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Parish Notices

WELCOME Eileen and Bob Keep to East Green, Witham on the Hill. We hope you will be very happy here.

WEDDING Amy Gandy & Lewis Wright on 25 April at Edenham Church.

WEDDING Michelle Goodwin & Adam Stahey on 2 May at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill.

CONDOLENCES to Adrian and Claire on the loss of their Mum, Sylvia Foster; who died just 3 months after her husband, Hubert.

CONGRATULATIONS to Harriet, Daisy May, Katy Peeling, Lara and James & on your confirmation. Welcome to our Church family!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT Bible study followed by a simple lunch Thursday 11 June at 11am in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Proceeds to Christian Aid.

Cryptic Cakey Conundrum - deadline for entry 14th June. In aid of the Edenham Church Raise the Roof appeal. Quiz sheets £2 each available at above coffee morning or from David Kelby (01778 426820) Pam Cranfield (01778 591375) or Ruth Atter (01778 591328). Draw of correct quiz sheets will take place on 6th July at the Edenham Church Garden Fete. The prize is a homemade cake or bake once a month for 6 months from July to December 2015, each provided by a different Edenham Church star baker!

E-mail notices -Toft, Lound & Manthorpe - If you wish to receive local information notices then please send your name, house address and e-mail address to the editor at the3towers1@gmail.com



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THE VICAR WRITES

Leisure is a big industry now. Our own parishes have leisure pursuits at the centre of our community life. There is in 'Three Towers Country' four 'gastro pubs', one golf course, one clay shooting ground, and a stately home and country park; there are also two cricket clubs in the same area. This is a fair chunk of our local economy and is evidence of how much time and money is invested into interests, hobbies and socialising. This is a long way from the leisure interests of our forerunners which were mostly home- made and community centred. Much of this activity was built about the life of the church in its seasons with the Church Fete thrown in for good measure.

Even in my time as Vicar in these parishes, these 'church events' were well attended and were staffed by volunteers of all ages. But those days are long gone and this presents those of us still involved in Parish Church life with a substantial challenge. Readers will notice this summer that many

of the smaller villages in our area are no longer holding a fete. Certainly, Witham on the Hill have found it difficult for some years to maintain an event that anyone was willing to support in great numbers. People are busy elsewhere doing other things! Some of the bigger events like the Grimsthorpe Fun Day have ceased because of safety and insurance concerns by the charities involved.

To their credit, both Swinstead and Edenham Church Councils are stepping out in faith again to organise Garden Fetes. Their motives are not mercenary – although the money is welcome. There is recognition that if they did not set about organising something there would be one less meeting place for the community and one less event in the local calendar - this would be one nail more in the coffin of community life. I am very pleased that they are putting themselves out to make this happen.

Working together is the best way to build relationships and strengthen community. I warmly

invite any reader to get involved at an early stage in the planning and preparation and, of course, encourage everyone to come along. Edenham's is on Saturday 4th July in the Vicarage Garden beginning at 3.00pm, Swinstead's is at 2.30pm in the garden of Swinstead Hall on Sunday 26th July. For Edenham contact – Ruth Atter on 591328. For Swinstead Clive Lunn on 01476 550393 or in both villages the Vicar on 01778 591358.

Date for the Diary

Patrick Hawes (piano): the soloist to be announced. Tickets £15 (£10 sight impaired) – to include refreshments. Tickets will be available on Eventbrite or from the Vicarage 01778 591358.

Days of reflection at Edenham Regional House

Days begin at 10am with refreshments for a 10:30am start and end at 4pm. Lunch provided – suggested contribution £12.50. Please contact the Vicarage to book 01778 591358, edenhamoffice@gmail.com

Friday 5th June: 'Be adored among men, God thou three numbered form.' Canon Andrew Hawes provides a commentary on the poetry of Gerard Manley–Hopkins with the help of the 'Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola.

Friday 19th June: Quiet Day led by the Revd Canon Dr David Court, Bishop of Grimsby.

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Saturday 4th July

In the Vicarage

Starts 3pm

Come and enjoy the delicious homemade teas. Try your luck in a traditional garden game in the lovely surroundings of the Vicarage garden and visit the many stalls. All proceeds to go to the Church Roof repair fund.

