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April 2014

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## FibreLincs

FibreLincs is a community led rural broadband project for South Lincolnshire. The project aims to bring FTTP/H (Fibre To The Premises/Home) based Internet connectivity to communities not covered by high-speed services from existing commercial providers or BDUK initiatives (e.g. Digital Rutland and OnLincolnshire).

FibreLincs strongly believes that a community led initiative has the best chance of succeeding to deliver high-speed Internet access to rural communities. FTTP/H roll-outs are very rarely commercially viable for the likes of BT, due to the high cost of labour.

FibreLincs believes that its approach will succeed because it intends to use a community workforce to lay a fibre network on land owned by the community (you and me!). The FibreLincs network will therefore be owned, led and maintained by those communities in the form of a social enterprise (CIC – Community Interest Company).

To further improve its chances of succeeding FibreLincs will be following the very successful model adopted by B4RN (Broadband 4 the Rural North), recently featured on BBC Radio and Newsnight.

A meeting of the group was held in Carlby on 20th March where members of the surrounding villages were invited to take part, ask questions and present their views.

For more information type in FibreLincs into your search engine and read through their website. The site also gives many links to other broadband-related sites.

The bottom line is that the group is looking for support. The editor of this magazine does not hold a view on the need for this. This information is for your education only.

# Parish Notices

**9th May** at Edenham village hall a lecture by Jill Darby entitled "Elizabeth Taylor and her Diamonds" in aid of Swinstead Church. Tickets priced £8 to include light refreshments and a glass of wine.

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SKDC "**Love your Market**" campaign:

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**Saturday 26 April 2014 at 11:00am a Memorial Service** to celebrate the life of Mr John Tate will be held at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill. After the service everybody is welcome to join us for refreshments in the Stimson Hall, after which pupils will be on hand to offer tours of the school to alumni and friends, who would like to take up the opportunity. It will be very helpful to both Father Andy and the school to have an indication of attendees. Accordingly, if it is your intention to be present, please make contact with Mrs Viv Stanton via email to [vstanton@withamhall.com](mailto:vstanton@withamhall.com).

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## **Vacancy for Parish Clerk at Witham on the Hill**

Witham on the Hill Parish Council is looking for an experienced person, who would be interested in taking over the general duties and responsibilities of the Clerk. 9.5 hours per month, salary calculated by SCP. For more information please contact Rosemary Woolley telephone 01778 560634 or email [wothparishcouncil@msn.com](mailto:wothparishcouncil@msn.com).

For further information please go to the website:

<http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/WithamontheHill>. Closing date for applications - Wednesday 30th April 2014 at 6pm.

**Sunday 11th May from 11.30am** (after the Eucharist) **St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill Spring Clean & Churchyard Working Party** - bring and share lunch. Please bring suitable cleaning or gardening equipment. Everyone welcome all day or for an hour. Whatever time you can spare will be greatly appreciated, to make the Church look spick and span for the Confirmation taking place the following Sunday.

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**30th April 2014 at 7:30pm, Edenham Village Hall Committee AGM.** You are invited to come along to the hall and become involved in the meeting. We are always looking for new committee members to join us in giving something back to the local community. If you would like to be involved then please feel free to turn up on the night, or if you would like to get in touch beforehand you can contact John Gunn at [info@edenhamvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:info@edenhamvillagehall.co.uk) or on 01778 591197. We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery, Moreley's Lane, Corby Glen**

## **New programme for 2014**

**2 April – 30 April** The Thursday Group – Paintings

**7 May – 4 June** Lyn Lovitt, Mike Lovitt – Ceramics & Sculpture

**11 June – 9 July** Fibrefusion – Textile Art

**16 July – 13 August** Swayfield Art Group – Paintings

**20 August – 17 September** Bridget Jones – Paintings

**24 September – 22 October** The Lincolnshire Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers – Textiles

**30 October – 21 November** Open Art Competition

**Gallery open** 12 noon to 5pm every day except Monday apart from Bank Holidays - **Admission Free**

## **Next Witham on the Hill Historical Society Talks St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill**

**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.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014, 7.30pm**, Don Chiswell - "Hereward the Wake" or Hereward the 'exile', as he should correctly be known, led the last resistance to the Norman Conquest, including the burning of Peterborough. Was he the heroic patriot depicted in literature or an opportunistic robber?

