

# The Three Towers

October 2014

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Edenham, Swinstead & Witham on the  
Hill, including Toft, Lound and Manthorpe



# Parish Notices

**CONGRATULATIONS** Francesca Applegate and Stewart Warburton on their wedding at St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill, on Saturday 23rd August.

**CONGRATULATIONS** Rhian Tushingam and George Mapletoft of Lound, on their wedding at St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill, on Sunday 24th August.

**BAPTISM** baby Harry Sandall, son of Vicky (nee Lees) and Richard Sandall of Toft, on Sunday 31st August at Edenham Church.

**CONDOLENCES** to Pamela Pohling-Brown, relatives, friends and neighbours, on the loss of Jim Meacham, of Witham on the Hill, who passed away suddenly on 23rd August.

**THANKS** to Alison Whitehead for organising the Strawberry Tea held on 9th August in aid of Breast Cancer Care in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, that raised about £480. Thanks also to her helpers and all those who supported it. A very enjoyable and successful afternoon. Well done everyone!

**WELCOME** Sarah and Steve Whittaker and children, to West Farm Cottages, Witham on the Hill.

**Music In Quiet Places** Kosmos lived up to its expectations and was a very lively band! £190 was raised for St Andrew's Church funds. A special thank you to those who helped serve refreshments and clear up afterwards – you know who you are!

**THANKS** to the Witham on the Hill Parish Hall Management Committee for organising the ceilidh held on the 24th August. And thanks everyone for attending and supporting this event. Proceeds go to the upkeep of St Andrew's Parish Hall.

**Witham on the Hill** – your village needs you! Village cleaner required for general tidying of village. Hours, duties and salary to be discussed. Any enquiries please contact any member of the Parish Council.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - Saturday 25 October 10am - 12 noon at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill

## **Operation Christmas Child**

If anyone in the 3 parishes would like to fill a shoebox again this year, they need to be ready by Sunday 26th October. I have purchased some flat packed shoe boxes for anyone who hasn't got one. Leaflets on what to include in your shoebox can be obtained from Jane Clark 01778 590232 (Witham), Elsie Kiely 01476 550512 (Swinstead) or from myself, Lynda Wilson 01778 591309 (Grimsthorpe). This will be my last year co-ordinating collection of shoeboxes in the 3 parishes and Edenham C of E Primary School, as Mike and Rowena who run the Ingoldsby warehouse have decided to retire. They have devoted the past 14 years to this worthy cause and I have also been involved for 10 of those years and was able to go to Belarus in 2008 to deliver some of the shoeboxes. So let's try and fill as many shoeboxes as possible. Thank you - Lynda.

## **Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery**

**From Fields to Fibre** - 24th September to 22nd October

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## **Open Art Competition**

The Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery, Moreleys Lane, Corby Glen, is inviting all adult artists, amateur or professional and all budding young artists up to 18 years old to enter the annual competition. Judged by two independent visiting judges. Any medium of a permanent nature accepted, for example drawing, painting, collage or 3 dimensional artwork. Work can be brought to the gallery during normal opening hours from 14th to 26th October. All entries will then be exhibited from 30th October till 21st November and can be offered for sale. Entry leaflets are available from the gallery or go to:

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## THE VICAR WRITES

The restoration work on Edenham Church is now underway and the builders and I are getting to know one another! Kevin, the joiner, was telling me that the wood that his medieval predecessors preferred for the boards used in roofing was Douglas Fir. He explained that the resin in the timber made it unattractive to wood boring insects. Hence, many of the boards have lasted hundreds of years. He remarked: 'they were very clever then', I responded: 'it's amazing what we have forgotten'.

We have forgotten many of the lessons our forebears learnt from an intimacy with creation. They understood it in a way that defies our scientific knowledge. They were partners in creation not investigators of it. Most of us have become disconnected from the created order of things. This is even true in communities served by The Three Towers. Not so long ago – certainly in my time here – the 'centre of gravity' in these parishes was found on the land. Farmers and farming still carried a significant influence in everything

that happened. Now it is an incidental and often misunderstood side line in parish life. This has been dramatically illustrated in the decline in Harvest celebrations. This appears to be county and country wide. In Edenham in 1989 Harvest was celebrated with both a morning service and an evening service with a guest preacher! There is no room for nostalgia here, but rather the need for an urgent re-think about what we are celebrating in our Harvest Festivals. Although very few readers now earn their living from the land, we are all dependent on it – on 'all the fruits of the earth in their seasons'. Harvest Thanksgiving is an opportunity to thank God for 'all good gifts around us'. It is a time for 'Thankful People to Come and raise the song of harvest home'. In this thanksgiving there is to be learnt some of the lessons that earlier generations knew well: that everything is a gift, that things work better when we work in partnership with God and that thankful people are happy and generous people.