If you can help to set things up, please come to the Vicarage at 10am on Sat.4th July. If you have any donations for the fete, raffle prizes, tombola prizes, cakes etc, they can be left at the Vicarage from Friday.

Raise the Roof Coffee Morning

Wednesday 17th June 10 am to 12 noon

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All Proceeds in Aid of Edenham Church Roof

Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council Annual Meeting 19th May 2015

Unusually, there were no “old hands” carrying their experience over from the previous 2011 to 2015 Parish Council onto the newly elected Council for the 2015 to 2019 period of office.

The new Parish Councillors are: Mr Richard Stephenson, Mr Richard Hartley and Mr Jeremy Dawson. Mr Andrew Russell handed over the chair to Mr Richard Stephenson as the new Chair and Mr Jeremy Dawson was voted in as the Vice Chair. Mr Stephenson thanked the outgoing councillors for their work over the past 4 years.

Highways:

Street light on Wilsthorpe Road, Manthorpe. The new street light on the Wilsthorpe Road requires further alteration. SKDC advised that this would be rectified.

Street light near the bridge in Manthorpe. SKDC has been informed that the street light near the bridge is broken and has

stated that it will be repaired.

Grass Verges Toft. The grass verge damage caused by the vehicle diversion through Lound some months ago has still to be repaired. SKDC has issued an incident number but, as yet, nothing has been done.

Parish Property:

Defibrillators. Mr Peter Cork and Mrs Lorna Cook have offered to continue to carry out monthly checks on the defibrillators in Manthorpe and Toft respectively.

Jasmin Cottage Rent Review. An independent periodic rent review is to be conducted on Jasmine Cottage.

Manthorpe Playing Field. The Parish Playing Field fence is in very poor repair. The Parish Council will contact the NALC to ascertain if there is a legal requirement or guidance on what, if any, fence needs to be erected around the area.

The Parish Council will send a letter of thanks to Mr Michael Dawson for organising the VE day beacon lighting.

Financial Summary:

Barclays Current Account
£5478.80

Barclays Saving Account
£1055.58

Melton BS

£21107.00@1.41% gross AER

Cheques:

£200 to Mr Richard Harris for grass cutting on Manthorpe playing field & £439.01 to Avon insurance.

Co-opted Councillors: Mr Graham Freeland & Mr David Kreutzberger have agreed to be co-opted as Parish Councillors.

County Councillor's Annual Report (abridged report)

Finance: £148 million savings have been made but another £90 million must be found.

Council tax: LCC has increased its share of the Council Tax by 1.9%.

Councillors Allowances:

Councillors' allowances were increased by 2.2%.

Libraries: Stamford Library will be open 48 hours/week. Bourne's will be open 45 hours/week.

Boundary Commission: LCC membership will reduce from 77 to 71 Members at the 2017 Election. The average Division has about 7,200 voters, this will increase to some 8,000.

Stamford Hospital:

The M.I.U will extend its opening hours.

There will be an increase in the number of service providers (Diabetes, Echocardiology, Antenatal, Urology and Dermatology).

A static MRI scanner will replace the mobile facility at a cost of around £850,000.

Two Procedure Rooms will be built on the site of the Hurst Ward.

Parking facilities will be increased and the Trust intends to impose a parking charge.

The West End site is to be sold whilst the East End site will be modernised at a cost of between £8.2 million & £9.5 million.

DONM: The date of the next meeting was set for Thursday 16 July at 7.30pm at Toft Hotel.

Witham on the Hill WI

The Witham on the Hill Women's Institute was very lucky to have Rev. Canon Richard Cattle from Peterborough Cathedral come and talk at the May meeting. Many of the WI members had visited the Cathedral (along with the 65,000 visitors a year who come to marvel at this beautiful building) but still were surprised to learn more about the Cathedral.

Rev. Cattle told us that the grounds consist of 42 listed buildings including a jail, infirmary and monks' dormitory. The Cathedral has 14 bells and 1 mile of surrounding walls. It is most famous for the spectacular 13th century painted oak ceiling, which is the largest in Europe.