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

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## **Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery**

### **2 April to 30 April - The Thursday Group**

This is the first exhibition for a group of ten painters who have been painting together for five years and meet every week in Swinstead village hall. Most of the group were originally art students of Liz Underhill and when Liz retired from teaching they decided to carry on as a group to continue their interest in painting. They paint in all mediums, mainly from observation, including still life, figurative work, landscapes and portraits. They are particularly interested in creating light and colour in their work. Two of the group are keen potters and some of their work will also be on display. The Thursday Group find working together very supportive as they gain inspiration from each other to extend their range and find new challenging subjects to paint. They are constantly striving to improve their work and express their love of art and they hope the public will enjoy this first exhibition of the group.

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## THE VICAR'S WRITES

Apart from the hours in the upper room, the events of Holy Week and Easter are all outdoors. Gethsemane, Golgotha, the Mount of Olives only have the sky as a roof. This is true of a great part of Jesus' ministry. It is especially true of his recorded life of prayer: the wilderness, the mountain top, the garden – these were his sacred spaces. There must be something in this outdoor praying to take note of. Speaking personally – I would go quite barmy if I couldn't spend a good part of the day outside. We live surrounded by fields with woods and a lake twenty minutes' walk away. We also have a dog who is my companion on my daily walks – which I look forward to as a time of prayer and reflection. The rhythm of the walking aids the quietening of the mind and deepening of consciousness – but there is more to outdoor praying than that.

'Outdoor Learning' is now an important provision in our schools, it compensates children for the rather antiseptic play

environments they are restricted to, by safe-guarding concerns and the tendency of children to think that if it hasn't got a flickering screen it's a waste of time. We have a son who makes his living by running 'Forest Schools.' 'The benefits of the engagement with environment', he tells me, 'are far reaching.' 'It enables respect and knowledge of natural forces, it awakens imagination and stimulates emotions, it enables a growing awareness of self and one's place within the natural order – but most of all, it's fun.' Some of these 'learning outcomes' ought to be part of our spiritual life but often they aren't. Very quickly our own prayer life can become ritualised and routine. It also becomes cerebral and does not engage our whole self – it makes very little impact on the senses. The old saying 'you're nearer to God in the garden than anywhere else on earth' – has a great amount of truth in it. But being nearer to God and engaging with God are two different things altogether.

At the retreat house at Edenham we have provided days of reflection which take Gospel events and then pray with them in an outdoor context. We have had walks to Emmaus, breakfasts on a lake side, and outdoor Stations of the Cross concluding at the top of a hill. In these experiences light breaks into our understanding of the Gospel and new insights and direction emerges. We now have an 'outdoor Church' in the garden with a stone table at the east end and a fountain at the west. It is easier to pray for the world when one hears and sees it at work and at play. Holy places are exactly that – places. Our outdoor meditations, pilgrimages and liturgies help us to experience that all places are Holy. We are able to say with Jacob setting up his stone by the river, after his dream of the angelic ladder 'the Lord in this place, and I never knew it; this is the gate of heaven.'

On Palm Sunday we take the church outside on procession and on Easter Day the Dawn Vigil begins in the dark around a fire – to hear those wonderful words –

'may the light of Christ rising from darkness scatter the darkness of our hearts and lives.'

Our Lord, who is the Word through whom all things are made, speaks to us about the spirit being like the wind – it helps sometimes to pray with the wind on your face and its sound in your ears.