Harvest Thanksgiving Details

Swinstead: Friday 3rd October – 7pm followed by supper in the Village Hall

Witham: Friday 10th October – 7pm followed by supper.

Details on posters or from the Vicarage 01778 591358

### **Services for Wholeness and Healing** – all at 7.30pm

If you need a lift please ask Father Andy. Next month Thursday 9th October 7.30pm at Witham. A quiet reflective opportunity for prayer within Holy Communion – lasts forty minutes. Includes an opportunity for Ministry with individuals, if appropriate.

### **The Three Parishes Choir**

warmly welcomes all warblers!

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Come and join this friendly bunch aka 'The Dibley Singers' as they get ready for the Service of Light on Advent Sunday (30th

November). There are two

practices 19th and 26th November from 7pm – 9pm at the Vicarage. If you need transport or further information phone 01778 591358.

### **EDENHAM REGIONAL HOUSE**

### **What happens during Days of Reflection?**

Participants arrive from 10am for a 10.30am start. The day is divided into two sessions – one before 12 noon and one after lunch. There will be plenty of opportunity to be alone and quiet.

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, call 01778 591358 edenhamoffice@gmail.com. For more information : [www.edenhamregionalhouse.org](http://www.edenhamregionalhouse.org).

### **Angel's Age: Living a Spiritual**

**Life** - Friday 3rd October 2014

10am – 4pm.

George Herbert describes prayer as 'Angel's Age' – an opening up of human consciousness to a spiritual dimension in creation

beyond time and space. This day will explore the nature of this 'connectivity' in music and poetry and what this source of dynamic and direction means in daily life. Led by Patrick and Andrew Hawes (composer and librettist).

Suggested contribution for a day is £12.50 Contact 01778 591358 or edenhamoffice@gmail.com to book.

**CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle and Ben Hawes on the birth of George on 5 September, 5 weeks early and weighing in at 6 pounds 13 ounces! The sixth grandson, and the eighth grandchild for Sian and Andy!**

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## **JAMES ALFRED MEACHAM 1930-2014**

Jim's grandfather & father were both ordained ministers in the Presbyterian Church in the mid-west USA. Jim was born in Northern Ohio, and his father was in the Army during WWII. As a teenager, Jim grew up in Kentucky. He graduated as a journalist, then joined the US navy, serving in Korea and Vietnam. He was on a ship in the Bay of Pigs incident. He was Assistant Naval Attache in Paris for 2 years. He left to join the Economist as Defence Editor, and was often heard on radio, or seen on TV news reports. He was the first Western journalist to go on exercise with the Russian army. He was a keen sailor and came second in an Isle of Wight race. Jim and Pamela bought Pillared Cottage in Witham on the Hill, in the late 1970s; and were married in Florida in 1996. Jim was a founder member of Witham on the Hill Historical Society, and was heavily involved in the production of "A Piece of the Puzzle". He will be greatly missed. His funeral took place at St Andrew's Witham on the Hill on Sunday 14 September. Rest in peace, Jim.

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## **Ceilidh Witham on the Hill**

The ceilidh held on the 24th August was a great fun-filled occasion held in a super venue, Witham Hall Sports Hall. It wasn't difficult to get people dancing, from the most accomplished dancer to the beginner, adults and children alike, the Higgledy Piggledy Band ensured that everyone had a fun time. The caller was excellent and the sound engineer joined in from time to time to help the dancers get it right, well almost! A hearty ploughman's supper provided a welcome break to refuel for the final dances of the evening. Witham on the Hill Parish Hall Management Committee thanks everyone for attending and supporting this event; and hopes that the group of birthday party goers enjoyed their evening too!

