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August & September 2013

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Rutland Wind Ensemble Concert: The Rutland Wind Ensemble will give a concert in aid of Church funds at 7.30pm on Saturday 21st September in St Andrews Church, Witham-on-the Hill. Tickets are £6 and can be obtained from Church or by ringing 01778 591358.

The Ensemble consists of two oboes, two clarinets, two French horns and two bassoons and will play a varied programme of music All the players are associated with the Rutland Sinfonia.

Harvest Festivals and Suppers:

Swinstead - Friday 4th October Harvest Festival 7.00pm followed by supper at 8.00pm. Tickets from the usual sources.

Witham on the Hill - Sunday 22nd September 10.00am family Harvest Festival. 6.00pm short service followed by supper £5 in the Church. BYO drinks.

Edenham - Harvest Supper Friday 11th October 7.30pm – Tickets £5.
Harvest Festival 13th October 11.15am

Confirmation: There will be a Confirmation by the Bishop of Richborough at Witham on the Hill in April 2014 (date to be confirmed – no pun intended). Anyone remotely interested, please make your interest known, ASAP!

Festival of Faith: Bishop Norman is leading an afternoon of worship and study at Lincoln Cathedral on Saturday 14th September. This begins with a Sung Eucharist at 12.00 followed by time for people to find lunch or eat their picnic. The afternoon continues with a Bible Study and ends with Evening Prayer. Transport to leave Edenham at 1030 and return at 1730. Sign up in church, or phone, or email the Vicar to reserve transport (if you are willing to drive and offer lifts please let Fr Andy know.)

Library Consultation: As part of the search to save £1,937,894 from a budget of £6,038,868 by March 2015, LCC is looking at revising its library service. Consultation runs until 30th September 2013. As our villages each have less than 100 households, it is proposed that the current mobile library provision be discontinued from 5th May 2014 and that existing customers be referred to other services, such as Home Library Services for housebound customers (eligibility criteria applies). If you would like further information on these proposals please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/librariesconsultation or call 01522 782040.

Sunday 15th September 10am to 1pm: Car Boot sale to be held on the village green at Witham on the Hill. Pitch £5. To book contact Email: janet@kirkwood.demon.co.uk or 01778 590203

St Andrew's Church Fete On a sunny afternoon in July, a good time was had by all enjoying the sunshine, chatting with neighbours and friends, drinking Pimms and playing traditional fete games! A total of £538.07 was raised for St Andrew's Church roof repair. Thanks to all the many helpers, those who donated, and to those who attended. A lot of good community spirit went into making the fete such a success.

Willoughby Gallery: 14th August to 11th September. May Jones exhibition. She explains: 'I am a professional collage artist and am strongly influenced by the environment around me. Whilst my subject matter is flowers I do not consider myself a flower painter as my work is about "life". The flowers are the "mode of transport". I layer papers, textiles, recycled materials and acrylic paints on canvas (often made up of many layers) to create my 2D images. At my most recent exhibition viewers commented that it looked like tapestry. This exhibition sees a selection of various flora and a couple of surprises in my unique style.'

THE VICAR WRITES

When I wrote last month's newsletter I did so in a sea of warmth, stating that the sun was shining and that it was a glorious day. I also said that, unfortunately, by the time the article was read, the great British weather would probably be back to its fickle best – wet, windy and cool. How wrong I was! Four weeks later, as I write this article, it is even more glorious with a prolonged spell of hot weather and plenty more to come. In the UK we are always pleased to see the sun because we are often bathed in cloud and rain. Hot summers, like that of 1976, are rare and even though we do have periods of relatively dry weather, we rarely suffer from extreme drought. We often see the sun as our friend; it feeds us and makes us feel happier and healthier. It allows us to spend greater time outdoors in our gardens or in parks and the countryside. BBQs have become the norm with many social gatherings taking place around a burnt sausage or burger. But not everyone around the world sees the sun as their friend. Many countries have been treated very harshly by 'Mother Nature,' suffering long periods without rain and incessant sunshine. Many of us have witnessed the seemingly unending famines in Africa, brought about as a direct result of

