

# The Three Towers

**August & September 2014**

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Hill, including Toft, Lound and Manthorpe**



## Late Notice

**31 July at 7.30pm** - Music in Quiet Places "Kosmos" at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill. Harriet Mackenzie, violin; Meg Hamilton, viola; Milos Milivojevic, accordion. Tickets £11, refreshments £3

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### Witham Hall School 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.

# Public Access Defibrillators are installed and ready for use in Manthorpe and Toft.

The Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council put in a bid to the British Heart Foundation in February 2014 for two public access defibrillators. The Foundation approved our bid at the beginning of May and agreed to purchase the defibrillators provided we paid a proportion of the costs.

It was the Parish Council's responsibility to find suitable locations for the units and purchase appropriate secure cabinets. We are grateful to Joy and Michael Dawson for agreeing to the Manthorpe unit being sited at Mill Farm Barn and to the Toft House Hotel for agreeing to the Toft unit being sited in an external porch.

As it is sited outside, the Manthorpe cabinet is fitted with a heater to make sure the defibrillator pads will work correctly, even in the depths of winter. For security, both cabinets have keypad locks and are fitted with alarms that sound when the cabinet door is opened.

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# Parish Notices

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

**9th August 2pm to 4pm** - Afternoon tea at St Andrew's Parish Hall

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

**24th August at 7pm** - Ceilidh in Witham Hall School Sports Hall

**1st September at 7.30pm** - Witham-on-the-Hill Historical Society Members' Meeting in St Andrew's Parish Hall

**21st October at 7.30pm** - Witham-on-the-Hill Historical Society talk - Richard III, by Jean Townsend. £3 for visitors, £2 for members

**Congratulations** Gemma Kiely and Tomas Pacey on their marriage at St Mary's Church, Swinstead on 21 June.

**Congratulations** Verity (nee O'Hara, of Witham on the Hill) and Richard King on their marriage at Stapleford Hall on 21 July.

**Congratulations** to Jennifer Green and Kevin McCreery of Witham on the Hill, on their marriage at Burghley on 26 July.

**Baptisms** - 6 July in St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill.

Baby Elena Hibbins

Nicole Joy Watson, daughter of Sarah and Dave Watson and granddaughter of Judith and Adrian Childs.

**Goodbye** to Warwick Banks and Jane Crouch, moving from West Farm, Witham on the Hill. Good luck in your new home.

**Condolences** to family and friends on the loss of Thelma Pipkin of Bourne, a former resident of Manthorpe, who died suddenly in June after a short illness. Thelma was a member of the Methodist Church, a very kind and caring lady. She was a member of Witham on the Hill WI for many years, serving as Treasurer and President.

**Charity Coffee Morning** on Saturday 6 September, 10am – noon in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Raffle & cake stall. To raise funds "For Lucie.com" All welcome.

**Thanks Jim!** Witham on the Hill Parish Council would like to acknowledge the sterling work carried out by Jim Ellison – collecting litter everyday on his walks. Also for strimming the public footpath next to his house – much appreciated by the dog walkers!

## THE VICAR WRITES

It has begun, the centenary of the First World War. I am sympathetic to the view that 'all this looking back is a distraction from the things that really matter in the present and the future'.

Nevertheless, the Great War shaped our family, community and national life in a profound way – perhaps more than we can ever realise. Personally, I am aware that the First World War has had a huge influence on me; this is in a large part due to my Grandfathers and the men of their generation. I can think of many of them, including Mr Newby our Chemistry Teacher who lost a leg at the Somme and walked on crutches, to Dr Galletly who attended church at Edenham and who too was wounded by shrapnel. The early part of my ministry was spent serving men and women of the Great War generation and in them I sensed a world apart, something lost, a hidden but shared sadness.

It is not my intention to spend the next five years organising events about the Great War. But, later this month I am, with my brother

Patrick, organising a concert in aid of the Royal Anglian Regiment Benevolent Fund. This Regiment now includes the former Lincolnshire Regiment whose battle honours include the Battle of Mons – the first battle of the War. They were part of the 72,000 strong British Expeditionary Force (BEF). It was thought at the time they were the best trained and best equipped British Army ever. They were largely part time soldiers commanded by regular Officers and NCOs. Their task was to stop the advance of the German Force heading for France through Belgium. The German force was numbered at 340,000 men. The first encounter north of Mons was by a reconnaissance patrol on the 21st August. This resulted in the first British death of the War. The BEF soon found itself retreating. General Snow in his memoir 'Confusion of Command' recounted how communication between units was impossible and intelligence about the enemy negligible. Consequently, companies became separated from battalions, platoons from companies and all this made far

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worse by extremely hot weather and violent thunderstorms with torrential rain.