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

#### **SEPTEMBER OFFER - 15 months for the price of 12**

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That particular morning we knew the incident was only about a minute from the station. After about 20 seconds of being mobile, Control gave us the information that three people were trapped in the building and that two other appliances were on route from Bourne and Grantham. This was going to be a real test of our resolve.

Within seconds we were in attendance and found three people outside the property. Our relief proved short-lived when we were informed that three other people were still inside the building and that all the doors and windows were locked. Information gathering is vital in the first seconds of a fire

and I was able to ascertain that the three missing people were all adults and that two had been seen near the windows on the third floor of the property.

With choking smoke now swirling, not only inside but also outside of the property, the incident was certainly becoming more serious. We needed to find the best way in and fast. Looking around the property, there was a large ground floor window with a top light open which, unlike the rest of the property, had little smoke escaping from it. I made the decision to break in through the larger bottom half of the window and, after four lusty blows from a sledgehammer, I was glad to see the double glazed unit shatter, creating a hole large enough to enter the building.

By this time, my breathing apparatus team of Crew Manager Hazlewood and Fire Fighter Lennon were at my side, along with Fire Fighter Walsingham who had positioned the short extension ladder through the window. We now thought we could hear a voice and the breathing apparatus crew leapt through the window with great urgency. Minutes later, I

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along with Fire Fighter Walsingham, was relieved to see them bring the first casualty out. It was a young female, who we helped through the window and into the arms of her friends outside.

The breathing apparatus crew by this time had disappeared back into the smoke to search for the remaining two occupants. Fire Fighter Walsingham smashed in the front door, from where we could see our colleagues using a thermal imaging camera to make their way up the stairs, before disappearing into the smoke.

It was to be an anxious wait. Not only do we now have people trapped inside a heavily smoke-logged building, but we also have the responsibility of having sent two of our colleagues and best friends into a dangerous situation to rescue them. I was really glad when the second and third appliances from Bourne and Grantham rolled up, and we were able to send more breathing apparatus teams into the burning building to search and firefight alongside our Corby Glen crew.

I now had the luxury of Watch

Manager Shawley from Bourne to help with firefighting decisions. He quickly found the seat of the fire in the ground floor utility room, and soon got a large firefighting jet to work on extinguishing what was now a fully developed fire.

It was now nearly twenty minutes into the incident and we had three fire engines and two ambulance crews on scene. We had rescued one person and continued to fight the fire the Corby Glen breathing apparatus crew led the final two occupants to safety from the third floor of the building and in to the waiting arms of the paramedics who treated them for smoke inhalation. The breathing apparatus crew reported that without the use of the thermal imaging camera they would have had difficulty finding their way upstairs, let alone locate two casualties such as the smoke logging of the building and what a great job they did. The next senior officer was now on scene, and with all adrenaline now spent I was relieved to pass over the Incident Commanders jacket to him. We were now searching the property for the families two pet cats, and quickly located one in

the kitchen suffering the effects of smoke inhalation, finding the second one proved more difficult, so the decision was made to use the positive pressure fans to clear the remaining smoke from the building. Just when the search was proving futile, I saw a small frightened face staring out from a small gap under storage boxes in the bathroom – it really was mission accomplished when we passed him into the hands of his waiting owners. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts that morning, the fire control operators, Corby Glen, Bourne,

Grantham fire crews, East Midlands Ambulance service and Fire Emergency Support Service volunteers who took care of the occupants in that difficult few hours after the fire.

Watch Manager Lynch

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## August

This month's meeting was well attended and our speaker, Tony Clayton, gave a very informative talk on Locks, Tunnels and Bridges. Slides of locks in varying designs and ages from across the British Isles were certainly amazing. Tunnels, some now blocked but others stretching away to a pin prick of light at the other end would have been an adventure to the boating enthusiasts. Tony gave an in depth explanation of the different types of locks including materials used in their construction.