failing crops that have not been nourished by expected rains. Farmers in these countries have had to witness their crops and livestock destroyed by endless sunshine and lack of water, resulting in them unable to feed themselves or provide for the people. One night last week I watched a programme about the life and work of the great Don McCullin – celebrated former photographer of the Sunday Times newspaper. As well as covering many of the greatest conflicts of the latter half of the 20th century, he also covered the war in Biafra in the late 1960s, which led to an estimated 2 million people starving to death as a result of famine. Much of what he reported and photographed can only be described as horrific – hell on earth. After the programme had ended, I did what most people do in the middle of the evening, I went looking for a snack. It was whilst doing this - whilst opening the cupboard door - that I stopped to think. Not 10 minutes before I had witnessed the gruesome images of starving men, women and children in the most desperate of situations, and here I was faced with a cupboard full of food, much not needed and some which would eventually be thrown out due to date expiration. Needless to say, I closed the cupboard door and went to offer a

prayer to God for all those across the world who would go without food that evening. But is it our fault that we were born into a relatively affluent society? No! And neither is it the fault of impoverished people that they are born into a world of need. Much is often said about giving aid to the poor - to the starving in Africa – that they ‘must learn to stand on their own two feet,’ that ‘they should use contraception,’ or that ‘much of the aid goes to those in power.’ But is it really as simple as that? There are many organisations across the world helping to feed the hungry and improve the living conditions of many of our desperate brothers and sisters – and brothers and sisters they are. Whatever their colour, race, religion or ideology, they are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both religious and secular organisations are today bringing food, medicine and education to God’s children because of our help, because of our giving in whatever way possible. During these difficult times of austerity it isn’t always easy to give that little bit extra through the collection plate or through charitable giving. Many of us already give all that we can afford and are unable – even though willing – to increase that amount without it having an adverse affect on our lives. So

what can we do? The main thing is to change our mind set, to acknowledge that there are millions of people out there who are less fortunate than ourselves, and that they do need our help, both here in the UK and abroad. We must also understand that it isn’t always about money. As Christians, we have other ways in which we can make a difference. We have the ability to offer up prayers for those less fortunate than ourselves, to ask for God’s blessing upon them. We have the ability to talk to people about the poor and what Jesus said about them; to help other people understand the plight of God’s underprivileged children. And we have the ability to look deep within ourselves and count our blessings every day that we were born into a society that is not affected by harsh weather conditions and where food, water and education are readily available. Jesus said: ‘. . . when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.’ (Luke 14:13-14). At our Lord’s request we can invite the poor into our hearts every day, just by acknowledging them and offering up a prayer to God that one day there will be a harvest for the world, where the likes of

people such as Don McCullin are not needed any more. So let's enjoy the sunshine while it lasts. Let's make the most of the opportunities that fine weather can bring, where we can enjoy those things that are often denied us due to the fickleness of our weather. But let's not forget to give thanks to God the next time that the heavens open and we are drenched with that precious, precious rain.
Fr David Pickett

WALSINGHAM This year the **day pilgrimage** will be on **Saturday 5TH October** leaving Edenham at 8.30am and returning at 6.00pm. The cost is £10 per adult, £5 for children - max cost for any family is £30. The **weekend pilgrimage** will be from **15TH November** until **17TH November** the cost is £80. If you would like to know more please speak to the Vicar.

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 - 591328.



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ALONESS AND LONELINESS

If the national statistics are correct then half the individuals reading this live alone. For some living alone is a gift and opportunity, to some it is a burden bordering on a curse. On sabbatical I had the experience of living alone for the first time for a period longer than a few days. The context of my solitary living was slightly exaggerated by the fact it was in an Italian city where I was undertaking a course of study. It was very challenging and I believe it gave me an insight into the problems and potentials in how the other half live.

Since returning to my usual heavily peopled home situation I have had several conversations with people of all ages who live alone, trying to work out what is needed in terms of a 'rule of life' to make it work in a fruitful way. One term that kept cropping up in these conversations was 'discipline'. I found this in my own little experiment. It became essential to plan ahead, to make sure that tasks were thoroughly completed, If one simple task was left undone it had a domino effect

on everything else. In my usual situation everything is shared from the planning of an activity to its execution. Living alone means that planning, shopping and preparation for a meal becomes a major operation (not to mention the washing up). It made me realise that I had lived a very sheltered life! On the other hand, another word that was repeated in my conversations with 'loners' was 'freedom'. I have to say that my personal life of prayer had a real boost in terms of regularity and quality of time in my few weeks of solitary living. I was also free to pursue my personal interests without any need to consider the preferences of anyone else.

