is £10 per adult, £5 for the first two children in a family, thereafter children are free.

The **weekend pilgrimage** is from **Friday afternoon 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**November** until **Sunday 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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### **TO HEAVEN WITH THE ENGLISH MYSTICS** - Friday 26

July. Ten practical and down to earth lessons to learn from Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, Julian of Norwich and the author of "The Cloud of Unknowing" about Christian life and prayer. Led by Canon Andrew Hawes.

### **Edenham Church News**

On Passion Sunday Father Andy blessed and brought into use a substantial solid oak cross. The wood was sourced and given by John Gregory in memory of his mother, Irene Gregory. It was fashioned by local carpenter Laurence Joyce and carried into church by him on the day. I pray many will find comfort from it in future years, and bring their troubles and thanks to its foot and leave them there. Amen.

**Lincolnshire Churches Trust**  
sponsored Ride & Stride 14th

Sept 2013. For the first time in many years this event doesn't coincide with Edenham and District Produce Show, so anyone who has been troubled with divided loyalties will be able to take part. Let's hope the weather is clement on the day and we will be in the church porch with soft drinks and biscuits.

Jean Joyce

**Edenham Church garden fete** will be on Saturday 20 July at 3pm in the lovely setting of the Vicarage gardens. There will be a wide selection of traditional garden games, various stalls, a raffle; and wonderful homemade teas will be available all afternoon. Come and support your local church, which needs the roof repairing urgently. If you can help at all, we will need : raffle and tombola prizes, cakes for teas and the cake stall, help to set things up at 10am on the day, people to run a garden game; and finally lots of people to spend lots of money!! If you can help, please contact Ruth Atter on 01778 591328.

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**St Andrew's Church Fete,  
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13 July 2pm-4.30pm**

On the Witham on the Hill village green and in the Parish Hall. Stalls, teas, fun and games for all! Please support this event and help raise funds for St Andrew's Church roof repair. Volunteers are urgently needed to man stalls - please spare a couple of hours for this worthy cause. Also help will be required in the morning to set up. Donations for the raffle, tombola, cake stall, refreshments, crafts, books and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received. Please give donations to Ann Taylor in Manthorpe, Jean Croft in Lound, Sue Renner in Toft or Jane Clark in Witham.

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**St Andrew's Parish Hall  
Management Committee**

**Diary Dates:** Car Boot sale on the village green at Witham on the Hill, Sunday 15th September 2013. 10am – 1pm. Pitch £5. To book in advance contact Janet Kirkwood on 01778 590203

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Pudding Night Competition  
Saturday 26th October 7.30pm in the parish hall. Further details to follow.

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**Afternoon Tea - Tuesday  
23rd July 3pm**

Please join us for 'afternoon tea' in the **Parish Hall in Witham on the Hill**. A selection of savoury and sweet delights will be on the menu. All are welcome. The price is £ 5.00 per person and all proceeds will go to the Parish Hall fund. If you would like to join us, it would be helpful to call Angela on 01778 590331 to have some idea of numbers, but it's also ok just to show up on the day. We look forward to seeing you!

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## Fire Station News

The Chief Fire Officer Group inspection occurs annually at all fire stations across the county and in May it was our turn. The first part of the inspection is done in the afternoon by a senior officer who goes through every record - from the time it takes the appliance to turn out, to how well maintained the premises and fire appliance are. For the second part, the Chief Officer Group arrive in the evening to watch an observed and assessed simulated incident of their choice.

When the audit report came back a few weeks later it stated that Corby Glen fire station was performing excellently reflecting the hard work done by all to achieve such a high standard. The audit highlighted how much pressure the staff are under to turn out the appliance in the timescales demanded by the Service. Never was that more important than on the morning of the audit when we turned out to a house fire in a local village where the speed the professionalism of

the fire crew undoubtedly saved a life that day.

A crew of four arrived to find smoke issuing from an upstairs window and bystanders informed us that someone was still in the property. All windows and doors were locked but on smashing the lounge window I was able to gain entry to the property and unlock the front door to allow the Walsingham and Turner firefighter crew to enter the building. They quickly extinguished a fire on the stairs and discovered an unconscious person in a bedroom.

Carrying an unconscious person down a narrow stairs, while wearing breathing apparatus, is a very arduous operation and I made my way to the top of the stairs to help out. By this time Crew Manager Harwood had set up the oxylator outside in the garden, and oxygen therapy was soon administered to the casualty. Grantham and Billingborough fire crews along with the ambulance service were next on the scene and the casualty was quickly

whisked off to hospital and is now making a good recovery.

