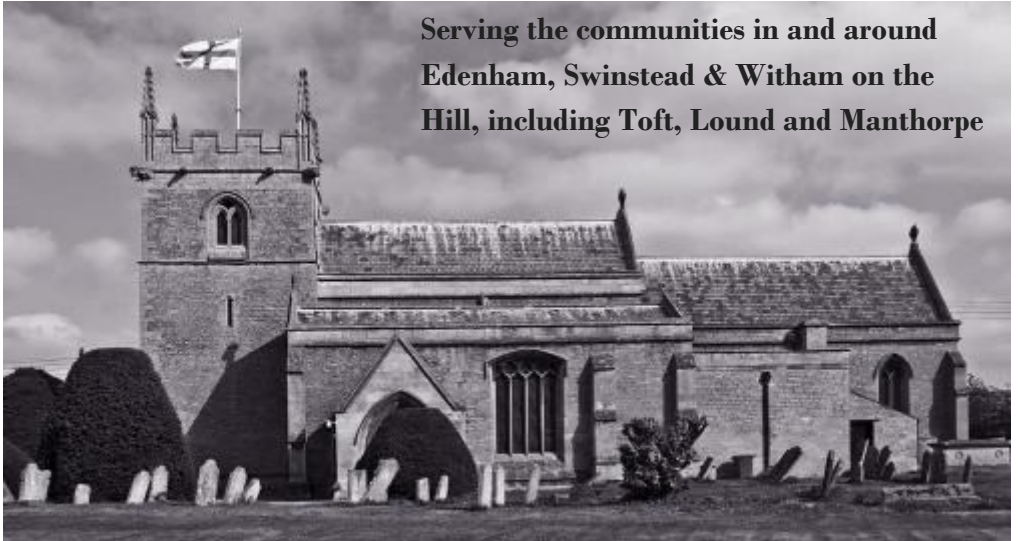


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**5th July at 3pm in the Vicarage garden** - Edenham Church Garden Fete. Offers please for the stalls of: raffle prizes, tombola, white elephant, books, homemade cakes and preserves. All donations can be left at the Vicarage the week of the fete. Lots of manpower needed at 10am on the day to help set everything up. Please support your Church. Come and enjoy a homemade tea. Traditional garden games to play for all ages. All enquiries to Ruth 591328.

**7th July at 7.30pm** - Whist drive in Swinstead Village Hall

**14th July at 7.30pm** - Bingo in Swinstead Village Hall

**15th July at 7:45pm** - pub quiz in aid of Steam Action at The Blackhorse Inn, Grimsthorpe. There will be a prize for the winner plus a raffle. For queries or raffle donations please call Lucie Wilson on 07715 843387 or email on [LucieJWilson@hotmail.com](mailto:LucieJWilson@hotmail.com). This is a superb way to support your local pub and raise some money for a great cause!

**27th July at 2.30pm** - Garden fete in aid of St Mary's Church Swinstead, in the grounds of Swinstead Hall by kind permission of Mr and Mrs N Ridley

**4th August at 7.30pm** - Whist drive in Swinstead Village Hall

**11th August at 7.30pm** - Bingo in Swinstead Village Hall

**Welcome to Grimsthorpe:** Harry & Vicky McCarthy, Yvonne Sandall & Terry Brookes, Laurence Hurd and Sarah Pickett, Sylvia & Nick Welford plus Mark Lathom & Gail Latter

**Welcome to Edenham:** Neville & Gwen Garfoot, Brian Garfoot, Lorraine & Gary Nassau, Sophie Russell & Harry Coups, Alex Kettle plus David & Clarrisa (from one side of the field to another!)

**Congratulations** to Jim & Jo Handley and family on the birth of beautiful Romy Bluebell Handley. Love from all at Steam Action

**Thanks** to Nikki Gunn for organising Bingo at Edenham Village Hall last week and to everyone who supported us. We raised £140 which is amazing! All our fundraising goes towards putting on a Christmas Party and Panto for the Senior Citizens of the Parish, so Steam Action really appreciate everyone who comes to our fundraising events.

