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# Parish Notices

**Marriage:** George Blanchard and Nicola Frances McLaughlin at St Andrew's Witham on the Hill on 14 June.

**Congratulations** to Teresa Murray (daughter of Denis and the late Christiane Murray) and Mark Faure-Walker on their wedding at All Saints Church, Sandon, Berkshire on 31 May.

**Condolences** to Wendy Cooke, family, and friends, on the loss of her father, Peter Robinson.

**Thank you** to all those hard working people who dusted and cleaned the Church, polished the brass, vacuumed the bell tower and weeded the Churchyard on 11 May at St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill. Well done all of you, especially the team of children!

**2nd June at 7.30pm** Whist Drive in Swinstead Village Hall

**9th June at 7.30pm** Bingo in Swinstead Village Hall. Good prizes. Proceeds in aid of St Mary's Church.

**Saturday 14th June 10am** Edenham Church working party.

**Friday 20th June 8.00 pm** Grimsthorpe Castle. St. Peter's Singers celebratory 15th Anniversary Concert 'Abendlied'. Works by Bach, Schütz and Brahms, featuring Rheinberger's Mass in E flat – German choral music spanning four centuries. To celebrate fifteen years of memorable singing in this glorious venue, canapés and Prosecco will be served in the interval!

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**Saturday 28th June** 'Smuggler Jack' are returning to give another concert of original songs and covers in the Vicarage Garden. Bring your own picnic – entry £7 includes a drink – there will be a charity bar available. Gardens open at 6.00pm. Music from 6.30pm – 9.30pm. Phone 01778 591358 for tickets, or email edenhamoffice@gmail.com

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## THE VICAR WRITES

This month sees the start in one of our parishes of a 'Stewardship Campaign'; last year there was a similar and very successful effort in Swinstead. Another is pencilled in for Edenham next year. This means that all our local readers will have in the past or will in the future be asked if they would like to contribute to the life of the Parish Church by a gift of time, talents or money. This is a revival of an approach which, for the past twelve years or so, was seen as not as effective as a straight forward funding programme, to set our financial needs, as any other voluntary organisation would. I am very happy indeed that we have reverted to Stewardship again. This is why:

It used to be the case that a four yearly cycle of 'Stewardship Campaigns' were a regular feature of Anglican parochial life. They seem, in many Dioceses, to have been replaced by the 'funding programme,' with a single focus on raising money. Travelling one generation back in time the 'Stewardship Campaign' was often

titled 'Stewardship Mission' and had a strong preaching, praying and teaching element in it. In many cases individuals made a huge step forward in their spiritual journey in coming to a thoughtful, prayerful response to the invitation to give of their time, talents and money.

Christian Spirituality is nothing other than the practise of Stewardship. Stewardship is responding to the call of Christ in the present moment, offering to his service all our gifts and abilities. It is the desire to make this loving response to God, that is the well-spring of our Christian Ministry. Consider these two profound prayers; first this prayer from the Methodist Covenant Service: 'I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.' The second is from the final stage of the 'Spiritual Exercises' of St Ignatius: 'Take, Lord and receive

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all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To thee, O Lord, I return it. All is thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will.'

Both these prayers express the deep desire to make a loving and sacrificial response to God's love for us, which is experienced by each person in the totality of their life. 'All is thine' prays Ignatius, 'In response John Wesley declares 'I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure.' It is this deep awareness of God's goodness, and that life is grace or gift that transforms and transfigures the individual will to generous self-giving. This is the only place to begin any prayer and reflection on one's own response to God, in the giving of our time, talents and money.

Since Jacob vowed at Bethel to give one tenth of all he had to the Lord, tithing has been recognised as a faithful response to God's goodness. I have always thought that one tenth is a little mean

considering that 'all things come from you and of your own do we give you.' The sad reality is that a very small proportion of Christians tithe. This is the fact behind the rather feeble spiritual life and half-hearted mission of the Church in many contemporary contexts. To tithe is both to recognise the goodness of God and to trust in his faithfulness. To try and work out what to give in any other way, is an exercise in balancing the books with God, without recognising the truth that it all belongs to God anyway. Two questions: what is your giving like, are you being generous to God? If you aren't, what is stopping you? These questions will take you to the heart of another fundamental question: 'What really matters to you?'

## Confirmation

The sun blazed down on St Andrew's, Witham, on the 18<sup>th</sup> May. There was a congregation of two hundred to witness the confirmation of fourteen people by the Bishop of Richborough, Norman Banks; eleven from the

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We have a few months off now, and then begin preparing for next years confirmation. If you are interested in finding out more, please let the Vicar know.

### **Edenham Church**

There will be a Saturday morning working party to give the Church and Churchyard a good old fashioned sort out, before the builders move in later in the summer. If you would like to help with either inside or outside tasks then please make a note of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 10:00-12:00 on your calendar!