The next day the rapid response and quick thinking of the crew prevented a raging fire in outbuildings spreading to the nearby house. No fire hydrant was readily available in this remote location and so with limited water available, we decided to play one hose reel on the fire and the other on the house. I sent a priority message to control to "make pumps four" for water supplies and we were relieved to get pumps in and start water ferrying from the nearest hydrant. With Grantham, Bourne and Melton Mowbray fire appliances now in attendance, we had enough resources to deal with the incident and we limited the fire damage to the outbuilding. These two incidents coming so close together certainly highlighted the very high standards of service of the firefighters, and I am very proud of the crew here at Corby Glen and the results they achieve. Whether alerted from at home or from their primary employment, it always amazes me how fast we

turn the appliance out and just how important that is in an emergency situation.

We are pleased to welcome new firefighter Julian Turner at the station; it has certainly been an eventful beginning for him. Finally, thank you to everyone who has helped fill the charity clothes bin at the station, so far your efforts have raised £330 for The Firefighter's Charity.

Watch Manager Lynch

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## Village Notices

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**Mobile Library** - The Mobile Library visits Manthorpe, Witham and Lound once a month on the following Thursdays: 4 July, 1 & 29 August, 26 September, 24 October, 21 November, 19 December, 16 January, 13 February & 13 March. **Stops are:** Manthorpe 1.30-2pm (Main Street, outside The Old Bakehouse/Ryefield) Witham-on-the-Hill 2.15-2.45pm (East Street) Lound Crossroads 3-3.30pm

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**Edenham Parish Wheelbarrow competition update** - The theme for the 2013 competition will be 'At the heart of the community'. It is hoped that decorated barrows will be displayed from July 22nd to August 5th inclusive for visitors and parishioners to enjoy. Judging will take place during the week commencing July 22nd. To take part you will need to register your entry with Ray Biggs 01778 591205 or [ray@grimsthorpe.co.uk](mailto:ray@grimsthorpe.co.uk). Entry fee is £5 per wheelbarrow.

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**New Witham on the Hill residents** seek garage to rent in the village. Lighting and power preferred. Contact Ben 07974 083907.

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**Free to good home** - Lots of sweet williams, foxgloves and african marigold plants. Contact Elizabeth on 01778 591356.

## **WITHAM NEWS**

### **So What is Happening to The**

**Six Bells?** The Six Bells at Witham on the Hill is open Monday to Saturday 6pm onwards, and Sunday 12 noon until 5pm. Pop down for a drink and take a look at our plans. We are going to remain open in the short term with the pub in its current condition. Once we have obtained any necessary planning consent, it is our intention to close and fully refurbish the whole building. This will give the village of Witham on the Hill a pub that it can be truly proud of.

Sharon and Jim

## **SWINSTEAD NEWS**

There will be a Community Tree Planting Day on the 31st August next. This will be to plant the various apple trees which have been purchased by the Parish Council and residents of the village to plant in the Community Orchard on Creeton Road. This is the final part of the orchard scheme to commemorate H.M. The Queen's 60th Jubilee.

Further details about the day will appear in the August issue.

**Bingo** in the village on Monday 8th July, eyes down at 7.30 pm prizes plus a cash snowball

**Whist drive** in the village on Monday 1st July commencing at 7.30 pm. Come along enjoy a game of cards and win prizes.

The annual garden fete will be held in the grounds of Swinstead Hall on Sunday 28th July, commencing at 2.30 pm. Stalls and games for all the family.

### **Church flower rota**

D. Bell: 29th June - 2nd July

P. Lane: 13th - 20th July

## **MANTHORPE NEWS**

### **200th Anniversary of the Manthorpe Bridge Celebration!**

A Parish get-together will take place in the Parish playing field on the August bank holiday weekend. Details will be sent out on flyers soon. Expect music, food, traditional competitions and games.

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## **WITHAM ON THE HILL WI**

Members and visitors were welcomed by our President, Julia Haynes.

A grand entrance was made by Her Majesty Queen Victoria, wearing a black mourning dress, lace shawl and crown! This splendid portrayal was by Betty Elmer, our speaker, who entranced us all with her detailed description of Victoria's early life, accession to the throne and marriage, at 20 years of age to her cousin Prince Albert. This union produced nine offspring. Huge advances in science, exploration and new discoveries changed her rural country to an industrial one. The Diamond Jubilee in 1897 was the year in which Queen Victoria made the first broadcast to all the countries of her Empire, an event which continues to this day. January 1901 saw the demise of the Grandmother of Europe, after her reign of over 63 years.