**Congratulations** to Eleanor (nee Plummer) and Owen on the birth of a daughter, Marla Frances Dawson, on 2 June, weighing in at 7 pounds 9 ounces. Another grandchild for Frances Plummer.

**Well Done** Joy Osborne as the Cook in “Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass” at Toilethorpe. She was very liberal with the pepper! You are a star, Joy.

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## THE VICAR WRITES

In June I was a participant in a conference called 'Hidden Needs'. It consisted of a day of talks and workshops exploring Christian ministry to those in our communities whose needs are often hidden from others. This could be deafness or mental illness (in any of its crippling manifestations); it could be grief or addiction. There was, however, an emphasis on the Christian understanding of those who have learning difficulties of any kind.

I led two workshops on the work of Jean Vanier and the L'Arche communities. These communities are Christian households made up of adults, some of whom have learning difficulties and some who do not have these 'hidden needs'. As the day unfolded and I spent time with carers, professionals in many areas of education and medicine, as well as a number of young adults with learning difficulties, I began to realise that I had learning difficulties too.

In many respects my education has dulled important ways of

learning. Jean Vanier terms intellectual learning 'sky knowledge' and other ways of learning 'earth knowledge'. This is the knowledge that we gain through our senses, emotions and intuition. It was quite clear that some people who might be termed 'those with learning difficulties' are far more fluent in the language of love and far more rounded in character than people like myself who spent six years at University.

On the Feast of Pentecost (Whitsunday), the day we remember the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and their companions, we pray the Collect, or prayer for the day, which remembers that the Lord 'taught the *hearts* of your faithful people by sending the fire of the Holy Spirit'. It is in the heart that God teaches us. I would suggest that we can often have 'learning difficulties of the heart.'

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they cannot think their way into it. But this insistence on 'sky knowledge' is a learning difficulty. St Anselm in the eleventh century said 'I believe in order that I may understand'; Lady Julian of Norwich in the fourteenth century wrote 'by thought is never gotten and holden – only be love.'

In another area of my ministry I am a 'theological consultant' to a psychotherapist (who is also a physician) who is researching in the field of neurology, spirituality and trauma. This is providing insights into this whole question of 'how do we come to know anything.' Her research, which draws on the work of others all over the world, is examining what neurology (the science of the brain and nervous system) is revealing about the way humanity perceives and understands the world around them. It has been well known for some time that the conscious (or thinking) part of the brain is only secondary in our decision making. In the language of Jean Vanier – 'earth knowledge' comes first and 'sky knowledge' helps us process it. When the brain is in shock and

trauma it would appear whole other areas of the brain, that are usually dormant, become active and in such a state of new awareness 'The doors of perception open'. This is similar to what happens in 'near death experience,' or for people in situations of extreme stress – as on a battlefield. What is interesting from a Christian point of view is that these 'doors of perception' are also opened by worship and prayer.

All the above throws a huge question mark over the rather lazy assumption predominant in our society that being rational is the only way to interpret reality. For a new learning experience and the opening doors of perception all you have to do is go to church!

## **FROM THE LAST TWO CENSUSES**

I was recently sent an analysis of the parishes I serve, based on a comparison between the 2001 and the 2011 censuses. One interesting statistic – in 2001 90% of the parishes of Witham on the Hill and Manthorpe, Toft and

Lound designated their religion as Christian. In 2011 it was 70%. As someone said – ‘you must be doing a marvellous job!’

### THE REVD DAVID PICKETT

Fr David and his family will be moving at the end of July to Guisley in Yorkshire where David is to be the Rector. His last Sunday service will be on 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1030 in Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel. If anyone would like to contribute to his leaving gift, please collect an envelope from church and return it as instructed on the envelope.