On the evening of the 23rd August the Lincolnshire Regiment was ordered to barricade the main streets in Mons and cover the retreat. Fierce fighting ensued, some of it hand to hand. They became surrounded (as indeed did other units including the Royal Norfolks) in the midst of this terror and carnage something extraordinary happened. Groups of men, in one case over a hundred of them, saw a figure in the sky which they described like an Angel – pointing the way they should go. The Norfolks heard a clear command in a man's voice 'Go back, Go back'. This event became known as 'The Angel of Mons'. A J P Taylor in his history of the First World War gives this event very serious treatment – and he was cynical about most things!

On the 23rd of this month, the exact Centenary, there will be a first performance of The Angel of Mons a work for Soprano, Chorus, Strings and Harp in Edenham Church at 7.30pm. I prepared the

libretto for this and my brother Patrick the music. It is our hope that this work will provide an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the Great War and perhaps begin to learn some of its lessons. Details of tickets can be found elsewhere in The Three Towers.

### **Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

This year the trip will be on Saturday 4th October. Anyone of any age is very welcome to come along. We leave Edenham Bus Stop at 08.30am arriving in Walsingham around 10.30am. Some of our party can walk from the Slipper Chapel, at the Roman Catholic Shrine, the remaining mile; others are dropped off at the Anglican Shrine. The Shrine at Walsingham is set in the heart of the village. There is plenty to see and do, including a visitor centre, the Medieval Abbey and its wonderful grounds. The shrine itself has the most interesting church and chapel, and a very good coffee shop! If required, we organise activities on arrival for different ages around the shrine and the village. Walsingham – once called England's Nazareth -



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has several beautiful churches of different traditions, as well as craft, antique and book shops. All this provides plenty to do. Usually, before the Pilgrim's Mass at 12 noon, we make a short prayer pilgrimage around the grounds, using the Stations of the Cross. After the Eucharist we scatter for lunch – we have organised a space for picnic lunches should the weather be unkind. But there are plenty of places to eat.

After lunch we join in the service for Healing and Reconciliation – called the 'Sprinkling' as it involves using the water from the well inside the shrine. There is time then for another wander and for those who would like to join in evening prayer. We leave at 4.30pm and are back in Edenham by 6.30pm.

The cost of £10 an adult, £5 a child (maximum cost for any one family £20). To book a place phone or email the Vicar – or add your name to the list at the back of each church.

**Harvest Time!** Hopefully the gardens, orchards and fields will

yield a harvest to be thankful for. This year each Parish celebrates like this:

**Edenham:** Harvest Festival 7.00pm on Friday 26th September followed immediately by a bring and share supper at the Vicarage. No tickets but there will be a 'charity bar' and a raffle in aid of 'Raise the Roof'.

**Swinstead:** Harvest Festival at 7.00pm followed by supper on the 3rd October – see posters for further details.

**Witham:** Friday 10th October service at 7.00pm followed by a bring and share supper in the Parish Hall.

**Bell Ringing** Edenham is one of the most renowned ringing towers in England. It holds the record for the longest peal on ten bells (in the world). The other two towers have their own traditions and all three parishes have bells in very good condition. At Witham Sunday Service ringing has been revived in recent years. At Edenham the wonderful team of Sunday Service ringers has been eroded by time

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and circumstance and there is a real danger they will fall silent.

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If you can ring – please consider helping on a Sunday even if infrequently. Many parishioners can ring and they would be welcome at any time to help.

If you would like to learn to ring – it does take a little time – but progress is generally very quick. In the first instance phone the Vicar, or Ron Lee at Edenham on 591338 or Jane Clark at Witham.

Watch this space for other opportunities.

### **Edenham Church Repairs**

The work will begin on Edenham Church in the middle of August. It is due to finish by the end of March next year. The first phase includes the repairs to the South Porch and South Aisle roofs, this will mean the south aisle and porch will be out of use from the end of August onwards. When this work is complete the focus will move to the chancel roof – and the chancel will be screened off. The

expected cost is £204,000. It is intended to keep using the church throughout this time and it will be available for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals as well as Sunday and weekday services.

It is important we keep chipping away to raise money for the local element to the funding (around £30,000). The Church Council would like to see the revival of the monthly 'coffee mornings' which were for some years an important part of Edenham Parish life. Any offers to host one – let the Vicar

**PAINTER & DECORATOR**

**Jason Kendall - Local resident**

**References available**

**FREE QUOTES**

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## **View From the Pew - Farewell David and Family**

Always on a Sunday morning in church there is something to gladden the heart. The very fact that we meet together to worship is enough to make this a very special time. Often a favourite hymn, a particularly helpful passage from the scriptures or just a shared word when a word is needed make these gatherings even more precious. Now and again though, we have a heightened awareness of the remarkable relationships forged here and the blessings they bring as we mark special occasions.