Several trips and a visit to Tolethorpe, involvement with other WIs, a social afternoon tea

and a flower arranging day with lunch, later in the year, keep Witham on the Hill WI buzzing! We look forward to new members and visitors – you will always be very warmly welcomed.

Next meeting: Tuesday 2 July 7.30pm in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, Paul Vickers, magician. For further information contact Secretary: Jane Clark 01778 590232.

### **Speakers for 2013-2014**

**2 July:** Magic by Paul Vickers

**6 August:** Papercraft by Sue Bellamy & friends, a hands-on demonstration

**3 September:** Cross Key Clog dancing demonstration - audience participation!

**1 October:** Hedgehog Welfare by Janet Peto

**5 November:** Felt Flowers by Eve Marshall, hands-on demonstration

**3 December:** Christmas Party, with "Shebang" choir

**4 February:** Wind Farms by Vic Lilly

## **Notes from Witham on the Hill PC Meeting 13th May 2013**

A large number of residents attended the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Chairman of the Parish Council Will Stanton, Parish Clerk Rosemary Woolley, Susan Pennant-Jones, D.Cllr Ibis Channell and C.Cllr. Martin Trollope-Bellew all gave their annual reports. Residents had many concerns which included the planning application at Warren Farm for change of use to a motorcycle dirt track, street lights, highways issues, replacement of hedgerows, re-seeding of verges and the neglected state of the Village Stocks and By-wells.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council Cllr Martyn Hyde was elected Chairman with Susan Pennant-Jones as Vice-Chairman. The End of Year Accounts, wages, Insurance and Risk Assessment Audit were all approved.

At the Parish Council Meeting the councillors agreed that they would object to the planning application

at Warren Farm but had no representation for the application at St Halina. The clerk reported that she had received a mixed response from other Parish Councils about organizing a joint meeting with Alan Hardwick, Police and Crime Commissioner of Lincolnshire. Dog fouling was continuing to be a large problem, especially between Cleeve Acre and Hillcrest House, Bottom Street. Dog walkers are asked to bag up the litter and take it home so as not to spoil the enjoyment for others. The village stocks and Bywells area was reported to be in a neglected state. Various highways issues were reported around the parish.

Finally C.Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew thanked everyone who voted for him at the May elections and will continue to represent the parish to the best of his ability.

Next meeting to take place on Monday 8th July at St Andrew's Parish Hall, at 7pm. All Welcome.

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## **Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 14th May 2013**

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

A member of the Parish highlighted that a high number of motorcycles using the A151 road throughout the Parish. Weekends and Tuesday evenings in particular are causing concerns over both the levels of noise and road safety. The local policing team will be requested to monitor the situation and to visit the road at varying times to act as a visual deterrent. Secretary reported that during the year the parish had celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by holding a family fun day, including a parish photograph, games, decorated wheelbarrow competition, ceilidh and hog roast. A commemorative wooden bench for the village Playing Field is to be purchased with funds raised. Long serving Parish Councillor, Mrs Jean Joyce, resigned from the Parish Council after completing 18 years service, the last 9 as Chairman. Many thanks to Jean for all her support and hard work throughout her term as councillor.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

**Election of Officers:** Cllr Martin was elected as Chairman and Cllr Cranfield as Vice Chair for the forthcoming year.

**Councillor Vacancy:** Any parishioner interested in becoming involved in local government please contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk [clayton\\_epc@o2.co.uk](mailto:clayton_epc@o2.co.uk) for further information.

**Community Street Cleaning:** SKDC is continuing to support the parish street cleaning scheme which has improved highway cleanliness throughout the parish. Queen's Diamond Jubilee: Remaining funds raised by the Jubilee Celebrations are to be used to purchase a commemorative bench for the Playing Field.

**Annual Accounts and External Audit:** Annual accounts were studied and accepted by the council. Notice of Electors Rights to inspect the accounts placed on Parish Notice Boards.

**Emergency Defibrillator:** Now installed and fully operational at Edenham Village Hall (outside

main entrance). Thanks to Cllr Biggs for his efforts in bringing this facility to the Parish and to East Midlands Ambulance Service who have provided the equipment and will meet running costs.

**Highway Matters:** A new pothole repair scheme is being introduced by Lincs Highways to improve temporary repairs. The poor condition of white lining on A151 in Grimsthorpe to be reported to Highways.