Many visitors come to the Cathedral to see Katherine of Aragon's tomb; she died locally at Kimbolton Castle. There is a service held at the Cathedral in January and flowers and pomegranates (Catherine's heraldic symbol) are laid on her tomb. Another Queen was buried at Peterborough Cathedral, Mary

Queen of Scots, but her grave is now empty as she was re-buried in Westminster. The talk was fascinating and Julia Haynes gave our vote of thanks. The competition was "A Religious Item" and was won by Jane Clark.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd June at 7:30 pm. Leanne and Louise from Sew Friendly in Bourne will be coming to talk about setting up their new business. All visitors are sure of a warm welcome.

Future Speakers:

7 July Poetry - Doreen Reed

4 August Gardening at Burghley - John Burrows

1 September Here Be Dragons - Richard Adams

6 October Travel Eyes - Lisa Cooper/Amar Latif

3 November Wine tasting with Adnams - Chris Church

1 December Christmas party

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Swinstead Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 13th May 2015

Croake Hill: A lengthy discussion was held regarding the history of troublesome tenants at Croake Hill. D.Cllr. Robins assured the meeting that the District Council, Lincolnshire Police and Lincolnshire Mental Health Services were working in concert to resolve the various issues which continue to cause great distress to residents in the village.

Correspondence: Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

Under the terms of a new White Paper published by the Department of Communities and Local Government, in December 2014, it is incumbent upon Parish Councils to make arrangements to publish on a 'free to access' website, all details of 2014-15 accounts including bank reconciliations, significant variances with explanations, significant items of expenditure. It must also publish names and addresses of Parish Councillors and their roles, all Agendas and Minutes of meetings within statutory timescales. It is envisaged that all Parish Councils will have their own websites for this purpose by 2018 and the

Association of Local Councils will provide training on the "Webmaster" role for this purpose. In the meantime, to ensure Swinstead Parish Council complies with these new requirements, it has been agreed that an area will be provided on the South Kesteven District Council website and PDF files will be sent to them for posting on the site.

A letter was received from Lady Barry, Secretary of the Parochial Church Council requesting the Parish Council make their usual donation to the maintenance of St Mary's Church and churchyard. It was agreed to donate £250.

AON Insurance: The proposal by AON Insurance to extend their fixed-price agreement on Public Liability insurance until 2018 was agreed and the fees will be sent to AON with the Council's acceptance.

Financial Report: The outline budget for the forthcoming financial year was approved.

Buttercross: Work is in abeyance until English heritage respond to outstanding queries.

Highways:

Drains:

New Estate: The drain outside No

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7 New estate very badly blocked. The assertion by the County Council that this is a soak-away drain is not agreed with as the water is currently a foot deep and has obviously not 'soaked away'.

15 High Street: The drain on the corner of Creeton Road and 15 High Street is currently blocked.

Pot holes between No 4 Park Road and the junction with Bourne Road and High Street have worsened and now need urgent attention.

Councillors' Reports:

Dangerous Wall: The limestone on the low wall adjacent to Bus Shelter on the High Street is very badly perished and urgently in need of replacement and pointing. It is especially dangerous as it abuts the green on which children play regularly

Jubilee Community Orchard: It was agreed that Cllr. Lunn to negotiate the mowing contract for this year.

Replacement of Seat – Croake Hill: It was agreed to purchase a replacement seat for siting at the bottom of Croake Hill – Cllr. Webb to progress this.

Notice Board: It was agreed that unless remedial work was undertaken to the Notice Board, the wood would become rotten and further costs would be incurred in funding a replacement. It was agreed that restoration work would be undertaken. Cllr. Lunn is to progress this.

Tipping of Rubbish: A letter is to be sent to Tim Clarke expressing the Parish Council's dismay on discovering that garden refuse had been dumped on the cleared-out old Municipal Pit by worker engaged in the refurbishment of 2 Park Road.

Any Other Business:

Parish Council Vacancy: Following Parish Council elections, there remains a vacancy which can either be left open or must be filled by 26th June 2015 in order to comply with the legislation. A local resident had expressed an interest in becoming Co-opted to the Parish Council and subject to his final agreement, it was agreed that the necessary paperwork be completed so that he can attend the July meeting.

