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November 2014



Ernest Carr was a Private in the Army during WW1.

Taken ill, he died in St Albans and was buried in Witham

Parish Notices

Friday 7th November, The Unutterable Beauty: A Day With Studdart –Kennedy (Woodbine Willy). This day provides an opportunity to encounter the wisdom, humour and spirituality of one of the renowned chaplains in and commentators on the experience of the Tommies in the trenches. We will look at a selection of some of his longer (and less known) poems, and also hear them turned into song. Led by Richard Rice- Oxley, a retired Anglican Priest now living in Lincolnshire who is also a songwriter.

Contact 01778 591358 or edenhamoffice@gmail.com to find out more or book a place.

Wednesday 19th November at 8pm, Christmas Pub Quiz in aid of Steam Action at The Blackhorse Inn, Grimsthorpe. Food served from 6pm. Call Andrew & Jean for more info on 01778 591093.

Friday 21st November at 7.30pm, at Swinstead Village Hall, "**Past Times**" - a talk about the 60's years by Gerry Burrows - a Guide at Grimsthorpe Castle. Tickets £6. to include wine and nibbles. Tickets from Jane Hunt-Webb on 01778 552355 or Jill Barry 01778 550638.

Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall, **Pudding Competition.** Tickets £8

from Janet Kirkwood on 01778 590203 or email: janet@kirkwood.demon.co.uk

Monday, 24th November 2014 at 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall. WOTH **Historical Society** talk by Jill Collinge: "**Curiosities of the County**". Jill, one of our local Blue Badge guides and popular speaker, will give an illustrated tour of the strange or interesting. £2 members, £3 visitors on the door.

Saturday 6th December at 5.30pm, Witham Village Green. **Christmas Tree lights** switch-on. Then fun in St Andrew's Parish Hall

Sunday 7th December at 3pm, Steam Action Christmas Pantomime. Adults £3, Children £1. Please get your tickets in advance. Call Nikki on 07908 111690 or Pat 01778 591004.

Friday, 2nd January 2015, 10am start, meet outside the Parish Hall. **Witham Winter History Walk.** To follow the route of the Society's walk leaflet and check route before re-publishing – All welcome, bring your friends, family and dog.

Monday 16th February 2015 at 7.30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall, WOTH **Historical Society members meeting.**

Condolences to Bob Ray and family, on the sad loss of Jill Ray on 6 October. Jill will be deeply missed by all who loved and knew her. She was a stalwart in Witham on the Hill village community, always very happy to help at any event, especially in the catering department. Rest in peace, Jill.

Thank You to everyone who helped in the Church yard working party at St Andrew's Witham on the Hill on 5 October – especially the children who did a sterling job. The weather was fine and warm – ideal for all the clearing of ivy, grass and weeds from covered gravestones. It is wonderful to be able to read some of them now!

Christmas Candles in Edenham Church If you can make a candle arrangement for church this Christmas the colour will be blue. Candles can be blue or cream but must be long enough or fairly thick so we can light them at least 3 times. Please can they be in church ready for the Christingle service, but sorry I don't have the date at the moment. With the building work going on we need to brighten the church up for Christmas, so lots of arrangements needed please.

The Committee for Edenham Village Hall would like to offer the Friday evening booking slot at a discounted rate to anyone who wishes to use the hall on a regular basis. Friday night is currently offered out at a higher rate than other weekday evenings; we would like to be able to offer a regular slot to someone of the Parish who may be interested in running a regular event in order to ensure the hall is serving its purpose as a local community building. If you are interested in booking the hall please ring Nikki on 01778 591197.

Mr Fothergill's Gardening Club I have the seed catalogues for 2015. If anyone would like to order seeds please let me know. I will submit an order early in January. If the bulk order is over £300 in total, each person gets discount of 40%, and if over £150 discount is 20%. This applies only to seeds – onion sets, potatoes, plants, and trees get a 10% discount. In addition, for every 5 packets you order, the cheapest one is free. What a good deal! Jane Clark tel 01778 590232

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THE VICAR'S WRITES

Prayer for the departed was a very hot topic in the sixteenth century. Until the Reformation in Europe, which is usually thought to have begun in 1517, the whole of Western Europe was Roman Catholic.

From 1517 onwards there was a social and political movement that saw the emergence of new national churches who saw themselves as 'reformed Catholic Churches'. These included all the Lutheran churches of Germany and Scandinavia; it produced the Anglican Church in Wales, England and Ireland and the Presbyterian Church in Scotland. This was a very long process that in England did not settle down until 1662.

One constant question was 'should Christians pray for the dead?' The Roman Catholic Church maintains that at death the human soul is in transition and begins a journey or transformation until, when fully reconciled to God, it is ready – in God's good time – to participate in the fullness of communion in His love with all the other souls made perfect. In contrast to this the extreme protestant view is that the status of the soul at the point of death

decides its eternal destiny. Therefore an individual who has wilfully rejected God's love and chosen darkness rather than light has in effect ruled themselves out of heaven!

The Church of England is a mix of some parishes that live out a full catholic faith and others which embrace a fundamental protestant view point and therefore the CofE does not speak or pray with one voice on this.

In the 'Three Tower's Parishes' we always pray for the departed every day and on Sundays we remember those from our communities whose funeral anniversary falls the following week. On All Souls Day we also commemorate the Faithful Departed and on Remembrance Sunday we also pray for those who have died in war. This is one of the prayers we use:

'Almighty God who is Lord of the living and the dead and to whom all are alive, accept the prayers we offer on behalf of N; work in them the good purpose of your perfect will, and bring them to the fullness of life in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord who is the resurrection and the life. Amen.'

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Services for Wholeness and Healing – all at 7.30 pm. If you need a lift please ask Father Andy. Next month Thursday 6th November at the Stable Chapel, Edenham Vicarage. 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! Any age, of any voice or none. 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 7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Vicarage. If you need transport or further information phone 01778 591358

The Service of Light
This candlelit service marks the beginning of the season of Advent. It features readings, Advent carols, and choral items. It will take place

at Witham on the Hill parish Church on Sunday 30th November at 6.00pm. Adults need to buy a ticket (£2) - this helps plan for catering and candles. Tickets from churches or the Vicarage.

Confirmation

Next Year Confirmation will be at Edenham on Sunday 10th May at 10:30am. The Vicar is now collecting the details on any who would like to know more about what is involved in the preparation. There are usually three different groups, children 10 -12, adults and then if necessary 'in betweeners.' Preparation begins in January and continues until the beginning of June with breaks for school holidays etc.

Food for Thought

Meet for coffee at 11am, a simple Bible study up to midday then share a lunch. (cost £3 – all proceeds to Christian Aid). First opportunity – Thursday 20th November at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Bring a friend. Welcome to all – child friendly!

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Switching on the Christmas Tree Lights

Saturday 6th December 5.30pm on the Village Green

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The Parish Council would very much like to hear the views of local residents on three matters affecting the village so that it may best represent local opinion. These are as follows:

Car Parking on the Village Green. Planning Consent for an extension to the existing parking area has now expired. Before renewing the Consent the PC would like to be certain that local residents still feel that the proposal (which is expensive) is worthwhile.

The Boules Pitch. This does not seem to be much used and it has become weed-infested and unattractive. The PC would like to know whether people feel the pitch should be retained or put to some other use, for example incorporated into the wild-flower area on the Green.

Street Lights. It has been suggested that the lights between the village and the cross-roads at the bottom of the hill (on the A6121) should be turned-off between the hours of midnight and 5.00am, for ecological reasons. The PC would like to know whether there is general agreement for this idea.

All these matters will be discussed at the start of the next Parish Council meeting which is due to be held in the Village hall at **7.00pm on 10 November, 2014**. The PC would like to hear the views of as many local residents as possible on these issues at that meeting. Alternatively, please feel free to speak to a PC member before the meeting takes place. The current members of the PC are Charles Henriques, Sue Pennent-Jones, Debbie McMillan, Janet Kirkwood and Chris Shepherd.

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Swinstead News

Whist Drive 3 November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Bingo 10 November in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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STICKY TOFFEE PEAR & GINGER UPSIDE DOWN PUDDING

TOPPING:

50g butter

100g light brown sugar

4 firm fresh pears, peeled, cored & quartered

4 pieces of stem ginger, finely chopped

SPONGE:

50g butter

125g brown sugar

90g black treacle

125 ml soured milk (or add a few drops of lemon juice to fresh milk)

1 egg

125g plain flour

½ tsp bicarb

1 tsp ground ginger

1 tsp ground cinnamon

½ tsp ground nutmeg

Topping: melt butter & brown sugar in microwave for 1 min. Stir well until thick & smooth. Spread in base of 20cm cake tin or deep dish. Arrange pears & scatter with chopped ginger.

Sponge: melt butter, sugar & black treacle in microwave for 1 min until melted & smooth. Stir in milk. Add flour, bicarb & spices. Beat in egg & mix well. Pour over pears & bake at 180c for about 50 mins, until skewer inserted comes out clean. Run a knife around the edge of the dish to loosen. Leave to cool for about 10mins. Invert the pudding onto a plate & serve warm with creme fraiche, ice cream or pouring cream.

Clerk's Notes Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council Meeting Thursday 25th September 2014

Matter Arising From Previous meeting: Planning Application for Tor View Manthorpe. It was agreed the Parish Council would not comment.

County Councillor Report:

From 20th October until 31st October Thurlby Road to Swallow Hill will be closed for resurfacing.

The £5.4million underspend from last year is being used to extend the life of the roads.

In July the Judicial review found against LCC regarding their libraries. They were deemed as not to have given enough consideration to Greenwich Leisure. It will be going back out for consultation next month with a decision made next February/ March 2015.

LCC made an underspend of £40m last year. It has to save £90m next year on top of the £148m already saved. The underspend will assist to make the required saving next year.

Highways: Councillor Cook had asked LCC Highways why the resurfacing on Back Lane had not been completed as promised.

Highways could not say why it was not going ahead.

Councillor Anderson asked about the waste bin at the bus shelter. District Councillor Channell said the council is conducting a review of whole area. She agreed to take action to speed up this issue.

Mr Kevin Brumfield has not come back with any suitable dates for the parish walkabout. The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should plan for Thursday 23rd October or Friday 24th October.

Councillor Cook raised her concern that the Highways failure to send any details of the proposed legal agreement to Mr Lees would result in us losing the money currently allocated to the Toft footpath project. She asked if Mr Lees was being kept informed of proceedings and also reported that Mr Brumfield had stated that no action would be taken on the pathway until 2015. Aware of our great disappointment at this lack of movement and action by Highways, Councillor Trollop-Bellew stated that if the finance had been secured then it would be carried forward. He further stated that he would check-up on this issue when Mr Brumfield returned from holiday.

Councillor McWilliams suggested

that the Parish Council write to Mr Brumfield's superior to see if we could get him to reply to our correspondence.

Councillor Cook reported a number of people living in Fairways Toft are concerned about the number of heavy vehicles using the road as a turning point. She asked if it is possible for the County Council to erect a sign to warn drivers that it is a no through road. The Chairman agreed to raise it at the annual walkabout.

General Items:

Defibrillator: The Clerk has been keeping records and all is ok.

LALC Levy Increase: Councillor McWilliams informed the Parish Council that Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils wishes to increase our contributions by 1%. All agreed to pay this increased levy.

Playing Field Equipment:

At the moment most of the Playing Field equipment is aimed at the 4 - 7 year olds. Residents have been asked for their suggestions.

Whilst cutting the grass on the Parish Playing Field, one local resident noticed that the rubber on some parts of the equipment was in bad repair. It was decided that Councillor McWilliams would

conduct an inspection and report back to the Council.

Bonfire Night: The Clerk reported that Mr Martin Taylor would be picking up the fireworks for November 5th this weekend.

Councillor Anderson praised Councillor Cook for the brilliant job she did last year organising the refreshments. Councillor Cook agreed to organise the food and refreshments again this year but was unsure that she would be available to run things on the evening. It was agreed to ask Mr & Mrs Collett and Mrs McWilliams if they would, once again, assist with the food. The Clerk stated that support from St Johns Ambulance had already been organised.

Councillor Anderson said he would speak to Mr Richard Blanchard to clarify the details for the bonfire and firework display. Councillor Cook agreed to create an action plan for the evening and distribute it to all Parish Councillors for comment. It was agreed that a couple of buckets would be positioned by the food to collect voluntary contributions from members of the public.

The date of the next parish meeting was set for Thursday 27th November at 7.30pm at Toft Hotel.

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LADIES

1st Mrs D. Bennett
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Raffle winners were Mrs P. Garrard, Mrs A. Blanchard, Miss E. Munton, Mrs B. Carter, Mrs M. Imminck and Mrs D. Bennett. Thank you to all those who supported the evening and to everyone who generously donated prizes - these are a big help. If anyone at all would like to donate a raffle prize to these fund raising evenings they will be very gratefully received. The next Whist Drive is on Friday 21st November at 7.0pm and the Christmas Whist Drive is on Friday 12th December.

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Edenham School News

We love Autumn at Edenham School. Lots of learning about the world around us has been taking place in the beautiful weather. The Year 3 to Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fascinating trip to Flag Fen (strongly recommended should anyone fancy a family day out!) – pupils were really excited to see a life size version of a Round House after spending a number of weeks constructing their own smaller scale examples in Forest School.

There was a buzz in school more recently as the whole school were invited to take part in a Conker Championship. It's hard to believe that so many children had never even collected conkers, never mind played a game with them – however, thanks to Mr Shore, we loved resurrecting this tradition and I have no doubt it will happen again next year. Proud winners were William Unwin, Harry Lee, Spencer Briggs and Henry Key. Frankie Handley was our one female finalist – well done, Frankie, just pipped at the post!

Our Family Service to welcome Families new to our school was very well attended, and included Edenham Preschool children and staff. All classes performed poems or songs during our Harvest Service at which we asked families to make donations of produce for the Bourne Foodbank – a truly brilliant and valuable community resource.

The older children are off to PGL today for one week and the whole school is preparing for a World War 1 and 2 themed Book Week, taking place in mid-October. Activities during this week will also prepare for our Remembrance Service, due to take place on Wed 12th November, at 2:30 pm – you are very welcome to join us.

It's hard to believe that we are also already about to begin Christmas production rehearsals – where does the time go?!

If you'd like to see more of what we have been up to, visit www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk

Starting School Sept 2015 or Mid-Year Admissions

We are welcoming visits to school by those who have children due to start in Reception 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. The applications are generally made between November 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 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.

Forest School David Hawes, our inspiring Forest School teacher is running sessions for any children in the area on Sundays throughout

the Autumn and often during school holidays – please contact school for further information.

Breakfast and After School Club

We are very fortunate to have an excellent provider for wrap-around childcare on the beautiful Grimsthorpe estate – Edenham Preschool and Red Deer Rangers. If you would like to contact them for further information visit www.reddeerrangers.co.uk or call Mrs Julie Marshall on 01778 591368.

Edenham School Governors' Report

The school's Governing Body comprises volunteers from across the community. Comprising the vicar, teachers, teaching assistants, parents and some complete outsiders, they are collectively responsible for the success of the school. The first annual Governors' Report is available online at:

<http://www.edenham.lincs.sch.uk/media/governors/Governors%20Newsletter%20July%202014.pdf>

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PARISH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2014

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
Sunday 26th October The Last Sunday after Trinity	8:45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	11:15am Parish Communion
2 nd November All Saints Sunday	8:45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion 6pm Commemoration of all Souls	11:15am Parish Communion
9 th November 3 rd before Advent Remembrance Sunday	8:45am Parish Communion 6:30pm Remembrance Service	10am Remembrance Service and Holy Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	11am Remembrance Service and Holy Communion
16 th November 2 nd before Advent	8:45am Parish Communion 6:00pm Evening Prayer	10am Parish Communion	11:15am Parish Communion and Holy Baptism
23 rd November The Sunday next before Advent	8:45am Parish Communion	10am Parish Communion 6pm Evening Prayer	11:15am Parish Communion
30 th November Advent Sunday (St Andrew's Day)		10:30am Three Parishes Communion (followed by Patronal Festival party food!) 6pm Service of Light (Tickets £2)	

FOR BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, BANNINGS OF MARRIAGE, CONFESSIONS, OR ANY OTHER PASTORAL OR SPIRITUAL NEED CONTACT :VICAR: THE REVD CANON ANDREW HAWES SSC 01778 591358 - athawes@tiscali.co.uk

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