**The next meeting** will take place on Tuesday 9th July 2013 at 7:30pm in Edenham Village Hall. Meetings take place on the second Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov in Edenham Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Parishioners can register for e-mail reminders of forthcoming meetings by e-mailing the parish clerk at [clayton\\_epc@o2.co.uk](mailto:clayton_epc@o2.co.uk).

## **Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery Exhibitions**

The late 17th century Read's Grammar School in Moreley's Lane in Corby Glen has been converted by the Trustees of the Willoughby Memorial Trust into a library and small art gallery. The gallery holds a series of exhibitions from Easter to November and the annual Open Art Competition. It is open from 12 noon to 5pm every day except Mondays (except Bank Holidays). Admission is free. For further details visit: [www.willoughbygalleries.com](http://www.willoughbygalleries.com)

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The likely hours will be 0630 – 0830 but will be subject to discussion at interview. Some afternoons will be required (after school hours) to, for example, monitor cleaning and health and safety procedures. On rare occasions, there will be the requirement to attend for a short time in the evenings to secure the building following school events.

Most working hours will be during term time with some requirement to attend during the school holidays.

**Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged.**

**To arrange a visit or request an application pack, please contact our School Administrator, Mrs Karen Clarke on (01778) 591207.**

**Email: [enquiries@edenham.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@edenham.lincs.sch.uk)**

**Closing date is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Interviews will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2013.**

Edenham CE Primary School has an equal opportunities policy. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children. This post requires an enhanced DBS check and references will be taken up.



## Edenham School News

As we enter the final term of this school year, the pace always seems to multiply – so much for lazy summer days! We are keeping our fingers crossed for a successful Sports Day. After three failed attempts due to the terrible weather last year, we are keeping our fingers crossed for a fine day on Monday 8th July. I think we may have to adapt our strategy next year if we have to let the pupils down again! Winter Olympics...?

Musicians in school are keeping busy preparing for our school concert on Friday 12th July. We are really pleased to be returning for the first time in a while to the Vanburgh Hall in Grimsthorpe Castle for this event. All Y5/6 pupils have been learning to play a brass instrument as soloists and in an ensemble. This has been great fun and we look forward to hearing the fruit of their efforts on this day. We hope that Edenham Pre-school children will join us to share some of the singing they have enjoyed this year, and solo

pianists, violinists and woodwind players are limbering up.

The Forest School groups are slowly beginning to explore possibilities in the woods on the Grimsthorpe estate. Huge thanks to the estate – especially to Tim Clarke and Ray Biggs - for making us so welcome. We now have a beautiful outdoor classroom space on the school site, complete with firepit, linking the woods next to the school building with our classrooms. Next year, more regular Forest School sessions will be planned and we are really looking forward to seeing how that develops.

We also hope to see the gardening club blossom again with support from Anthony Andrews, Penny Dawson and Jim Handley – all horticultural experts with an apparent knack for enthusing our children. We are always on the look out for help in this area. Please get in touch if you'd like to help.

The Friends of the school will be breathing a sigh of relief as, by the time this is printed, our Summer

Fete will be over. It promises to be a great event with dance and karate demos booked, a dog agility course, a dog in a sidecar and pony rides. We hope you enjoyed it if you were able to make it. Thanks to Lucy, Clarissa and Julie for working so hard as the Committee this year.

We say farewell to our Y6 year group at the end of term and have a strong suspicion that they have been enthusiastically preparing for the downfall of staff and parents in the Leavers' 'Pupils v Parents/ Staff Rounders match. We will have to recover our dignity by providing a brilliant BBQ party for them, and their families, at the end of the day. We wish them all the very best in their exciting futures and look forward to hearing from them in the months and years to come.

Kris Radford-Rea

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## **Swinstead Parish Council**

### **Notes 23rd May 2013**

**Neighbourhood Watch.** Police reported that children were seen climbing on to the roof of the bus shelter and jumping across the gap on to the roof of the telephone box. This dangerous practice will be monitored locally and by the Police.

**Buttercross.** The contractor is to meet with the engineer from English Heritage for final approval of the renovation.

**Jubilee Orchard.** A padlock has been installed and keys distributed. Cllr Lunn has also performed the first mowing of the paddock. All trees purchased by the Council and potted up last autumn have survived the winter and are in blossom. It is too late to cut the hedge for this year. Arrangements are in hand to settle costs for the erection of the gates.

**Croake Hill.** Noise nuisance at No 18. A meeting has been arranged to discuss the noise nuisance with the Environmental team which would also

incorporate a review of the Tenancy Agreement.