### EDENHAM REGIONAL HOUSE

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> of July – Kate Austen of ChristArt will be making a return visit to Edenham. Kate’s background is a professional artist who found that painting and prayer

became one activity for her. She produced paintings that others found helpful in their own prayers and meditations. Following this she developed ways of helping others use painting and drawing to express and deepen their own spiritual life.

Kate will lead the day, beginning at 10:00am and ending at 4pm. She brings all the materials, and she insists that no experience at all is needed. The cost of the day is £20 and this includes lunch. To book telephone 01778 591358.

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## **Witham on the Hill WI**

Several of our ladies are off on their hols at the moment but never the less a very good audience welcomed our speaker in June, Liz Pick from the Cake Kabin. Loads of tips for producing a fine decorated cake to impress our friends! Icing tools showed us how to develop and improve our skills, including a very quick method in forming most delightful roses and foliage. All this wonderful information was accompanied by amusing anecdotes which had our members doubled up with laughter! We enjoyed the samples of Liz's work during the refreshment break. A fun evening to satisfy all. Barbara Vann gave our vote of thanks. Table tennis has been postponed due to blackbirds nesting in the vicinity! The 'strollers', intending to walk around Yew Tree Avenue, will meet up with the hardened walkers on 17th June after their trek from Clipsham - both groups, no doubt, will be ready for lunch at The Olive Branch! Julia Thompson won the raffle and Jane Clark the competition. Carlby WI will be welcoming us at a joint meeting on 8 July, when Colin Young will give us a crash course in antiques! For further information contact secretary, Jane Clark, Tel 01778 590232.

## **Swayfield Art Group**

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For further information visit our website at [www.swayfield-village-groups.webeden.co.uk/art-group](http://www.swayfield-village-groups.webeden.co.uk/art-group) or visit the Willoughby Gallery at [www.willoughbygallery.com](http://www.willoughbygallery.com) or contact Richard Morgan - 01476 550821

## **Swinstead News**

### **Flower Rota**

12th and 9th July Elsie Keily

26th July and 2nd August  
Stephanie Clark

9th and 16th August Edith Clarke

23rd and 30th August Sylvia Rice-Oxley

Regretfully, there will be no more coffee morning/lunches as Yvonne is unable to continue.

### **Swinstead Churchyard**

I have been asked for clarification as to what kind of decorations are permitted on graves in the

churchyard. The regulations make it clear that only natural flowers and foliage are allowed. I understand that the reason for this is to ensure that artificial flowers and other ornaments do not remain in the churchyard - sometimes being scattered by the wind, and sometimes in a poor and broken condition. Although I do not enforce these regulations to the letter, I hope that all those who have an interest in the care of the churchyard will exercise common sense and respect for others by doing so. Please do contact me for any clarification.

Father Andrew Hawes (Vicar)

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# SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

## Clerk's Notes of the Parish Council meeting 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014

**Financial Report:** A draft outline budget was discussed and approved. The terms and conditions of the Council's Public Liability insurance were reviewed and agreed and a cheque signed for renewal of the policy.

**Machams Close:** The incomplete buildings had now been demolished and the site would require clearing over the next few weeks. Thanks were expressed to D/Cllr Robins for his help in progressing this matter with local residents. A new planning proposal could now be expected for consideration later in the year.

**Buttercross:** It was now anticipated that the stone would be delivered from Clipsham Quarry to the contractor during the next week. Final meetings between the Contractor and LCC would be held prior to work starting on the site.

**Community Wildlife Orchard:** The sign was now in position, bolted on to the gate. It was noted that the meadow now urgently needed to be cut. It was agreed that the clerk make arrangements for the grass to be cut at regular intervals through the summer – it

was thought three cuts should be sufficient. There remained just two tree-guards to be fitted. Canes had been purchased to support some of the trees. It was agreed that the clerk write to Grimsthorpe Trust to make arrangements for Lady Willoughby to open the orchard, after which the foot gate will be left open and the large gate padlocked.