**Three Parishes Choir** (aka The Dibley Singers) is meeting to practice for Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday on Tuesday 1st and Tuesday 8th April at 7.30pm at Edenham Vicarage. If you would like to join in and learn some very simple music (no previous experience or ability to read music required) please do just turn up; to find out more ring Trudy on 01780 754945.

### **Agape – a love feast!**

On April 27th an Agape will take place at Edenham Village Hall beginning at 6.00pm. In the early church Christians gathered to share a meal during which there were readings and prayers and songs – at the end of which they celebrated Holy Communion. At





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this Agape there will be readings and songs and short talks in the course of a simple meal. Tickets are £3 – proceeds will be donated to Christian Aid and are available from the Vicar. There will also be a charity bar.

## **Edenham Regional House**

Days of Reflection: what are they? Participants arrive from 10:00am for a 10:30am start. The days usually divide into two sessions – one before 12 noon and one after lunch. There is usually plenty of opportunity to be alone and quiet. Often there is worship at midday – on Fridays this is always the Eucharist. The days draw to a close with corporate prayer at 3:30pm after this tea is available (and cake!) There are no set charges at Edenham, the suggested contribution for a day, which includes lunch and refreshments is £12.50 – guests give more or less according to circumstances and inclination. To book a place or make an enquiry and notify of any dietary requirements, please call 01778

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### **Mother Behold Thy Son**

**Friday 4 April 10am – 4pm**

Using imaginative contemplation on scripture and praying with pictures to aid reflection, with lots of space to develop your own thoughts or to write, take a walk, read or draw - Rosey Fuell and Wendy Smith will accompany Mary on her way to the cross. Suggested contribution is £12.50.

### **Thou Didst Flee Like a Hart**

**Saturday 17 May 10am – 4pm**

St John of the Cross is one of the renowned mystics and writers on prayer in the Christian tradition. This day will explore his life and work and reflect on its implications for our own journey of faith. Led by Bishop Norman Banks.

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Your local organiser is: **Jane Clark tel 01778 590232**

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**Paradox: Life's Puzzle and Pathway - Lent 2014  
Edenham Regional House**

A paradox is apparently contradictory statements or situations held together in tension. Some paradoxes are faced by every human being, like the paradox of human compassion and cruelty. Others affect only believers, like the paradox of a God of love who is apparently indifferent to much human suffering. For the believer, paradox has another dimension. The New Testament, especially through the words and example of Jesus and Paul, invites us to see that living a life which actually embraces paradox is a pathway of spiritual maturity.

**Wednesdays during Lent 7.30pm:**

**March 12th** Paradoxes of life

**March 19th** Paradoxes of Faith, part 1

**March 26th** Paradoxes of Faith, part 2

**April 2nd** Paradoxes of Discipleship

**April 9th** The example of Jesus

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## View From the Pew

I have just returned from a very interesting day in Lincoln. It was about exploring possible ways in which we can grow as a church, lead by a remarkable young priest from London called Philip North. What can we, as a church-going community, do to invite our neighbours in? How do we demonstrate our desire to share the very precious gift of Faith, the simple and beautiful message of the Gospel? Charles Spurgeon says "I will not believe that you have tasted of the honey of the gospel if you can eat it all yourself". This, I find very challenging and a bit scary. Maybe, we all should be prepared to be challenged, if we are practicing Christians, how do we reach our friends who are not, and if we are not, how do we view those who are? There is, of course, no difference between us at all, in so far as we live our lives near to each other, welcome the same signs of spring, watch with wonder the same beautiful sunsets and worry about our families and friends, we are all

moved to tears and laughter in some measure. So why are we not sharing, in some measure, our need for companionship, fellowship and spiritual understanding? Why do some of us walk in and out of those church doors at varying intervals, and why do some of us never feel moved to go anywhere near? Is there an invisible line that causes a division between us? Are not our church buildings big enough to hold us all? Can we not bring our questions, needs, fears and joys under that same roof?