After this period of lone living I participated in a pilgrimage 'In the steps of St Francis.' Here was a man who in his youth was renowned as gregarious, who, following his conversion, alternated between community and solitary life. It was pointed out to me whereas many monastic communities became centres of a larger community due to hospitality, commerce and the

ministry of care for the sick or education, the early Franciscans sought aloneness often in great heights. Visiting the Carceri – or little cells – high on Mount Subasio or the little hermitages in the Reiti Valle, and chiefly on La Verna (the place of St Francis stigmata) one was deeply impressed by the lengths that they went to be alone.

Jesus we are told often went 'to lonely places for prayer.' It must be the case that despite the great emphasis in the Christian life of community, and the living out of God's love in mutual care and relationships, there must be a deliberate discipline to balance this with aloneness. If our life in Christ relies entirely on fellowship and the presence of others something is amiss. Jesus taught his disciples to 'go into your own room and close the door. Your father who sees what is in secret will hear you.' It is the possibility of communion with the Lord that is found in aloneness. It is the acid test of faith and prayer to turn to the unseen God when one is unseen. In aloneness God gives gifts to those who seek them.

PAINTING AND PRAYER: On Thursday 19th September from 10.00am – 4.00pm: Kate Austen of ChristArt will be returning to Edenham. . On this day there will be an opportunity both to use art as an object for contemplation, but also to use painting as prayer. he suggested contribution to cover costs is £20 and this includes lunch,

THE ARCHANGEL SUITE: In May of this year, the choir of New College Oxford, the strings of the Philharmonia Orchestra, and 4 soloists recorded a new work by the Hawes brothers. The Archangel Suite explores in poetry and music the ministry of the four Archangels: Michael, Raphael; Uriel and Gabriel. During the day there will be an opportunity to listen in depth to these works and hear from the creators about the process of creation. Suggested Contribution –including lunch £12.50

Murray v Djokovic v Open Gardens

Witham on the Hill opened its gardens on Sunday 7th July 2013 to support the cost of running the Parish Hall. It was a beautiful, sunny warm day and many visitors enjoyed the 12 gardens including the majestic gardens of Witham Hall School. For the first time St Andrew's Church also opened its doors to provide a photographic display of other gardens in the village, and some of the floral craft work completed by the Witham on the Hill WI.

Many thanks to all those who supported the event by opening their gardens. Also, special thanks to the helpers who served tea and cakes, those who prepared signs and paperwork, and manned the car park. A special thanks to Witham Hall School for the use of its car park and for opening their gardens to our visitors.

Many village functions are held in the hall and Open Gardens was successful in raising almost £372.00 to help maintain it, despite clashing with Andy Murray's victory at Wimbledon. The event was not only 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.

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WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

In July we were delighted to welcome the Carby WI ladies to our joint meeting. Our speaker, Paul Vickers, entertained, amused and baffled us all with his magical skills (or was it sleight of hand)? No, it was definitely “magic” in every sense of the word. The ladies who produced the refreshments created even more “magic” as the cakes and other goodies disappeared before our very eyes!

Various items were brought to the meeting by members for the WI craft display in Church during Witham Open Gardens. Members also brought donations of toiletries for the Peterborough Women's Refuge. Our next meeting will be on 6 August when we look forward to trying to make various paper craft items! New members and visitors are always most welcome. For more information contact Jane Clark on 01778 590232.

Dates for your diary:

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

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CORBY GLEN FILM CLUB 2013 Autumn Programme