### **REGIONAL HOUSE**

The following quiet days are now open for booking! To find out more

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### **The Easter People**

Friday 6th June 10am-4pm

The life of the Christian is formed by being baptised into the death and resurrection Christ. St Augustine proclaimed 'we are an Easter People and our song is Alleluia!' This day will reflect on the 'resurrection life of the Church'. Led by Canon Arthur Middleton, author of "Prayer in a workaday world", and other writing on prayer and the history of Christian spirituality.

### **Painting and Prayer**

Tuesday 1st July 10am-4pm

Kate Austen of ChristArt will be returning to Edenham. Kate has been using her own painting to provide a point of entry into silent communion with God. On this day there will be an opportunity both to use art as an object for contemplation, but also to use painting as prayer. No experience is needed and all the materials are provided. The suggested contribution to cover costs is £20

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**FRIENDS EVENING** will take place on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** beginning with **Evening Prayer at 6.00pm**. Followed by a short meeting and a long supper!

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These are the new classes added this year –

Home made gift tag,

Arrangement of wild flowers &/or grasses not exceeding 18”

Home grown cucumber, chilli or pepper

1lb jar of curd, any flavour

1lb loaf of home made bread

5 decorated cup cakes

Home made lemon traybake

Any item made on a sewing machine

Poster to advertise the veg & produce show A4 size

The photography classes will be – a spring scene; from my window; a farming scene of today; a night time scene and an amusing photo with a caption. Schedules will be distributed soon but please make a start on growing entries now.

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It features Holmatro hydraulic rescue, cutting equipment and rams, considered by many to be the best on the market. Also included is the very latest method of firefighting, the Cobra Coldcut system. Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue is the first Service in the country to adopt the Cobra equipment as part of a new integrated firefighting strategy. And our village appliance is one of the first in our county to be fitted with this system.

The Cobra Coldcut extinguishing equipment infuses water with tiny pieces of metal and shoots it at very high pressure through a lance to cut through plastic, wood, metal and even concrete to gain entry to

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Our meeting kicked off with a unanimous vote in favour of the resolution on organ donation. The next walk on 17 June will start at Clipsham, with lunch at The Olive Branch. The hardened hikers will be joined by the "strollers" for the first time, so we shall see how many will swell the numbers! We have booked our seats for the very first performance this year at Tolethorpe. Invitations to purchase a ticket for the Centenary Baton Relay on 9 June, was given to all and this event is looked forward to with great excitement. Our book group goes from strength to strength - our third book is Guernica by David Boling. This should give us plenty to discuss at our next meeting together. To date our ladies have produced 1,947 items for the Peterborough premature baby unit. Well done to all concerned.

Detective Chief Superintendent (retired) Chris Stevenson, QPM, held our attention completely as he outlined his early life and his rise to Det. Chief Super. He spoke on one of the most difficult, horrific and emotive cases of his

career, when he oversaw a massive workforce to bring the perpetrator to justice. We realised then how many hours and hours of intensive searching and collating, to say nothing of the personal stress that must affect our police officers in the course of their duty. This really was a fascinating insight into the huge amount of work involved in a criminal investigation, and probably taken for granted by the general public. A superb speaker who had us all enthralled from beginning to end. We didn't want him to stop! During the refreshment time Chris continued to be bombarded with question after question from our ladies - I'm surprised he arrived home on the same night! Thank you again, absolutely brilliant!

It was a very easy vote of thanks, which was given by Jane Clark. Jean Mathams won the raffle, with Margaret Rine winning the competition. Our June meeting will welcome Liz Pick, who will be demonstrating cake decorating - the competition is a favourite cake recipe. As usual, we shall be very pleased to see new members or visitors. For further information contact Secretary, Jane Clark, tel 01778 590232.



## **Notes from the Edenham Parish Council Meeting 13th March 2014**

Annual Parish Meeting. The chairman expressed disappointment that only parish councillors were present. He encouraged all to promote parishioner involvement in local government over the forthcoming year. All parishioners are again reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting, along with routine Parish Council meetings, is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors. Community Police Team Member PCSO Chris Hughes was in attendance and updated the meeting on local police issues. Concerns were raised by members about the ongoing matter of poor/dangerous parking in the vicinity of Edenham School. Chris agreed to visit the site whenever possible to monitor/ take appropriate actions against those found to be at fault.

Election of Officers: Cllr Martin was elected as Chairman and Cllr Cranfield elected as Vice-Chairman for the year 2014/15

Councillor Vacancy. Mr Andrew Wilson, Grimsthorpe, in attendance, put himself forward for

consideration by the meeting to fill the vacancy upon Cllr Stanford's retirement. Following a brief by the chairman on the role, it was proposed and agreed that Mr Wilson be co-opted onto the council as a member. Acceptance of office/declaration of interest & dispensation forms to be completed and SKDC to be notified.

Planning:

- i. 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, now granted.
- ii. Application: Vehicular Access - No 45, Main Street, Edenham – Slight concern over visibility to south.
- iii. Application: Vehicular Access - Rose Cottage, Main Road Grimsthorpe. No comment.
- iv. Application: Pig Rearing Unit – Elsthorpe Grange. Concerns over; possible environmental impact, increase in HGV traffic on small local lanes, and risk of possible future expansion.