Do not be surprised if someone accosts you before too long and asks you some such questions. There are no wrong answers but many, many more questions yet, can we, I wonder, explore them together?

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### GENTS

1. Mrs A Blanchard
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### LADIES

1. Mrs B Carter
2. Mrs M Virgo
3. Mrs P Collier

Among the raffle winners were Mrs P Garrard, Mrs M Virgo, Mrs P Cranfield, Mrs M Imminck, Miss E Munton, Mrs G Stanford, Mrs H Strickson and Mr A Stanford. Thank you again to all those who support the evening and to those who kindly donate prizes. The next Whist Drive is on Friday 11th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. This will be the last one of the season; we will start up again in September.

## Witham on the Hill WI

A goodly crowd of twenty members and a welcome visitor arrived to hear our speaker Karen Brammer and her partner from The Cheese Cellar, situated in Stamford. Her talk was accompanied by many delicious samples of artisan cheeses which we really enjoyed, learning at the same time how they reached our tables. Extremely interesting the way these local cheeses are produced and the manner in which the cows are farmed. Some of the animals are even milked 'on demand' which must be a huge amount of work for the farmers. The products, however, reflect this care and detail to preparation and many of us will look forward to supporting this particular establishment. The suggestion to visit one of these cheese producers locally will, I am sure, be a popular one for all our members!

Our next walk will be round the Hambleton peninsula followed by lunch at a nearby hostelry. Three members celebrated birthdays this month. The competition, a kitchen 'gadget' , was won by Anne Lilly and the raffle by Jill Ray.

The April meeting, will be our annual one and members are invited to bring along any art or craft item to inspire others to 'have a go!' Do make a note of our May meeting when Mr C Stevenson, DCS (retired) will be speaking. We look forward to seeing you all.

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## Swinstead News

Whist drive on 7 April in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Easter Bingo on 14 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Good prizes. There will be no further coffee/ lunches mornings on a Wednesday in the Village Hall until further notice due to illness.

### Swinstead Parish Council Meeting Notes - 6th March 2014 in Swinstead Village Hall

**Financial Report:** The Report was circulated, approved and signed with the exception of a query on a charge which is presently being resolved.

**Machams Close:** A site visit took place recently whereupon a survey was undertaken and measurements recorded to ensure compliance with the Planning Regulations. A security fence was put in place. A further meeting is now scheduled and several members of the public are expected to attend. It is hoped the meeting will further progress this matter.

**Buttercross:** Stone for the project has now been successfully sourced at a cost of £200. Fresh measurements are being taken and the work will go ahead as soon as the present frosts have

finished enabling the work to begin.

**Highways:** Various works by the Anglian Water Authority have taken place over the last weeks and work is now in progress by LCC on Bourne Road. A letter is to be written to K. Brumfield at LCC as the Council understands that no further work is to take place on Creeton Road which is the site of the worst of the flooding and is responsible for the general village flooding. The Council will also be drawing attention to the drain outside No 7 New Estate in the village.

**Jubilee Orchard Project:** It was agreed that 10 more fruit trees together with tree guards will be purchased which brings the Orchard towards completion. Cllr. Lunn presented the completed sign for the Orchard to the meeting. This will now be mounted on a piece of oak to be installed at a later date on the Orchard gate.

**Croake Hill:** It was reported that an incident had taken place recently which involved the Police and an arrest was made.

**Dog Fouling:** This perennial problem was discussed, with various methods used by other Parish Councils to control the

problem being put forward. It was agreed that signs stating that fines apply, whilst not detailing the amount are one method but vigilance for offenders is basically the only weapon.

### **Football Field, change of use:**

The Council will be writing to the Grimsthorpe Estate with regard to the Change of Use and outlining the necessity of a Planning Permission document being displayed for the relevant time.

**Councillors' Reports:** Cllr. Lunn wished to record his thanks to D/ Cllr. Robins for his assistance in cleansing the telephone box prior to painting by British Telecom.