DATE	FILM DETAILS – Admission price £5; £6.50 for non-members
<p>6th September</p>  <p>LES MISÉRABLES (12A) starring Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe and Anne Hathaway</p> <p><i>'Tom Hooper's gamble of filming Les Misérables with on-set singing has resulted in a work of unusual power and colour'</i></p> <p><i>".....it's the best musical I've seen for many years, a magnificent achievement that overwhelmed me from the opening moments...."</i></p> <p><i>(Philip French, The Observer, January 2013)</i></p> <p>PLEASE NOTE THAT FOR THIS ONE-OFF OCCASION THE FILM WILL START AT <u>7.30pm</u> BECAUSE IT IS OVER 2 ½ HOURS LONG</p>	
<p>4th October</p>  <p>SONG FOR MARION (PG) starring Vanessa Redgrave, Terence Stamp and Christopher Eccleston</p> <p><i>'Terence Stamp is on fine form, as a grumpy pensioner who's talked into joining his terminally ill wife's choir' (Mike McGahill, Telegraph, February 2013)</i></p> <p><i>"...pulling together into a crowd-pleasing, tear-jerking package some elements of Brassed Off, Calendar Girls, The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, Quartet and TV's The Choir."</i></p> <p><i>(Philip French, The Observer, February 2013)</i></p>	
<p>1st November</p>  <p>THE SAPPHIRES (PG) starring Chris O'Dowd</p> <p><i>'Based, incredibly, on a true story, and developed from a successful stage musical, this is a big-hearted, barnstorming put-on-a-show crowd-pleaser. Beneath the spangly exterior, however, it has surprisingly trenchant things to say about Australian identity and the bitter legacy of institutionalised racism.'</i></p> <p><i>"...the Sapphires as authentic soul sisters..... with astute song selections from the Motown, Stax and Atlantic songbooks." (Trevor Johnston, TimeOut)</i></p>	

LET'S CELEBRATE the 200th anniversary of the Manthorpe bridge!



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Clerk's Notes Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council

3 Jul 2013

Matters Arising:

Playing field: Following a report that "rabbits were still a problem in the Playing Field and the children's slide mound was, in a dangerous state", Parish Councillors visited the site and reported that there are some low level holes. These were not considered dangerous or excessive. Indeed the position is improving after holes were previously filled. The grass cutters will be asked to fill holes and Parish Councillor volunteers will fill holes and seed the area.

Bowthorpe Farm: Highways was asked to consider painting a continuous white line on road to stop overtaking. After receiving a holding reply, and amidst some confusion regarding a double white line, the request was rejected. Apparently, there is insufficient criteria to install a line and doing so would dilute the impact of white lines in other locations. The County Councillor has been asked to raise the topic directly with Highways.

Planning Applications:

Solar Farm at Manthorpe Farm. No further info.

Church Farm – PV panels. No objections and passed to SKDC

Parish Property:

Playing Field: Hut door still to be repainted. Contract has been made with Mathew Pryke for £958.96 to also maintain bus shelter, 2 benches and 2 notice boards. Work will be completed this year but no start date as yet. The Clerk is to request that work be completed by 25th Aug.

Highways:

Manthorpe: Highways have asked BT to rectify the sunken BT manhole cover in the footpath near Manthorpe bridge. The job has been given reference number 1537342. Mr Cork will continue to monitor.

Toft: Hotel entrance and rockery on Lound Road. No further update is available as Ian Cummings, project man at Highways, is not available for another 2 weeks. The finances for project are still available.

Lound: Pothole repairs to Lower Street will be carried out in this financial year.

Parish Walkabout: Walkabout arranged for 16 Sep at 1600hrs. Clerk to request that Mr Brian Thompson attend.

Finance Summary:

Barclays Current A/C £2696.58
Barclays Savings A/C £1054.53

Melton BS £20706.23

General Items:

Anniversary of 200 years of bridge: Project Plan has been prepared for event to be held on 25th Aug on the Playing Field with marquees etc. The petanque pitch has been prepared, trees cut back and nettles removed. Fliers will be prepared and distributed to determine numbers attending.

Daffodil planting: Richard Hartley can purchase 800 daffodils at wholesale price. Ideally, these should be the smaller head variety. Plan is to plant in the autumn. The Clerk will continue to liaise with Highways for the necessary forms.

Fireworks Order: It was agreed to upgrade from the traditional Gala Pack Display. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

Correspondence: Proposed change to library provision in Lincs. Manthorpe mobile library service is to stop from May 2014. Details will be placed on Parish website and await any comments from community.

AOB: The A6121 has recently been surface dressed with gravel. The loose gravel does not appear to be adhering to the road surface. Thus there is a risk of damage to vehicles from flying stone chips. In addition, the edges

of the road have considerable quantities of loose gravel which creates a problem for cyclists. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways to see what can be done.

Date of next meeting: 25th September at 7.30pm.

