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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

She was always there
She had each and every heart
Touched all of our lives
But now it is time to depart
Her reputation will live on
Through the memories we all share
She was dedicated and compassionate
Just so loyal and fair
She gave us her all
The country wanted for no more
All over the Commonwealth and the world
She was right at the core
Just as you declared to us
Whether your life be short or long
You would dedicate it to our service
And you were certainly not wrong
Our flags must now fly low
To show all our respect
To a woman who deserved it
We did not have to elect
There will never be again
Someone as admired as much as she
It is time to join Prince Philip
To put down the crown and be free
So, thank you so much
To the amazing monarch you have been
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Parish News

BAPTISM - Lauren and James Brown are delighted to record the Christening of baby Hugo James Derek Brown on Sunday 24th July at St Andrew's Church.

BAPTISM Oscar George Robinson, baby son of Chloe and Thomas Robinson of The Gardener's Cottage, Witham on the Hill, at St Andrew's Witham on the Hill on 4 September.

WELL DONE! To Emma Campbell and Maddie Fensom for their brilliant effort to raise money for The Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group. Emma and Maddie began with a stall in front of Mill Farm selling second hand toys and their homemade slime and jewellery. They were then surprised to be invited to open their stall at the Swinstead Summer Fayre. At the end of the day, they had raised an incredible £133.86! (Image—Hannah Campbell)



SWINSTEAD SUMMER FAYRE was a wonderful day with lots of fun had by young and old. Traditional family games and a bouncy castle, raffle and tombola, ice creams, afternoon tea and delicious cakes. The day raised a little over £3,000 for St Mary's Parish Church Fund, which will help with much needed restorations. Huge thank you to everyone involved.

CONDOLENCES to Michael Burns, family, friends and neighbours on the loss of Kathleen Burns, who passed away on 1 August, aged 99.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS Megan and Thomas at St Michael and All Angels, Edenham, on 6 August.

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS to Laura and Khori Williamson on the birth of Eden Khori Williamson on 18 August. Another grandchild for Jane and Barry Wilmot.

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SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOXES How are you getting along with your shoeboxes? This year it is likely shoe boxes will go to Ukraine or Sri Lanka. Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated – small toys, toiletries, pencils, writing books, etc. Please note: no sweets, nor toothpaste. Boxes can be taken to Nottingham Building Society in Bourne or Stamford from 14-21 November. If you would like to help by donating things to fill a shoe box, need a box, or would like the boxes collecting contact Jane Clark, Copse View, Witham on the Hill tel 01778 590232. Thank you in anticipation of your kindness.

HELP WANTED AND THANK YOU to Lizzette Somerville Tuscan for distributing this magazine to people, for onward delivery in Edenham and Grimsthorpe during the past year. However, Lizzette now has to relinquish this role, so **we are looking for a volunteer to take over**. It only takes a short while, once a month for 10 months of the year. Please give it some thought and if you need more information contact Ruth Atter.

Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 1st October, 10.30am to 12.30 pm, Swinstead Village Hall - COFFEE MORNING. In aid of Macmillan Cancer - (thereafter on Wednesdays every fortnight starting on 12th October 10 'till 12). Everyone is welcome, come and meet some new friends and enjoy some banter accompanied with coffee, tea, cakes and raffle.

Sunday 2nd October, 6pm, St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill - HARVEST FESTIVAL. Service of thanksgiving with supper afterwards in the Parish Hall. Please let Frances Plummer, Jane Clark, or Trudy Templeman know if you plan to attend, or sign the list on the table just inside the Church door. Donations of tinned and packet goods for the foodbank will be gratefully received – please place them in the wooden cross on the floor in the North aisle of the Church. Also donations for supper would be very welcome: salads or puds. For further information contact Jane Clark, tel 01778 590232



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Thursday 13th October, 7:30pm, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill - FREE DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING. The Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council invites you to attend the last free CPR/ Defibrillator training for the year on Thursday 13th October starting at 7.30pm. Chocolate cake with half time refreshments!!