## September

In the absence of our President, Ann Burbidge chaired the meeting, welcoming 19 ladies and our speaker, Brenda Jones. Business was first on the agenda when we were informed that the next walk will be on Thursday 18th September from Swinstead Church, starting at 10am and followed by lunch. Our Book Group is reading 'The Night Circus' by Erin Morganstern and 'Apple Tree Yard' by Louise Doughty - something for all tastes this month. Brenda Jones, is a member of Bourne Civic Society based at Baldock's Mill in town. She spoke on the life and times of Charles Worth who was born at Wake House in 1825, was christened in Bourne Abbey Church and attended the Grammar School next door. His rise to fame was quite remarkable for a young man born in the countryside. He learnt to make hats from his mother initially - departed to seek his fortune in London, working at Swan & Edgar in the silk department and when he was 20 years of age, he chose Paris to seek his fortune. He invented the bustle and designed the brown wedding dress and gold coronation gown for Queen Maud of Norway. His fashion designs were second to none and many famous and rich personages became his clients. He became known as the Father of Haute Couture. His perfumes are widely available today, and used to be sold at the former Ross's chemist in Bourne. The competition for a perfume bottle was won by Anne-Marie Lilly.

Our October meeting will welcome Richard Quirk of the Queen's Bodyguard. Visitors and new members are most welcome. For further information contact Jane Clark tel 01778 590232



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## **SWINSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

Clerk's Notes of the meeting held on 4th September 2014

### **Replacement of Seat at Croake Hill:**

Following the circulation of leaflets regarding public seats, it was agreed that quotations will be sought for a new seat and its installation with a view to purchase in spring 2015.

### **Community Speed Watch**

**Camera:** Following circulation of a Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership report, the Council debated the possibility of purchasing a moveable speed camera for the village. A previous initiative whereby the camera would be joint-purchased had not been progressed further by Corby Glen. The report findings were inconclusive about whether the presence of a camera was effective in reducing vehicle speeds, probably because drivers knew that the camera readings were not backed-up by prosecutions. The meeting agreed that it would be difficult to justify an expense of between £1700 and £2000 on the device at this time.

**Buttercross:** Work on the stone plinth was completed during July and August. English Heritage has directed that the coping stones surrounding the base should be of York or Clipsham stone in-filled

with matching stone chippings. Quotations for this work will now be sent out.

### **Highways:**

**Drains:** LCC's contention that the drain at the end of New Estate is a "soak away" was disputed from local historical knowledge. The water should flow down the field. The drain remains blocked and is slow to clear. The drain above the church car park on Creeton Road is covered over with topsoil and weeds and the drain lower down on the corner of Creeton Road and High Street is also blocked again. The Clerk to inform LCC Highways (Mr K. Brumfield) regarding these matters.

**Patching:** Larger patching work had been undertaken on Creeton Road.

**Verges:** Top soil had been laid to re-instate verges eroded by heavy rain and vehicular movement on Creeton Road. The soil was not thought likely to be effective in this regard as vehicles had already flattened most of it and it would most likely be washed away along the gulleys which in turn, is likely to add to drain blockages.

**Weeds:** It was noted that grass-cutting had taken place through the village apart from one strip in Croake Hill. Some weed spraying

in front of Ancaster Mews had been undertaken which looks to have killed the grass but not the weeds.

### **Community Wildlife Orchard:**

The next mowing is scheduled for October. Following the dry summer, six trees did not look to be in good order but the remainder were healthy. Cllr Lunn agreed to arrange for the inside of the hedgerow to be cut. Cllr Lynch had adjusted the gate hinges after a vehicle had obviously reversed into the gate. The hinges are now at the maximum of their adjustment range.

**Croake Hill:** It was noted that currently two of the bungalows are vacant. It was agreed that a letter to be sent to SKDC reminding them of our agreed joint policy regarding allocation of tenants for Croake Hill. Monitoring relating to anti-social behaviour continues and Parish Councillors had again received informal complaints which they were unable to act upon.

**Hedge Encroachments:** One response had been received to letters sent out after the last meeting regarding properties with overgrown hedgerows which encumbered public pathways. This matter will continue to be progressed informally.

**A.O.B.:** It was noted that roots of the tree situated near the verge

between 54 and 56 High Street were lifting the surrounding pathways and becoming dangerous. The tree is subject to a Preservation Order and previous attempts to ascertain ownership of the tree had foundered. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Tree Preservation section of SKDC to see whether their documentation identifies ownership so that action can be taken to alleviate the danger.

### **Date and Time of next meeting:**

Thursday 6th November 2014,  
7pm.