On Sunday morning 13th July, David Pickett, our assistant Curate, took his last service at St Andrew's, prior to his taking up the post of Parish Priest in Yorkshire. It was good to see him surrounded by his family and the congregation, confident and perfectly at home at the altar and in the pulpit – Father Andy has taught him well. At the end of the service, our Church Warden expressed our thanks and good wishes; he then invited us to stand to recite a most beautiful prayer and our organist lead us in a hymn of farewell. The children from Sunday school each presented him with a card, which they had busily made that morning, one from each of them. It was quite a procession of little people! Homemade goodies replaced the usual biscuits which we enjoy at coffee time, and many people lingered to wish David, Sarah and their children all the best for the future.

Now I have been to a fair number of farewell dos in my time, some extravagant, some simple, some touching and truly sincere. But never have I known such beauty and warmth as I experience in our churches when we reach out to one another. We have everything we need to make special occasions truly special, a beautiful building, lovely music and hearts ready to put worries aside and celebrate, be it a baptism, a wedding, a life well spent or wishing a young family well as they leave for pastures new.

## Witham on the Hill WI

Our meeting was at Carlby this month and we, along with Baston WI members and visitors, had a very warm reception. Our Speaker was Colin Young, partner of Golding, Young and Mawer, established 150 years ago in Lincoln. Mr Young, after winning the National Auctioneers Competition in London and becoming the Young Auctioneer of the year, had to organize the next competition when he auctioned off the Battle of Britain Flight - complete with flypast - very impressive! He told us that a valuation was in fact just a 'statement of opinion' and after relating the pros and cons of auctioneering it all boils down to having "a big mouth and an ability to count forwards"! Mr Young was a good speaker - full of anecdotes and chuckles. Jenny Gralka (Carlby WI) gave a vote of thanks. Refreshments of strawberries and cream with shortbread fingers and cups of tea were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Anne Cork won the raffle, a magnificent fuchsia plant, and the competition, an antique piece of jewellery, was won by a Carlby member. Our walk this month is from Easton on the Hill departing at 10.30am on Thursday 17 July - the 'strollers' will wander round Burghley Park meeting up

with the diehards for lunch. Our Book Club will meet again on Wednesday 13 August at 2.30pm at a member's house after reading 'White Lightning' by Julian Cartwright. The Centenary Baton Relay was a huge success with posh hats on heads! Tuesday 5 August will be the date for our next meeting with the competition 'a nautical item', as our speaker will be Tony Clayton, on "Locks, Bridges and Tunnels". The speaker on 2 September will be Brenda Jones talking about Charles Worth. As usual, you are more than welcome to join us at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. For more information contact Jane Clark tel 01778 590232.

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The importance of having working smoke alarms in your home was highlighted by a recent incident. At 4am one morning the incident print out directed us to a house fire in a local village. On arrival we found a young family of two adults and two very young children in the garden of their property, with smoke billowing from their home. The father informed me that the dishwasher was on fire.

My first action was to have a quick look in the kitchen to ascertain the exact situation. The dishwasher was well alight and the fire had spread to the kitchen worktop. I turned off the electricity supply and then it was a matter of getting a Breathing Apparatus team in with a dry powder extinguisher and hose reel as back up for dealing with the escalating incident.

Crew Manager Hazlewood and Firefighter Lennon used dry powder to quickly extinguish the fire and we soon had the dishwasher outside the property. On questioning the family, they, like many people, use domestic

appliances on timers, to take advantage of cheap rate electricity and like every other night they had left the dishwasher to come on in the small hours of the morning when everyone is in bed. At about 3.50am the young mum was awakened by the sound of a smoke alarm going off. On investigation she found the property smoke logged, and then did exactly the right thing by waking the rest of the family and evacuating the property, closing all the doors behind them and then ringing the emergency services. We may have extinguished the fire, but it was undoubtedly having working smoke alarms fitted that saved the lives of the family that morning.

We welcome a new firefighter on station, Paul Warren, who has just passed out as top recruit on his course. We wish him a long and successful career with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue. Paul's first big job came at an incident we are getting all too familiar with, a fire at a large recycling plant. With mixed recycling stored in huge quantities before being sorted, any fire

involving these plants is always likely to be difficult and arduous to deal with. This fire proved no different with 100 tonnes of mixed recycling on fire inside a warehouse. It was a matter of making a firebreak using onsite machinery, and hosing down every burning heap of recycling to make sure re-ignition could not reoccur. After two days and several relief crews we were glad to finally see the fire extinguished.

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# **SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Clerk's Notes of the Parish Council meeting 3rd July 2014**

Proposal received to purchase a vehicle speed-limit machine. The cost of the machine would be shared by Swinstead, Corby Glen and one other village.

Poster advertising telephone number and website to assist residents in locating local services including voluntary agencies will be displayed in the notice board.

**Financial Report:** Auditors have approved the 2013-14 accounts. A monitoring report on the 2014-15 accounts was agreed.