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Saturday 15th October, 10am to noon, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill - MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING. All are welcome and all proceeds to this worthy charity.

Saturday 15th October, 10am to 10pm, Swinstead Village hall - LET'S PLAY DARTS! In aid of The Fire Fighters Charity, a 12 Hour Darts Marathon is taking place. Come and cheer along the players and enjoy a cold drink and help raise monies for another great cause. Great raffle prizes, and a visit from the Fire Engine from Corby Glen – all ages are welcome.

Sunday 16 October, 11am onwards Church Cleaning and Churchyard work party, St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill. Help greatly appreciated if only for an hour or two. Please bring your own tools and lunch. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Saturday 29th October, 7pm to 11pm, Swinstead Village Hall - HALLOWEEN. Get your best Halloween Costumes out for a spooky night of naughtiness. Guest DJ, Best fancy dress prize, Vodka Jelly Shots all for £5 a ticket and under 16's free. Tickets can be purchased via swinsteadevents@gmail.com

Saturday 5 November 8.30am to 10am, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, BIG BREKKIE.

All welcome.
Donations to Christian Aid. Thank you to everyone who attended, supported, cooked and helped at the September Big Brekkie. 37 people attended, including Jez from



Loughborough, a Christian Aid co-ordinator for this area, who said we were one of his best fundraisers and was quite taken by the general buzz and enthusiasm of the morning!

Witham WI dates (in St Andrew's Parish Hall unless otherwise stated):

Tuesday 4th October, 7.30pm—Meeting. Speaker is Keith Appleyard on "Bletchley Park and the WWII code-breakers".

Thursday 20th October, 12 noon - Greetham Valley Golf. LSFWI Lunch

Tuesday 8th November, 2pm - Glass fusion craft session.

Tuesday 1st November, 7.30pm - Meeting. Speaker is Carl Denton on "Chiropody to Forensic Science"!



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The Vicar Writes

I must admit that I'm not normally one for poetry, but I recently chanced upon a poem called 'Floral Tribute' by the poet laureate Simon Armitage, composed in the wake of the Queen's passing. According to the BBC website, 'Floral Tribute' was written through the metaphor of the lily of the valley – one of the late Queen's favourite flowers and one which featured in her coronation bouquet.

However, it wasn't the many floral references that caught my eye, nor the fact that the first letter of each line, when taken together, spells out the name Elizabeth. No, it was the mention of a promise and a gift that stood out for me. The author wrote, *"A promise made and kept for life - that was your gift - Because of which, here is a gift in return."*

The promise made refers to the speech given by the then Princess Elizabeth in 1947 on her twenty-first birthday whilst on a tour of South Africa with her parents and younger sister Margaret. In that speech, broadcast on the radio from Cape Town, the Princess dedicated her life to the service of the Commonwealth stating, "I declare before you all that

my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong."

When we gathered in June to give thanks and to celebrate her majesty's life at the time of her Platinum Jubilee, that declaration, that promise, was still a work in progress. But, following the sad news of her death, it reached its fulfilment – it became a promise made and kept for life. That promise, made and kept, was undoubtedly Her Majesty's gift to us and to so many people around the world.

But what of the gift in return mentioned in the poem? What could anyone possible give to the Queen in return for her extraordinary life of duty and service? What could be of equal value, merit or worth? Well, I'm sure the poet laureate has his own ideas about that but, then again, so do I! You see, there is a gift that I have often heard the Queen speak of; one that she declared to be her inspiration, her encouragement and the very bedrock of her life. That gift is also a promise for life but it promises 'life' of a rather different sort. If you hadn't guessed already, I'm referring to the gift and promise of eternal life made to us by God

through the life, death and resurrection of his Son our saviour Jesus Christ.

In her 2021 Christmas speech, the Queen referred to Christ as being “a man whose teachings... have been the bedrock of my faith.” Back in 2011 she declared “Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) – but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.” Her Majesty recognised that, regardless of our capacity for good, we are a fallen people in need of saving and that God in his love and mercy has sent us the gift of a Saviour.