**Croake Hill:** Monitoring relating to anti-social behaviour continues. Parish Councillors had received informal complaints which they were unable to act upon.

**Dog Fouling:** A leaflet drop had recently been made through the village by SKDC. Councillors noted that the problem had worsened recently in Nunns Lane at the top of the village, where a broken down fence had not been repaired, near to the metal gate at the turn of the public footpath into the field at the top of the hill. The clerk was requested to write to Grimsthorpe Trust to arrange for its replacement.

**Highways:** Cllr Webb reported that a programme of works had been agreed following an "on-site" village meeting with a County Council Highways engineer on 28<sup>th</sup> March. The following had been agreed:

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Examination to take place from 30mph sign down the hill to ascertain problem with regard as to why the storm water runs down the road and is not collected in situ. The examination will also check whether the gulleys running under the road have collapsed. The storm drain covered over by the contractors will be cleared and made good. New areas of tarmac will be provided in two large patches on the east side of the road and potholes repaired. Anglian Water will restore the original width of the grass verge from No8 downward (it is eroded by up to 70cm in places). This will be levelled, banked and seeded. All gulleys will be jetted and cleaned.

Gulley covers opposite The Windmill: These have yet to be handed over to the Authority under Sect 47 of Highways Act by the Machams Close contractor and they will be assessed at that point. Although the gulleys sit proud of the road and one is oddly placed, water fills the drain at a lower level from the site. Further down the road to the corner, LCC have replaced smashed gulleys under the road and renewed and re-instated inspection covers and gulley covers.

Park Road: Pot holes (around 20

in all) will be repaired and two large patches of tarmac laid to make the repair durable in the long-term.

Bourne Road: Following repairs storm water now flows properly through the gulley system along Bourne Road to the end cottage where it is taken to the right to a point 25 yds into the field. Road water from beyond the end cottage should flow to the "grip" and then to a soak-away. This is impeded at the moment by a build up of mud and silt from the contractors' work. This will be cleared and the concrete base will be checked. The grass verge will be levelled and seeded to restore it to its original condition.

New Estate – Drain No 7: Drains 1-6 in New Estate clear towards the B1176 through the gulley system. Drain No7 however, clears toward the field at the back through a soak-away. This is currently blocked and will be cleared. Photographs have been taken of the damaged grass verge on the main road. Four cones have been placed there in the hope that the grass will grow back, but the engineer agreed that it would be preferable to extend the kerbing co-terminus with the end of the first house on the road. He will liaise as to whether this could be funded or

not – it is currently on the “desirable” rather than “necessary” list. It was also noted that the surface on the far side of Forstedd Hill was deteriorating rapidly.

**St.Mary’s Donation:** It was agreed that a donation of £250 be made to St Mary’s Parish Church toward the upkeep of the Churchyard. It was also noted that the Church Car Park had been re-gravelled by the Contractors.

**Councillors’ Reports:** It was noted that the grass in communal areas throughout the village is now left to grow longer between cuts. The clerk was requested to contact SKDC to ascertain the date of the next scheduled cut.

**A.O.B:** It has emerged that the Parish Council had been billed erroneously for standing charges for the water supply since 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010. The clerk was requested to make enquiries with Anglian Water to confirm this and claim for the reimbursement of the monies with interest.

**Date and Time of next meeting:** Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.

**Editor's Note: *Apology to the Clerk for not including this report alongside the AGM report in the June edition.***

## Steam Action

Steam action was first founded in 1972, by a group of teenagers who were fed up with the lack of local entertainment. They started organising dances, with the money raised going towards to senior citizens of the parish. One of the most famous events was the gymkhana which was held in the grounds of Grimsthorpe Castle for 27 years.