Annual Accounts/External Audit: Annual accounts, along with internal audit and bank reconciliations presented and accepted by the meeting. External

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and signed by chairman and  
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World War 1 – 100 Year  
Commemoration: Newly Co-  
opted Cllr Wilson reported that he  
has started work on a project to  
produce an information folder on  
soldiers from the Parish who were  
killed during the war. This will be  
located by the memorial in  
Edenham Church and the council  
has agreed to assist in material

costs in the folders production.

Highway Matters. Potholes on  
Scottlethorpe Road, Edenham  
and damage to A151 by traffic  
lights in Edenham to be reported  
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The next meeting of the Edenham  
Parish Council will take place in  
Edenham Village Hall on Tuesday  
8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 @ 7:30pm.  
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# JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPE

We are down to our last 10 leeks, and this tasty dish has featured on our menu most weeks in the past couple of months.

## Leek and sausage risotto

2 leeks

1/2oz butter

4 sausages

1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage

4oz arborio rice

1 pint hot vegetable stock

1 tablespoon wholegrain mustard

2oz grated parmesan cheese

Grill the sausages until cooked. Meanwhile, melt butter gently in a large pan, add leeks & soften for 10 mins over a low heat.

Add chopped sage and rice, stirring until rice becomes slightly translucent. Add stock, one ladleful at a time stirring frequently until it is absorbed, adding gradually, until all the stock is absorbed, and the rice is cooked – this will take about 25 mins.

Stir in the mustard, sliced sausages, most of the parmesan and season with ground black pepper. Sprinkle over remaining parmesan and fresh sage.

*SERVES 2*

## **SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 1st May 2014

**Present:** J.Hunt-Webb (Chair) B.Lynch, M.Somerville, C.Lunn, G.Brown, S.Webb,

### **Election of Officers:**

Election of Chairman: It was agreed that B. Lynch continue as Chairman.

Election of Vice-Chairman: it was agreed that G. Brown continue as Vice-Chairman.

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

The Chairman looked back on a year where much had been accomplished, in particular, the Jubilee Orchard which will be a lasting legacy for the village. The football field has now been re-established as allotments for use by residents in Swinstead and surrounding villages. The Parish Council was also involved with local residents in ensuring the incomplete development at Machins Close was demolished.

Meanwhile, other areas had been progressed. Following a revision relating to the choice of stonework, the Buttercross restoration would hopefully be completed in early summer. A leaflet drop regarding the on-going problem of dog-fouling had been made, and there also remained the need to support residents with regard to problems at Croake Hill. A recent survey had identified a programme of work to be undertaken with regard to flooding, grass verges and potholes throughout the village.

The Chairman thanked members of the Council and the Clerk for their support throughout the past year.

### **Financial Report for the year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014:**

Income for the year was £3,611 including the annual precept,

Community Wildlife Grant, VAT refund, interest on bank accounts and tree sales. Expenditure amounted to £2,826 and the Council had £5,105 in hand at the year's end.

The accounts were approved by the Council and will now be passed to the internal verifier, Sir Edward Barry, before being submitted for audit.

(A note relating to key dates of the Annual Audit had been placed on the Notice Board in accordance with Financial Regulations.)

**Electors concerns:** No members of the public were present.

**2015 AGM** It was noted that the 2015 AGM will have to be held later in the month in order to accommodate the results of Parish Council elections next year.

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**Whist Drive** was held on Friday 11th April in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, when £103 was raised for Church funds. The winners were:

GENTS

1st Mrs M Imminck  
2nd Mrs D Bennett  
3rd Mrs P Garrard

LADIES

1st Mrs S Olley  
2nd Mrs W Stratton  
3rd Mrs C Underwood

The raffle winners were Mrs T Brace, Mrs P Collier, Mrs E Basden, Mrs H Strickson, Mr S Osborne, Mrs M Imminck, Mrs A Blanchard and Mrs G Stanford. Thank you to all those who have supported the Whist Drives this season and to all those who have donated prizes and refreshments. The Whist Drives will start again in the autumn on Friday 19th September. We hope to see you all then; plus anyone else you can persuade to come along.

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## PARISH SERVICES FOR JUNE 2014

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
1 <sup>st</sup> June Seventh Sunday of Easter	8:45am Parish Communion  4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion
8 <sup>th</sup> June PENTECOST	8:45am Parish Communion  4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10am Parish Communion  4.00pm Picnic and Pentecost Praise – Witham Hall Gardens	11:15am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism
15 <sup>th</sup> June TRINITY SUNDAY	8:45am Parish Communion 4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup> June First after Trinity	8:45am Parish Communion 4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion
29th June St Peter and Paul	10:30am Three Parishes Communion 4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe		
6 <sup>th</sup> July Third after Trinity	8:45am Parish Communion  4pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism	11:15am Parish Communion

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