**Dog Fouling.** The company appointed to administer the scheme for SKDC had gone into liquidation and that the planned leaflet drop for the village had therefore not been undertaken. A poster initiative was planned. The idea of a local volunteer Dog Warden was also discussed.

**Potholes.** The continuing deterioration of local roads posed an increasing danger to road users. Lincolnshire has 5000 miles of roads to maintain with a budget of £50m and LCC spends almost £1m per week on road maintenance. D/Cllr Robins said that LCC are trialling a new machine which could potentially increase productivity on filling potholes with a permanent flexible tarmac filler. The Parish Council will keep the situation under review and continue to press the engineers for rectification.

**Post Office Mobile Van.** It was noted that where recent Post Office closures had occurred villages were provided with a

mobile Post Office van service. However, as it was twelve years since the Post Office closed at Swinstead, the village was not entitled to this service, there also being a nearby Post office at Corby Glen (soon to be moved to the old Market Cross Surgery premises).

**Machams Close.** D/Cllr Robins said he would liaise with SKDC officers following the recent meeting with concerned residents.

**AON Insurance Renewal.** As the Council could receive a further 5% discount from its annual bill from AON if it agreed to commit to a three year contract with the company, it was agreed to take up the offer.

**Hedgerow.** Corby Glen Road. The Head Forester was contacted following the attentions of the Grimsthorpe Trust to the hedgerow on the village approach. No action has yet been taken and a letter will now be sent to the estate Manager.

**St Mary's Church.** Donation. A letter had been received requesting the Council make a

contribution to St Mary's Church to assist with churchyard maintenance. It was agreed that a sum of £250.00 be donated.

**Football Field.** It was agreed that the Council would continue to fund the cost of maintaining the football field for another year (water charges £57.00 p.a. and cost of mowing – approx £250.00). The council received a suggestion that mowing costs could be reduced by allowing sheep to graze in the field periodically but this was not considered appropriate for the time being. The clerk will arrange for the field to be cut during May.

**High Street Sign.** The siting of the new High Street sign further down the street toward the middle of the village had caused some confusion to visitors and emergency services. The clerk will investigate the erection of a sign on the left hand side of Corby Glen road at the entrance to the village.

**Date of Next Meeting:** 4th July 2013 at 7pm.

## **Swinstead Annual Parish Meeting Clerk's Notes 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

The Clerk advises that due to unavoidable circumstances, it was not possible to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May.

**Election of Officers.** B. Lynch continues as Chairman and G. Brown continue as Vice-Chairman.

### **Chairman's Annual Report to the Council.**

There remained a need to support residents and liaise with the Police and SKDC with regard to continuing noise nuisance problems at Croake Hill.

The Chairman thanked M. Somerville for progressing the Buttercross Project and for his continuing liaison with English Heritage and the successful contractor.

Progress with the Diamond Jubilee Orchard project had continued with receipt of the Grant from LCC, the purchase of trees and gates and the planning of the proposed Community Planting day scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> August.

The Council needed to continue to be vigilant in its monitoring of LCC's progress with regard to flooding in the village, particularly

the collapsed drains on Creeton Road and the soak-away on Bourne Road, and also with pothole maintenance.

The Chairman also continues in his role as Trustee for the Poor's Land and noted that increasing land values had led to a current valuation of £65 per acre. Beneficiaries of the Trust had accordingly enjoyed a corresponding increase in their annual income.

**Financial Report for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2013.** Income for the year was £3,193.00 including the annual precept, VAT refund, interest on bank accounts and tree sales. Expenditure amounted to £2,624.00 and the Council had £4,321.00 in hand at the year's end. The accounts were approved by the Council and have been passed to the internal verifier, Sir Edward Barry.

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| July 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Sixth after<br>Trinity       | 0845 - Holy<br>Communion | 1000 - Holy<br>Communion | 1115 - Holy<br>Communion | 1630 – Evening<br>Prayer  |
| July 14 <sup>th</sup><br>Seventh<br>after<br>Trinity | 0845 - Holy<br>Communion | 1000 - Holy<br>Communion | 1115 - Holy<br>Communion | 1630 – Evening<br>Prayer  |
| July 21 <sup>st</sup><br>Eighth<br>after<br>Trinity  |                          |                          |                          | 1030<br>3 Parishes<br>Eucharist at<br>Grimsthorpe<br>Castle<br><br>1630 – Evening<br>Prayer |
| July 28 <sup>th</sup><br>Ninth<br>after<br>Trinity   | 0845 - Holy<br>Communion | 1000 - Holy<br>Communion | 1115 - Holy<br>Communion | 1630 – Evening<br>Prayer  |

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