Date of next meeting: 2nd July 2015

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Swinstead Parish Annual Meeting 13th May 2015

Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report to the Council:

Croake Hill: This has been a difficult year. The Parish council has been able to pass on its concerns with colleagues in Lincolnshire Police and the District Council and it is hoped that resolution relating to several tenants will be obtained in the near future.

Buttercross: The work on the Buttercross itself was successfully completed with replacement stone and pointing. The Chairman recorded his thanks to Parish Councillor Somerville for progressing the work on this project and also for his work as Parish Councillor over the years. Work on the plinth is in abeyance whilst the Parish Council waits for English heritage to respond to outstanding queries.

Jubilee Orchard: The trees have survived the winter and are in blossom. Having completed the work of establishing the orchard, it is now necessary to ensure it is properly maintained.

Parish Allotments: The allotments are progressing well and the field is attractively maintained by the allotment

holders.

Road Maintenance: Much work was carried out by the Anglian Water and County Council Authorities in the parish this year, but, in particular, work on Park Road needs to be completed.

Swinstead Poores Land Charity: This remains very well managed and provided all eligible pensioner households with a £50 grant last year.

The Chairman concluded by thanking all Parish Councillors and the Clerk for their help and support over the last year.

Election of Officers:

Chairman: B. Lynch

Vice-Chairman: G. Brown

Financial Report 2014-15: The council approved the Financial Accounts and Bank Reconciliation for 2014-15 and agreed that they should now be passed to the internal auditor and thence to the External Auditors, Grant Thornton by 1st June 2015. The Chairman duly signed the Accounting Statement and Annual Governance Statement. There remains one more date for the public scrutiny of the un-audited accounts.



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Swinstead News

8 June 7.30pm Whist Drive in the Village Hall

15 June 7.30pm Bingo in the Village Hall

26 July Garden Fete in aid of St Mary's Church Swinstead

Flower Rota

30 May - 6 June Jill Barry

13 - 20 June Joyce Dicken

27 June - 4 July Dorothy Pell

11 - 18 July Pat Wright

Willoughby Gallery

Colour and Clay 10th June to 8th July—Pat Armstrong, Jane Sanders and Rob Bibby

Colour and Clay showcases the work of three artists who all work in clay. The differing forms and use of glazes produces a diverging range of colourful works.

Pat Armstrong makes classical shaped vessels and sculptural forms finished in a range of coloured crackle glazes, copper fumed and black and white naked Raku.

Jane Catherine Sanders' fine jewellery is made from beads

formed from clay which are then hand painted, using natural mineral colours then glazed and fired. Inspirations for the many different patterns and colours come from nature and ancient symbols.

Rob Bibby makes thrown earthenware pottery which is in most cases designed to be used. Rob's work is usually colourfully decorated with hand painted images inspired by his rural surroundings such as birds, animals and trees as well as yachts, buildings and airplanes, and will also paint pots to a theme such as a particular city.

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A Whist Drive was held on Friday 17th April in the Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, when £93 was raised for Church Funds. The winners were:

GENTS

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2nd Mr.S.Osborne
3rd Mrs.P.Cranfield

LADIES

1st Mrs.T.Brace
2nd Miss E.Munton
3rd Mrs.J.Templeman

The raffle winners were Mrs.A.Blanchard, Mrs.H.Strickson, Mrs.P.Collier, Miss E.Munton, Mrs.J.Templeman, Mrs.G.Stanford, Mrs.B.Carter and Mrs.V.Curtis. I would like to extend a warm thank you to all those who have supported these evenings throughout the year and to those who have donated prizes, these are always very gratefully appreciated. This is the end of the season - the next one will start on Friday 18th September at 7.30pm



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FUTURE EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY 2015

Family fun day making Cider – Saturday 3rd October

Boules for the whole family August Bank Holiday Monday 31st August

Pudding Night (date to be confirmed)

Switching on the Christmas tree lights 5th December

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JANE'S SEASONAL RECIPE

The best of British strawberries are now in season. This is one of my favourite strawberry recipes - quick and easy to assemble; especially if you buy a ready-made pastry case! An even simpler variation could be to spread the base of the pastry case with Nutella for an instant dessert!

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