WOTH Neighbourhood Panel Meeting at Greatford Village Hall on Tuesday 9th July at 6.30pm

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Witham on the Hill Parish Meeting Notes 8th July

This was a well-attended meeting with 15 members of the public.

The major debate was the deferment by SKDC Development Control Committee in regards to the Motocross application at Warren Farm for a further noise test. Concern was expressed from the Parish Council to the District; no representation at the planning meeting by a member of the Parish Council and the procedure of SKDC Planning Committee. It was suggested that complaints should be made to SKDC Environmental Health in regards to noise when events were taking place. In conclusion, it was proposed by members of the parish that the Parish Council should take actions suggested by the parishioners and parish councillors.

New Parish Councillor: Janet Kirkwood was co-opted on the Parish Council.

Matters Outstanding:

The position of community cleaner has been advertised in the parish magazine, website and

notice board but no reply to date.

East Green: various problems have been reported to SKDC. It was reported that weeds required spraying along the footpath as was hampering movement for some residents.

Field gate moved between Brookside & the Cottage. The clerk has spoken with the landowner and understands that vehicles were parking and blocking up the gateway.

Street light No 14. Is not working and will be reported.

Pot holes were reported and will be reported.

Dog fouling this is still an on going problem.

Blocked drain opposite Black Dog Cottage.

Other matters: Local Boundary Commission Electoral review of South Kesteven. SKDC has agreed to a reduction from 58 to 55 wards. There has been one reduced in the rural areas to 20, one in Stamford to 8 and one in Grantham to 15 Wards, Market Deeping and Bourne – no change in numbers. It has been suggested that Witham on the Hill

is matched with Couthorpe & Creeton, Castle Bytham, Little Bytham, Careby, Aunby & Holywell, Toft, Lound & Manthorpe and Carlby. This will go to the Boundary Commission for them to make the final decision.

Please note the dates of future Parish Council meetings – 9th September, 11th November 2013, 13th January, 10th March & 19th May 2014. All meetings take place in St Andrew's Parish Hall, commencing at 7pm.

SWINSTEAD NEWS

Whist drive in the village hall will be on Monday 5th August starting at 7.30 pm.

Bingo will be held in the village hall on Monday 12th August and 9th September commencing at 7.30 pm.

Harvest festival will be held in the Church on Friday 4th October at 7pm followed by the harvest supper in the village hall - two occasions not to be missed.

Flower rota

10th - 17th Aug Elsie Kiely
24th - 31st Aug Stephanie Clarke

7th - 14th Sept Ann Moss
21st - 28th Sept Enid Clarke

Due to the very dry weather it has been decided to postpone the Swinstead August 31st tree planting day until later in the year when the ground condition will be better for sustaining growth of the trees.

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SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Notes 4th July 2013

Mobile Library Service: LCC has stated that as there are less than 100 households in the village, the mobile library service will be discontinued from 5th May 2014.

Sports and Playground

Equipment: A survey had been received asking what sports and play equipment were available to residents in the village.

Additionally, some residents have expressed an interest in forming a committee to raise money for play equipment to be sited in the football field.

Financial Report: 2013/14

accounts were approved. 2012/13 accounts have been submitted to auditors Grant Thornton. Thanks to Sir Edward Barry for providing the Internal Audit service.

Butter Cross: Phase 1 of the work would be commenced very soon. Although the stone was being provided free of charge, it currently consists of one large lump and arrangements are in hand to cut it up. Discussing materials for Phase 2, the surround, it was agreed that loose limestone chippings would be

provided and would be a lower-cost option.

Highways and Flooding:

LCC had agreed to re-site the High Street sign from its current position to the north-western entrance to the village.

Anglian Water has carried out work to the sewage systems in the village. However, work still needs to be progressed on the storm drains to prevent a recurrence of flooding problems. In the course of their work, Anglian Water lifted some of the storm drain covers and discovered that a plastic barrel had been wedged in one of the drains leading to blockage and silting up of the pipe. It was thought that this may have come from a local pond which drains into the system. This was removed, but raises a question as to whether other such blockages are impeding water egress, in addition to the collapsed drains on Creeton Road. The Clerk is to e-mail LCC again to get the work progressed further.

Telephone Box: Councillors agreed to form a working party

(convened at a date to be agreed in early August) to clean the box, prior to BT repainting it later in the summer. D/Cllr Robins also helpfully agreed to provide water and cleaning equipment from his own van to assist in the refurbishment.