**Buttercross:** A Permit to commence work on 28th July for a time-limited period has been granted.

**Highways:** The blocked drain at the top of the High Street has been reported to LCC. Memo to be sent to Highways requesting progress on outstanding works. Some of the pot-holes have been repaired. It was noted that the re-surfacing on Forstedd Hill merely covered up more serious problems of subsidence and potholing which remain under the surface.

**Community Wildlife Orchard:** The grass has been mowed and the weeds around the trees cut

back and sprayed, with a further cut booked for the end of July. It would appear that a car has reversed into the gate causing damage. Options relating to a formal Opening Ceremony were discussed.

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

**Hedge Encroachments:** It was noted that two properties in the village had overgrown hedgerows which encumbered public pathways. The clerk is to write to the Grimsthorpe Trust and the householder in question to request remedial action.

**Councillors' Reports:** Several residents had requested that the seat located at the bottom of Croake Hill be re-instated. Having reviewed the financial position of the council, it was agreed that the clerk facilitate quotations from a number of potential suppliers. The concrete base and bracket retention fixing remain in place.

Date of next meeting: Thursday  
4th September 2014.



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## **EDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Clerk's Notes of the Parish Council meeting 8th July 2014**

**Open Forum:** Two members of the public were present. All parishioners are again reminded that the Open Forum is their opportunity to voice concern/raise local issues with their councillors.

#### **Planning:**

- i. Relocate Vehicular Access - No 45 Main Street, Edenham – Permission Granted.
- ii. Vehicular Access - Rose Cottage, Main Road, Grimsthorpe - Permission Granted.
- iii. Application, Change of Drawing – Pig Rearing Unit, Elsthorpe Grange – No objection.

#### **Financial Matters:**

- i. Cheques signed prior to meeting for Clerk's salary and HMRC PAYE for 1st Qtr 2014/15.
- ii. VAT refund for year 2013/14 received.
- iii. External Audit Report for the Annual Audit 2013/14 received from Auditors – Satisfactory. Completion of Audit Notices placed in local notice boards.

**Highways:** Letter received from a parishioner expressing safety

concerns for pedestrians in the vicinity of the traffic lights in Edenham. Issues with HGVs passing other vehicles at the lights (some encroaching onto the footpath), condition of the carriageway surface, and footpath cleanliness are to be passed to the relevant authorities for remedial action.

**A151:** Concerns over recent road traffic accidents along this busy road in the Parish have been raised with the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership, especially those involving motorcycles. The use of the road by a high number of motorcyclists, especially at weekends, with the ensuing risks to road safety and the high noise levels were also highlighted. It is hoped to have a meeting with the LRSP to discuss the situation.

**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** 9th September 2014 - Register for reminders of forthcoming meetings **[edenham.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:edenham.pc@btinternet.com)**.



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1lb loaf of home made bread

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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.

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The full governing body numbers 16 in all. Governors are elected onto the governing body and their main function is to promote the welfare and the development of the school and liaise with other parents. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please contact either the chair of the Governors, Head Teacher or one of the Parent Governors themselves.

The main aims of the Governing Body are to:

- Set the aims and objectives for the school

- Set policies for achieving those aims and objectives.

- Set targets, and implement a monitoring process for achieving the school objectives

This may sound a little vague but, between them, they help oversee every aspect of the school to make sure that the children are getting the best possible start in life that the school can give them. The Governors are a diverse group with skills and experience in many different backgrounds. Some are parents and guardians to children within the school, others have no direct affiliation with the children. If you have any questions on the running of the school and wish to contact the Governors then please send an email to:

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10 <sup>th</sup> August Eighth after Trinity	08.45am Morning Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion  <b>4.00pm</b> Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe
17 <sup>th</sup> August Ninth after Trinity	<b>No morning Service at Swinstead</b>	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion  <b>4.00pm</b> Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe
24 <sup>th</sup> August St Bartholomew	08.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion  <b>4.00pm</b> Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe
31 <sup>st</sup> August Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (Aidan of Lindisfarne )			10.30am Three Parishes Communion  <b>4.00pm</b> Deanery Evening Prayer at Grimsthorpe

## PARISH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
7 <sup>th</sup> September 12 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	08.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion  6.00pm Evening Prayer
14 <sup>th</sup> September Holy Cross Day	08.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion  6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Parish Communion
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>			7.00pm Harvest Festival followed by bring and share supper at the Vicarage.
21 <sup>st</sup> September St Matthew the Apostle	08.45am Parish Communion  6.00pm Evening Prayer	10.00am Parish Communion	11.15am Parish Communion
28 <sup>th</sup> September 15 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	08.45am Parish Communion	10.00am Parish Communion  6.00pm Evening Prayer	11.15am Patronal Festival – Eucharist
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	7.00pm Harvest Festival followed by Supper.		

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