**Any Other Business:** The Clerk advised Councillors of the meeting date of 18th March next relating to Machams Close.

**Date and Time of next meeting:** Thursday 1st May 2014. AGM and Ordinary Meeting.

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**Edenham Parish Council  
Meeting Notes 11th March 2014**

**Open Forum:** There were no members of the public present; All parishioners are again reminded that the Open Forum is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors.

**Councillor Vacancy:** Due to ill health Cllr Arthur Stanford has resigned from the council after eight years of service. The Council would like to thank Arthur for all his contributions to the local community over that period and wishing him a speedy recovery. Anyone interested in becoming involved in their local democracy please contact the Parish Clerk (at edenham.pc@btinternet.com ) or any of their Parish Councillors for further information.

**Planning Application:** Application for the changes affecting Condition 18 of the Planning Permission Granted for the conversion of the barn adjacent to Mill Leys, School Lane, Edenham, studied – no comments/objections raised.

**Children's Play Equipment:** Remedial works now carried out, play area re-opened.

**Edenham School:** Unfortunately, although the School Safety Zone has proven to be effective, some parents are now being very inconsiderate in how they park vehicles at school open/close times. Incidents of dangerous/illegal parking in the vicinity of the School, particularly on the busy A151 Main Street, Edenham, are causing concern to residents and other road users. Local Policing Team is to be requested to monitor the situation and use necessary legal powers to take action against the drivers responsible. Parents are reminded that the Edenham Village Hall car park can be used to reduce congestion on Main Street and School Lane.

**World War 1 – 100 Year Commemoration:** The chairman requested members to consider if the Parish Council should mark the 100th Anniversary of the start of World War 1 and, if so, in what way – ideas for next meeting.

**Highway Matters:** An update on the proposed safety work on the Well, Scottlethorpe Road Edenham is to be requested from the Highways Department.

**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:** 13th May 2014 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which will

commence at 7:30pm.

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 [edenham.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:edenham.pc@btinternet.com).

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## **Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 16th May 2014**

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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**

**call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email:**

**[fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk) or visit**

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## JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPE

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### **PUMPKIN & CHORIZO RIGATONI (serves 2)**

*300G PUMPKIN OR BUTTERNUT SQUASH cut into small chunks*

*100G CHORIZO cut into chunks*

*OLIVE OIL*

*BLACK PEPPER*

*1 TABLESPOON DRIED ROSEMARY*

*200G RIGATONI*

*PARMESAN*

*Put the squash in a baking dish, sprinkle with rosemary, toss in olive oil & black pepper. Bake at 220c for 15 mins, add chorizo & bake for further 5 mins. Meanwhile cook rigatoni for 10-15 mins according to taste. Drain, then stir in pumpkin, chorizo & juices. Add a little more virgin olive oil if necessary. Sprinkle with finely grated parmesan & serve.*

*Good with crusty bread & a sweet chilli sauce, or a green salad.*

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## PARISH SERVICES FOR APRIL 2014

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
6 <sup>th</sup> Passion Sunday	8:45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10:00am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion
13 <sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday		10:30am Liturgy of the palms and three parishes communion and Sunday School	6.00pm Evening Prayer
Holy Week 14 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>		7.30pm Eucharist	
Maundy Thursday		7.30pm Maundy Liturgy. Followed by watch until ....	
Good Friday		9.00am Matins and Litany 10:30am Station of the Cross for all ages 1:30pm Good Friday Service 6.30pm Meditation	
Easter Day 20 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45am Parish Communion  <b><u>6.00pm Edenham</u></b>	10:00am Parish Communion	5:00am Vigil (meet at the Bonfire in the Vicarage Garden) 11.15 Parish Communion
27 <sup>th</sup> April Second Sunday of Easter	8:45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10:00am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism 6.00pm Agape
4 <sup>th</sup> May Third Sunday of Easter	8:45am Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer	10:00am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism