

# The Three Towers

March 2014



# Parish Notices

**VILLAGE MAPS:** Did you know that maps of Manthorpe, Witham on the Hill, Toft and Lound can be found on the respective Parish Council websites? These give the names and positions of the houses and may assist when directing 'lost' deliverymen.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Clarissa and David Hawes on the birth of Agatha Cecilia on 23 January. A grand daughter for Andy and Sian. May she bring you all much happiness.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Poppy (nee Kirkwood) and Jim on the birth of a boy on 18 February. First grandchild for Janet and Ian Kirkwood.

**GET WELL SOON** Zoe Wilson after your recent op. Wishing you a speedy recovery.

**GET WELL SOON** David Hawes. Hope you are feeling much better very soon.

**CONDOLENCES** to Ian Kirkwood and family on the loss of your father.

**CONDOLENCES** to Jane Bradley and family on the loss of your mother, Margaret Webster.

## NEXT MOBILE LIBRARY VISIT is Thursday 13 March

**13:30-14:00** Manthorpe - Stops at the village noticeboard (next to The Old Bakehouse/Ryefield)

**14:15-14:45** Witham on the Hill – East Green

Well worth a visit for all ages! And the great news is we will continue to have a service after March despite the recent library cuts.

**The Christingle service** at Edenham church in December raised £174.00 for the Children's Society thanks to Edenham school children who helped to make up 100 Christingles for our popular Christmas service.

# **PARISH COUNCIL CLERK VACANCY**

Toft cum Lound & Manthorpe Parish Council has a vacancy for the Parish Clerk, effective from 1 April 2014. The duties are varied, centred on 6 parish meetings per year. Training will be provided as necessary. A small salary is payable. The Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council members are a friendly bunch who shun most formality that may be found at District or County level. They work well together and want someone with whom they can rely upon to keep the Parish Council on the right track. If you are interested please call the current Clerk, Adrian Childs on 01778 590267 or the Chairman, Gary Anderson on 07702 603176 soonest.

## **Witham on the Hill Historical Society Talks**

**St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014, 7.30pm, Peter Ball - "The First World War"**. It will be 100 years since the start of the War.

**Peter says** *"My talk is on the whole war showing that the west front was not the only theatre of operation."* A comprehensive outline of the War.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014, 7.30pm, Philippa Massey - "Bypassing History"** Transport in and through Stamford over the ages. A look at how we have travelled and carried goods, and how the infrastructure has affected the town and area.

**£2 for members, £2.50 for non-members**

## **Gift Fayre at Edenham village hall Saturday March 22nd 10am until 2pm**

Lots of ideas for Mothers Day gifts! Stalls include: woodturning gifts, pens, soaps and spa products, homeware, novelty signs, sewing, homemade preserves. Charity raffle will be for the Church Roof Repair Fund - volunteers needed to organise this please. Contact Hazel 01778 425821

## THE VICAR'S WRITES

Hopefully, by the time you read this, the winter storms will be an experience of the past. The night before writing this was spent fretfully watching blue lights and hearing the buzz of chainsaws as one of the Edenham cedars shed a bough in the gales. The old Vicarage shook in the wind, doors flew open and the windows rattled furiously. At one stage, half awake, I experienced a sense of trepidation I had not experienced since being a child.

In the morning sitting in the relative calm of the church (which only lost one slate off the porch in the gale) I reflected on the account of another storm at night recorded in the Gospels. The disciples were crossing the Sea of Galilee in the dark. The wind suddenly strengthened and they feared that they would drown. Jesus (who was not with them) appeared, walking on the water, and their fear was suddenly enhanced by the conviction that they were seeing a ghost. It was fear upon fear, the unknown becoming even more beyond

reason and comprehension.

Jesus shouts to them over the wind and waves; 'Do not be afraid, it is I'. He came near to them, he climbs into the boat and the waves and wind subside.

Jesus was teaching us a lesson. He was showing us that in the moments when we fear all is lost, when waves of anxiety and confusion crash over us, in our sense of being lost and alone he comes near to us. Jesus – as we will remember during Lent – has encountered all the trials and tribulations of our life and he has overcome them. He has opened up a way to live our lives in the 'peace that passes all understanding.' He reveals to us the 'perfect love which casts out fear.'

'Do not be afraid' is a refrain that we hear and read throughout the Bible. In the dark moments of life the Lord draws near unexpectedly. He says to us 'do not be afraid, I am here.' He says 'do not be afraid I have overcome the world'. None of us is immune to fearfulness and anxiety – even Jesus knew this agony of spirit in

# **Toft Country House Hotel and Golf Club**

## **Charity Dinner and Auction in aid of Cancer Research**

**21 March 2014 at 7.30 PM**

Two course meal with a choice of baked gammon and parsley sauce or chicken and a selection of two sweets for dessert. A bar facility will also be available

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**All profits will go to Cancer Research**

Join us for an evening of entertainment and fun, wining and dining with an opportunity to raise some much needed funds for Cancer Research. A charity auction will take place during the evening and there will also be an opportunity to purchase high quality goods on display at the start of the event.

Tickets are now on sale at the Toft Hotel or contact the event organisers Pam on 01778 590544 or Jenny on 01778 590273

his last days. As we enter Lent and we draw near to Easter, let us reflect in thankfulness and hopefulness that God is always coming near to us – especially in the moments of our fear and lostness. It is at times like this that we can call upon ‘Our Father’ in the same way as a child waking from a nightmare would cry “Daddy”. The Heavenly Father is sure to come to those who call him. Jesus said “it is the Father’s will that not one of these little ones is lost.” That includes you too.

### **Annual Meetings**

The Annual Meetings of our Parish Churches are both important and informative occasions. Reports are made on every aspect of church life in the past year; and officers and church councils are elected. These are truly public occasions – everyone is welcome. If you are on the civil electoral register you can even vote for churchwardens! This year a special effort is being made to make the meetings more accessible. They are:

**St Andrew’s**, Witham on the Hill - Sunday 2nd March 11:00am in the Parish Church

**St Michael and All Angels**, Edenham - Sunday 23rd March at 11:15am (**Parish Communion at 10:30am**)

**St Mary**, Swinstead - Thursday 10th April 7.00pm

All meetings take place in the parish church and last about one hour. The electoral roll of each parish church is now on display at church. If you would like to become a member and have full voting rights at the AGM please fill in a form (also found in church) asap.

### **EDENHAM REGIONAL HOUSE**

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For further details and initial enquiries, please contact The Revd Canon Andy Hawes on edenhamoffice@gmail.com or on 01778 591358. Written applications with names and contact details of 2 referees should be sent to him by Friday 14 March 2014. Details also on [www.edenhamregionalhouse.org](http://www.edenhamregionalhouse.org)

## **POETRY AND PRAYER**

**Friday 21 March 10am-4pm.**

Fr Peter Green will introduce poetry that lends itself to prayer and reflection on the Feast of the Annunciation. Suggested contribution £12.50 which includes lunch. To book a place contact the Regional House 01778 591358.



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## **Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe**

### **Parish Clerk's Notes Parish Council Meeting Toft Hotel 22nd January 2014 at 1930**

**Declarations of Acceptance of  
Office/Interests Register.** Details  
were given by Mr McWilliams and  
Mr Anderson re the planning  
applications.

#### **Matters Arising:**

Bowthorpe Park Farm Entrance.  
County Councillor Trollope-Bellew  
has passed details of the  
professional signs to Mr  
Blanchard. Item closed.

BT cover on pavement in  
Manthorpe. BT has replaced the  
cover and Highways will raise the  
kerbs when resources permit.  
Item closed.

#### **Planning Applications:**

Mr William Vergette, Ashley  
House, Manthorpe. Extension of  
house and erection of stable  
block. No comment. Passed to  
SKDC.