One thing that we might not be aware of is that all of us have repeatedly asked God to grant that gift of eternal life in Christ to our late monarch. That is exactly what we have articulated whenever we sang or said, “God save the Queen”. At the heart of the National Anthem is the prayer that God in his mercy would save the Queen and grant her the gift of everlasting life. The Queen has kept her promise and God will keep

his too. Eternal life in Christ is his ‘gift in return’ to her and the same gift is offered freely to all who come to him in penitence and faith as she did.

So, as we give thanks for the life of our Queen, acknowledging her promise fulfilled, let us also rejoice that the Saviour she sought to exemplify in word and deed will now bestow upon her his gift in return. God has heard our prayer, he has saved our gracious Queen.

Fr Edward

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Reports from Frances Plummer and Jane Clark

Frances:

Peter and I chose to take the same route as last year in the Lafford deanery, starting at Oasby (no church there but coffee with friends who then joined us for part of the cycle). After the disappointment of last year when we only found 3 churches open, we were interested to see if the situation had changed. We did not get off to a good start with our first church (St Michael and All Angels at Heydour) locked. We went on to the church of St Thomas at Aunsby which was open and chocolate bars and orange juice awaited us, swiftly followed by St Lucia, Dembleby, disappointingly locked. From then on the situation improved with a cycle down the byway to St Andrew's at Scott Willoughby – the smallest church still in use in the county. It is a delight: tiny and set in farmland. From there we returned to Dembleby via the byway and crossed the A52 to climb the hill to St Botolph's in Newton. This was the highlight of our ride as, not only was the church open, but manned by several local residents and the Church Warden. They were serving coffee and homemade scones! We took time out to chat before going for a sandwich and drink at The Red Lion. Peter and I then went on to St Nicholas in Walcot, St Andrew's in Pickworth and St Nicholas' Sapperton (all open and offering refreshments, though unmanned) before getting caught in a rainstorm enroute to St Margaret's, Braceby (open with refreshments) and finally St Barbara's Haceby, a redundant church rather hidden in trees and farmland! Thank you very much to all who sponsored me: it was a very enjoyable and worthwhile day and lovely to find so many of these small, beautiful churches with open doors.

It was also very moving to find several of these churches set up in honour of our late Queen with beautiful pictures of her and books of Condolence and flowers.

Jane:

Bob and I set off on an overcast Saturday morning. We decided to head north west on the hilly route where our first call was St Medard's Church, Little Bytham and our first biscuits of the day. Onwards to St Peter's at Creeton, where we enjoyed delicious shortbread biscuits, then to St Mary's, Swinstead. The weather improved and we even enjoyed some sunshine. It was good to see fields harvested and ploughed, and the hedgerows heavily laden with hawthorn berries and blackberries. At St John's, Corby Glen, there was a lot of activity, preparing for a baptism to take place very shortly, but a Church Warden made time to explain the medieval wall paintings to us. We went to The March Hare in the village square and enjoyed an excellent late breakfast/lunch, which fuelled us on for the next part of our ride. This was probably the quietest section, to St Andrew's, Irnham, where we admired the copy of the Luttrell Psalter. We cycled through Bulby and on to Edenham, heading straight for the Village Hall, where the Steam Action Produce Show was in full swing! We admired all the magnificent flowers, vegetables, preserves, and crafts; then couldn't resist a cuppa and a piece of delicious mango and coconut cake! We were delayed by a short shower, but once it had eased, we cycled to Edenham Church and enjoyed yet another biscuit! Somehow the chain came off my bike just outside Edenham Church but my mechanic, Bob, soon sorted it out! We headed for Lound in light drizzle but it soon eased off and we had to remove our waterproofs, as it was getting too warm! We arrived home, saddle sore, just before 5pm after a very enjoyable day cycling – though parts of it were a bit steep and we had to get off to walk up some of the hills. It was great to find all the Churches open for prayer and contemplation, with tables set up with photos and books of condolence due to the recent passing of Her Majesty the Queen. We were surprised and disappointed not to see any other cyclists on our route but hopefully they were all cycling out on the flat fens! Thank you to all our generous sponsors – once collected, we will have raised £250, half of which goes to St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill, and the other half to the Lincolnshire Churches Trust.