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## **Swinstead News**

**Whist Drive** 6 October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

**Bingo** 13 October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

### **Flower Rota**

18 - 25 October Isobel Skerrit

1 - 8 November Elsie Kiely

15 - 22 November Pat Wright

Christmas open to all.

# JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPE

Most gardeners have had a glut of courgettes this year and we were no exception. Courgettes with everything! Fortunately, the plants have now slowed down their production, so we can eat some of the other veg.

## Courgette and Cheese Muffins

250g wholemeal flour

2 tsp baking powder

1 tsp bicarb

1 tsp cayenne, paprika or chilli powder

1 tbsp chopped fresh chives

1 large courgette (approx 350gm grated)

120g grated mature cheddar

2 large eggs

100 ml milk

150g natural yogurt

6 tbsp olive oil

sunflower seeds to sprinkle

Mix all the dry ingredients. Stir in chives, courgettes & 100g cheese. Beat eggs, milk yogurt & oil. Stir into dry ingredients until just combined. Divide mixture between 12 muffin cases. Sprinkle 20g grated cheese, sunflower seeds & a little chilli powder. Bake at 190c for approx 35 mins until golden brown & firm. Cool on a wire rack. Serve warm or cold. Best eaten within 3 days.

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# Edenham School

## Welcome Back!

Pupils at Edenham School made a great start to the year sharing tales of their summer adventures. The summer break is long but such a memorable time when you are growing up.

Pupils worked extremely hard last year and again we were delighted to share another year of outstanding SATs results for our Y6 pupils – top 10% in Maths and Reading, top 20% nationally in Writing and Science. This was the icing on the cake for this fantastic group of young people who shone in so many other areas in their time at Edenham – Music (a record numbers of pupils participating in instrumental tuition) plus a fabulous performance at Grimsthorpe Castle and a performance with the Halle Orchestra), Drama, Arts Award and Sport. We will miss them, and their secondary schools will be lucky to have them. If any of you are reading this, KEEP IN TOUCH!

The autumn term is already in full swing and we have welcomed new

pupils into Reception and Y3 and a new class teacher – Mrs Suzie Dench. Children can look forward to all sorts of exciting opportunities in their classes including a visit to Flag Fen, study of archaeology to learn about the Evolution of Man, a book week dedicated to World War 1, round-house building and flint tool making in Forest School, a cross-country competition with friends from Witham Hall and Morton Schools, Harvest and Sukkot celebrations and preparations for the Chinese New Year. And all that before we even think about Advent or Christmas...!

If you'd like to see what we have been up to, visit

**[www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk)**

### **Starting School Sept 2015 or Mid-Year Admissions**

We are already welcoming visitors to school who have children due to start in Reception (the Foundation Stage) in September 2015.

Applications for school places can be made by post or by telephone, or – the best option – online at [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk). The applications usually are made between October and early

January. Don't be late - they are very strict about the deadlines.

We make individual appointments for families to come and look around in their own time. Please contact the Head, Mrs Kris Radford-Rea on 01476 585037 or email her at:

enquiries@edenham.lincs.sch.uk  
We look forward to meeting you.

If you are new to the area and seeking a school place for children who are older, we have spaces in a few other year groups. Again, call us on the number above if you have questions.

## Breakfast and After School Club

We are very fortunate to have an excellent provider for wrap-around childcare on the beautiful Grimsthorpe estate – Edenham Pre-school and Red Deer Rangers. If you would like to contact them for further information, visit:

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# 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.

## In Case of Emergency - Dial 999 or 112 from a mobile

. The **ambulance service will** know your location from the landline or mobile you are using and will **give you the access code** to the cabinet if a defibrillator is needed. Enter the code into the keypad and open the door. Take the defibrillator to the emergency.



## **Lincolnshire Churches Trust Sponsored Ride and Stride Saturday 13 September 2014**

Leah and I set off from St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill at 10.15am on a cloudy but mild day. We headed first to St Faith's at Wilsthorpe, then towards Thurlby. At Obthorpe we felt a few spits of rain, so Leah stopped to put on her raincoat. I didn't have one – I trusted the weather forecast, but fortunately it didn't come to anything! We stopped at Thurlby Methodist Church, but as usual it wasn't manned except for a couple of workmen painting the windows. They did allow us to use the ladies' room!