Mrs Penelope Dawson – The Old

Bake House – Extension of Poly  
Tunnel and shade netting area.  
No comment. Passed to SKDC.

#### **Highways:**

Toft: Hotel Entrance. Toft House  
Hotel – the owners have cut back  
the shrubs and a letter confirming  
the request for the sale of the land  
on the A6121, on which to build a  
walkway, has been passed to the  
owner. Highways await their reply.

Lound: Road to A6121 will be  
surface dressed next year subject  
to budget review.

Manthorpe: Road surface at  
bridge is sinking again. This is  
under constant review by  
Highways.

Surface water on the junction of  
Wilsthorpe Road – Highways  
have looked at the discharge and  
it appears to be coming from the  
field to the rear. The owners  
details have been passed to  
Highways.

Surface Condition of Wilsthorpe  
Road – The road has been  
inspected and is acceptable at the  
moment.

Condition of Verges in the vicinity of Glen House –Western Power have stated that they will reinstate verges in the spring and sow grass seed. Chairman to follow up.

### **Finance Summary:**

Barclays Current Account  
£1572.10

Barclays Savings Account  
£1055.05

Melton BS  
£20706.23 @ 1.7%

### **General Items:**

**Dog fouling in Manthorpe.** Last meeting deferred decision on purchase of dog bags and bins. Only one complaint has been received regarding dogs on the Wilsthorpe Road. Meeting decided no action at moment.

**Defibrillator.** Mr Cork had been asked to investigate the costs of providing a defibrillator in Manthorpe. He was advised that EMAS had provided Edenham with a defibrillator. However, EMAS now do not have current funding. A suggestion was to go

through the British Heart Foundation to purchase a Zoll plus machine. The cost would be £400. There is then the issue of safeguarding the unit. Heated containers, for use outside of a building, cost some £500 and require an electricity supply. BT has denied the use of their kiosk unless the Parish Council adopt the kiosk. Thus location with a power supply is the problem. Training would be free by EMAS as would be regular maintenance. All agreed to spend up to £1000 on a unit.

The meeting heard that Toft Golf Club were soon to purchase one for use of its members. Subject to discussions, it was unanimously agreed to share the cost of this unit (£700) to be located in the hotel which would be available to the Toft community. As the unit would not be on an external wall, an unheated secure container would be needed with reduced costs to the Manthorpe unit.

**Parish Computer.** It was agreed to purchase the Compaq CQ58 d85AA from PC World. IT policy

will also be needed.

**Clerk Vacancy.** Mrs Cook has prepared a job description based on Government templates and the Clerks details. An advert will be prepared for the Three Towers magazine and further details can be placed on the web site and notice boards.

**Litter Bin at Bus Shelter.** The Chairman has spoken to SKDC who are now considering the request. Ongoing.

**Gas Burner Purchase.** Cost of new unit is some £62. All agreed to purchase

**Donations.** All receivers of donations have replied thanking the Parish Council for the contributions.

**Provision of Mobile Library.** Details have been received following the consultation on the future library provision in Lincolnshire. Manthorpe will retain a service but the Lound service will cease from 6 May 2014. This is based on the utilisation of the mobile library between July 2012

and August 2013.

**LCC** – there will be no increase in the County contribution for Council Tax.

**Military medical staff at Peterborough Hospital** will cease from 1 Apr 14 onwards. This will have implications for cover particularly at weekends.

**Reactive speed sign** may be available from Baston Parish Council who have 2 units.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting will be 20 Mar 14

**PAINTER & DECORATOR**

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**References available**

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At 8 pm on Thursday 20th March 2014 we are hosting an open meeting at the village hall in Carlby. At this meeting we hope to prove to you that good Internet connectivity is not only vital to the future of our communities, but is also achievable.

If any of this is of interest to you then please join us at the open meeting or contact us via the website. We look forward to meeting you and hearing your views on our vision.