Our longest running event is the local veg and produce show held at Edenham Village Hall annually, along with various quizzes, murder mystery, teas, bingo, carol singing and fundraising events throughout the year. All money raised goes towards a Christmas party for the senior citizens of Edenham parish. We cook lunch, serve drinks and put on entertainment (usually a pantomime!) for roughly 80 people! These people also get birthday cards and well wishes throughout the year. Our motto is "foster a community spirit" and I think most of our members have been fighting for 41 years to uphold the rural traditions which they have grown up with! As well as fund raising events, we meet up once month to organise and catch up, usually over a bottle of wine!

## STEAM ACTION VEGETABLE & PRODUCE SHOW

This year will be the 38th Veg & Produce Show – yes the 38th!! That is a fantastic history. It will be held at The Village Hall in Edenham on **SATURDAY 30TH AUGUST 2014** so that gives you all plenty of time to start growing and making and practising your baking in preparation. 18 trophies will be presented this year at 3.30pm and will be followed by an auction of the produce. Teas are served all afternoon. It's a lovely afternoon and fun for all the family with a wide range of classes for all age groups to have a try. This year, there will be a new trophy presented too – The Jim Percival Memorial Trophy for the child winning the most points. Entries are open to anyone living or working in Edenham Parish and all pupils of Edenham School.

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 tray bake

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.

Any enquiries, ring Liz Unwin on 01778 591155 or Nikki Gunn on 01778 591197



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### **DEFIBRILLATOR**

Witham Hall School has recently had a defibrillator installed on the school premises. It is the school's wish that the defibrillator is made available to the community of Witham on the Hill, and is currently liaising with the Parish Council to ensure that certain key members of the community will be trained, alongside staff members, at the end of August.

Charles Henriques, Bywells House, Tel: 01778 590480 has volunteered to be the community co-ordinator, and will have appropriate information to access the box during the school holidays when the school is closed. The machine is easily accessible and is located on the wall of the Lyons Hall beside the entrance.

# JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPE

I have been making this recipe for many years. It originally came from Bob's aunt when we were first married - she heard it on the Jimmy Young Radio show ("What's the recipe today, Jim?") My recent variations are to use low fat biscuits, low fat cream cheese and Elmlea; so that we can have bigger slices! We are hoping to enjoy our first crop of strawberries very soon – we planted the strawberry plants three years ago, and only had a handful last year. I often top the cheesecake with cooked blackcurrants (thickened with cornflour like a pie filling) which contrast well with the sweetness of the cheesecake filling.

## Quick & easy cheesecake

50g butter

200g low-fat digestive biscuits

300g Philadelphia light cream cheese

2 tablespoons icing sugar

½ pint Elmlea light double cream

1 tablespoon milk

strawberries

Melt butter & add to finely crushed digestive biscuits. Press into a flan dish & chill for 1 hour. Beat the cream cheese with icing sugar & spread over cooled biscuit base. Whip the Elmlea & milk (milk stops it from turning to cheese if over-whipped) to soft peaks. Spread over the cream cheese & chill. Decorate with whole or sliced strawberries, raspberries or any other seasonal fruit.

*SERVES 4-6*

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Contact Mrs Kris Radford-Rea (Head Teacher) to arrange an individual visit — see contact details below...

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## PARISH SERVICES FOR JULY 2014

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
6 <sup>th</sup> July Third after Trinity	08:45am Parish Communion 4.00pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10:00am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism	11:15am Parish Communion
13 <sup>th</sup> July Fourth after Trinity	08:45am Parish Communion 4.00pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10:00am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion
20 <sup>th</sup> July Fifth after Trinity Father David Pickett's Last Sunday !	4.00pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10:30am Three Parishes Communion in Grimsthorpe Castle Chapel followed by Picnic and Rounders	
27 <sup>th</sup> July Sixth after Trinity	08:45am Parish Communion 4.00pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10:00am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism
3 <sup>rd</sup> August Seventh after Trinity	08:45am Parish Communion 4.00pm Evening Prayer Grimsthorpe	10:00am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion

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