On to St Firmin's, in Thurlby, where we looked at a fascinating and moving display of WWI postcards, photos, maps and general memorabilia. The whole Church was taken over with the display, most impressive, and there was real buzz of activity with a lot of visitors. Refreshments were laid on in the Church Hall so we stopped for a cup of tea, and I couldn't resist a slice of delicious coffee cake!

Our next port of call was Bourne –

first Bourne Abbey, which was all set up for a wedding at 2pm. I was surprised to hear that we were the first visitors there! Bourne Methodist Church was covered in scaffolding and it was quite an obstacle course to get access. Eventually, we went to the hall at the back and were greeted with drinks and biscuits. Here the chain came off my bike, and Leah put it back on – lucky she was with me because I wouldn't have a clue! We made our way towards the Baptist Church with a stop at the bakery in the Angel Hotel where we purchased a Bourneish pasty and a filo cheese and bacon tart. The Catholic Church was locked, and we couldn't think where the Salvation Army was so; we headed north to Morton – glad to get away from the busy town centre, which isn't very cycle friendly.

We passed Denis Murray, who was cycling towards Bourne. Morton New Day Baptist Church was also locked. As we cycled towards Morton Church an old warplane passed behind the tower and would have made a brilliant photo - if I had got it at the ready! We stopped and ate our lunch



under blue sky – sat on the war memorial steps, which was very similar to Witham’s memorial.

Leah managed to sit on a bee and got stung on the back of her thigh, but it didn’t give her too much pain! Haconby was the next stop, and again both were locked. The chapel there is supposed to be the smallest in England, and it would have been good for Leah to see inside it, but I seem to remember it is in an unsafe condition. Only a short ride to Dunsby, where we were greeted by Karen Burrows. On looking in the visitors’ book I found that we had last cycled there in 1995 – when my daughter, Karen, was 14!

At Ripplingale it was good to see Clare Watson’s father busy vacuuming the Church! It looked stunning, festively decorated for the Harvest celebrations on the following day. Interesting features of this Church are the medieval stone effigies of knights. At Kirkby Underwood Church Frank Wyer, Church Warden and fellow bell - ringer, made me a very welcome cup of tea. Leah amused Boris, a Jack Russell, playing ball with him, while his owner was busy

polishing the brass candlesticks! In the churchyard a man was busy raking grass, and Leah told me that he was looking for car keys that had been dropped!

Heading south towards home, we stopped briefly in Elsthorpe to admire three lovely Shetland ponies. Edenham was our last Church, before getting back to Witham just before 5.30pm. In all we had covered 29.43 miles (according to Leah’s odometer) and had a thoroughly enjoyable day, and were only very slightly saddle sore! Thank you to all our very generous sponsors – we have raised £120, half of which goes to the Lincolnshire Churches Trust, and the other half to Witham Church funds.

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| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup><br>October<br>16 <sup>th</sup> after<br>Trinity    | 8:45am Parish<br>Communion                            | 10am Parish<br>Communion  | 11:15am Parish<br>Communion<br>6pm Evening<br>Prayer |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup><br>October  |   | 7pm Harvest Festival<br>followed by Harvest<br>Supper                         |  |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup><br>October<br>17 <sup>th</sup> After<br>Trinity   | 8:45am Parish<br>Communion<br>12:45pm Holy<br>Baptism | 10am All age<br>Communion for<br>Harvest<br>6pm Evening Prayer                | 11:15am Parish<br>Communion                          |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>October<br>18 <sup>th</sup> after<br>Trinity   | 8:45am Parish<br>Communion<br>6pm Evening Prayer      | 10am Parish<br>Communion  | 11:15am Parish<br>Communion<br>and Holy Baptism      |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup><br>October<br>The Last<br>Sunday after<br>Trinity | 8:45am Parish<br>Communion                            | 10am Parish<br>Communion<br>6pm Evening Prayer                                | 11:15am Parish<br>Communion                          |
| Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup><br>November<br>All Saints<br>Sunday                | 8:45am Parish<br>Communion                            | 10am Parish<br>Communion<br>4pm Commemoration<br>of the Faithful<br>Departed. | 11:15am Parish<br>Communion                          |

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