The Diamond Jubilee

Community Wildlife Orchard: In view of the dry summer weather, the Planting Day is deferred until the end of September. Posters would be designed advertising the event and displayed through the village. In the meantime, Cllr Lunn has been mowing the orchard, and the Council agreed to pay his petrol and machine maintenance expenses. In addition to the stakes, mulch mats and tree guards purchased last year, further supplies of compost and peat will be required given the poor condition of soil in the Orchard.

Croake Hill: Officers from SKDC visited No 18 with regard to noise nuisance and had re-distributed diary sheets to neighbours. Noise monitoring equipment and other measures will be taken if problems persist.

Machins Close: Further visits from SKDC had confirmed that there is evidence of the site harbouring vermin and they will notify local residents of progress on this and the conservation aspect of the eye-sore.

Football Field: Cllr Lunn presented a letter from a local resident, requesting that part of the football field be converted into allotments which could be run by a committee. The letter also suggested that the field be used for other local village events. The Council welcomed the suggestion, but as the land is owned by the Grimsthorpe and Drummond Castle Charitable Trust, it was decided to seek permission from them in the first instance before any further thought could be given to this initiative and that of the play equipment.

Date and time of next meeting:
5th September 2013 at 7pm.

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Clerk's Notes Edenham Parish Council 9th July 2013

Open Forum: Following a report from a parishioner of a suspect vehicle seen at the electrical sub-station on Dolan Lane, the police promptly ascertained that the vehicle and personnel were legitimate contractors. Lincolnshire Police are to be thanked for their quick response and residents reminded that should they see anything suspicious activity to report it to the police on the non-emergency telephone number 101 as soon as possible.

Councillor Vacancy: Anyone interested in becoming involved in local government please contact any Councillor or the Parish Clerk, on edenham.pc@btinternet.com 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: A Commemorative hardwood bench marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has been purchased and

is to be installed at the Edenham Village Playing Field in the near future.

External Audit: Annual return is with external auditors.

Planning Application: No comment was raised against the application for the demolition and rebuild of a house at Edenwood.

Highway Matters: A site meeting with Highways area manager was arranged for 11th July.

Dog Fouling: There has been an increase in reports to the council about dog fouling. All dog owners are reminded that it is their duty to clean up after their pets wherever they are, and be considerate to other footpath and road users.

Date of next meeting: 10th September at 7:30pm in Edenham Village Hall. Parishioners can register for e-mail reminders of forthcoming meetings by e-mailing the parish clerk at edenham.pc@btinternet.com.

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Beetroot & broad bean salad

500g cooked beetroot

300g baby broad beans

6 spring onions

15g fresh tarragon

1 tbsp red wine vinegar

4 tbsp olive oil

¼ tsp caster sugar

Cook the broad beans for approx. 3 mins until just tender.

Drain & refresh under cold water. Remove the skin from the biggest ones (any that are larger than a thumbnail). Mix vinegar, oil & sugar for the dressing. Cut the beetroot into wedges. Pour over the dressing, stir in broad beans, onion & tarragon. Put in serving dish.

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11 th August 11 th After Trinity	0845: Parish Communion	1000: Parish Communion	1115: Parish Communion	1630: Evening Prayer
18 th August 12 th After Trinity	0845: Morning Prayer	1000: Parish Communion	1115: Parish Communion	1630: Evening Prayer
25 th August 13 th After Trinity	0845: Morning Prayer	1000: Parish Communion	1115: Parish Communion	1630: Evening Prayer

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PARISH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
1st September 14 th After Trinity	0845: Parish Communion	1000: Parish Communion	1115: Parish Communion 1800: Evening Prayer
8 th September Blessed Virgin Mary	0845: Parish Communion	1000: Parish Communion 1800: Evening Prayer	1115: Parish Communion
15 th September 16 th After Trinity	0845: Parish Communion 1800: Evening Prayer	1000: Parish Communion	1115: Parish Communion
22 nd September 17 th After Trinity	0845: Parish Communion	1000: Parish Communion 1800: Evening Prayer	1115: Parish Communion
29 th September Michael and All Angels			1030: Three Parishes Communion 1800: Evening Prayer