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A Whist Drive was held on Friday 17th January in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill when £100 was raised for Church Funds. Among the winners were:

### GENTS

1. Mr.M.Brace
2. Mrs.G.Stanford
3. Mrs.M.Imminck

### LADIES

1. Mrs.P. Collier
2. Mrs.D.Blanchard Xavier
3. Mrs.D.Bennett

Among the raffle winners were Mrs. A. Blanchard, Mrs. P. Collier, Mr. S. Osborne, Mrs. B. Carter, Mrs. D. Bennett, Mr. A. Stanford and Mrs. H. Strickson. Thank you to all those who supported the evening and to everyone who donated prizes.

## WI February 2014

A large audience awaited our speaker, Vic Lilly, who gave an in-depth talk on wind farms. He was extremely knowledgeable, showing video footage of nuclear, solar, coal, gas and wind energy to produce electricity. The wind turbines are made of steel with enormous fibreglass blades measuring from 40m to 100m (in Germany). The lifespan of these giant machines is 25 years costing around £2m each to install. The blades adjust according to the wind direction and are automatically controlled remotely, to balance the anticipated demand for electricity. It was a fascinating and very informative talk. Julia Thompson gave the vote of thanks. Our walk on Thursday 20 February was a circular one from Folkingham - with lunch in the same village. A varied programme of speakers for the coming year was collated by Margaret Rine with the relative monthly competitions selected by the committee. The challenge in February was a "New Year's Resolution" and was won by Jane Clark. The raffle winner was Doreen Whitaker. The next meeting on Tuesday 4 March will take place, as usual, in the Parish Hall, next to the church, when Karen Brammer, of Stamford's Cheese and Wine Cellar, will tell us about artisan cheese. Members, new members and visitors will, as always, receive a very warm welcome. For further information contact Jane Clark on 01778 590232.

## **Swinstead News**

**Whist Drive** on Monday 3 March  
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Church Bingo** on Monday 10  
March at 7.30pm in the Village  
Hall.

**Flower Rota:** No Flowers during  
Lent. Easter Altar Flowers - Mollie  
Lunn. Other flowers in Church -  
open to all.

**Spring Clean:** Can you help  
spring clean Swinstead Church?  
Meet at church at 10.00 am on  
Saturday 12th April. People of all  
ages most welcome!

## **LENT LUNCHES**

**will take place every  
Thursday at noon, during  
Lent starting on 6 March,  
in St Andrew's parish hall,  
Witham on the Hill,  
preceded by bible study at  
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SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes.

In 2014 SIA is celebrating its 40th anniversary and so we want to make the batter matter and raise £25,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,500 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the SIA offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family". We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

**For more information or request a fundraising pack**

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## Peanut butter flapjack

6oz crunchy peanut butter

4oz soft margarine

8oz Demerara sugar

6 tablespoons golden syrup

10oz rolled oats

2oz salted peanuts

2 teaspoons lemon juice

Melt the peanut butter, margarine, syrup & sugar together (in saucepan or microwave). Stir in oats, peanuts & lemon juice. Press into greased 11x7 inch shallow tin. Bake at 160c for approx 35 mins until golden. Mark into squares & cool in tin. Cut into squares when cold.

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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
2 <sup>nd</sup> March Sunday next before Lent	08:45am Parish Communion	10:00am Parish Communion 11.00am AGM	11:15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer
9th March First of Lent	08:45am Parish Communion	10:00am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	11:15am Parish Communion
16 <sup>th</sup> March Second of Lent	08:45am Parish Communion 6.30pm Deanery Evening Prayer at Bourne Abbey	10:00am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion
23 <sup>rd</sup> March Third of Lent	08:45am Parish Communion	10:00am Parish Communion  6.00pm Evening Prayer	10:30am Parish Communion AGM 11:15am to finish by 12:15pm
30th March Fourth of Lent Mothering Sunday	10:00am Family Eucharist	10:00am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion ATH 6.00pm Evening Prayer
6 <sup>th</sup> April Passion Sunday	08:45am Parish Communion	10:00am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer

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