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The Monarchy of Great Britain

The tragic death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on Thursday 8th September sparked off a wave of grief throughout this country and the world. However, expressions of praise for her long reign, her dignity, warmth and humour have been equally widespread, as have good wishes for her successor, King Charles III.

The monarchy of Britain is one of the longest lasting such institutions in the world. Usually, it is reckoned to start with William the Conqueror in 1066 but arguably it went back a lot further. Following the departure of the Romans in about 410 AD, Britain was invaded by Angles, Saxons, Jutes and other tribes from the continent. Seven Anglo-Saxon kingdoms emerged. In the 9th century Wessex achieved supremacy over the other kingdoms and Egbert who ruled Wessex from 802 to 839 was named “Bretwalda” or “King of the British”. There was an interregnum between 1649 and 1660 when, following the civil war and the execution of King Charles I, Britain became a military dictatorship under Lord Protector Oliver Cromwell. After Cromwell’s death, King Charles II was restored to the throne.

Elizabeth II reigned for seventy years and seven months, the longest reign of any monarch in this country and the longest reign of any female head of state in the world. On 9th September 2015, she exceeded the tenure of Queen Victoria who was on the throne for over 63 years. Victoria reigned for longer than Henry III at 56 years and George III at over 59 years.

Out of 43 monarchs since the Norman Conquest, Elizabeth II was only the fifth lady to accede to the throne in her own right, the others being Mary I, Elizabeth I, Anne and Victoria. These ladies are known as Queens Regnant. Arguably two more could be included: Queen Mary II and her husband King William III who ruled jointly from 1689, and possibly Lady Jane Grey who, as a Protestant, was proclaimed Queen after the death of her cousin Edward VI, son of Henry VIII. Jane was ousted by Mary I after a popular uprising and

never crowned.

Other queens of England held the title because they were married to a king. They are known as Queens Consort. But the reverse is not true. The husband of a queen does not hold the title of king, except Mary I's husband, Philip of Spain, who was declared king by right of his wife and given powers equal to her while she reigned. Queen Anne's husband, Prince George of Denmark, received no British titles other than the Duke of Cumberland, his princely title being Danish. Elizabeth I never married. Victoria chose the title Prince Consort for her husband Albert in 1857. However, the Duke of Edinburgh did not hold this title as he chose to reject it in the early years of the Queen's reign. He was created Prince Philip in 1957.

Camilla Duchess of Cornwall, wife of King Charles III, was going to be called Princess Consort on his accession. The reason given was that she divorced her first husband. She rejected the title Princess of Wales out of respect for Diana, Charles's first wife, who held the title until her death on 31st August 1997. But in her message published to mark the 70th anniversary of her reign, Elizabeth II stated that it was her "sincere wish" for Camilla to be known as queen consort upon Charles's accession to the throne. Which she did.

Ignoring republicans and some left-wingers who feel the monarch of the United Kingdom should be replaced by an elected head of state, Elizabeth II was held in tremendous love and respect by all her subjects. So much so that many structures have been named after her. Most recently the Elizabeth Line, the new London Underground network first known as Crossrail, the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in East London, venue of the 2012 games and the Elizabeth Tower, at Westminster Palace, the home of Big Ben. In addition, numerous bridges, hospitals, schools, streets and a large slice of the Antarctic continent, to name just a few.

Her portrait has been painted many times. Most very good, some terrible. My personal favourite is by Pietro Annigoni whose 1955 painting with the Queen wearing the robes of the Order of the Garter was commissioned by the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers of the City of London. A reproduction hangs on the walls of many public buildings, town halls and schools and is here pictured.



Proclamations for the reign of Charles III have been ringing out across the country and the world. His mother has left him a hard act

to follow. He has suffered the glare of publicity throughout his life, much of it non-complimentary, and his life and lifestyle have attracted much criticism, mostly unjustified. Yet he has risen above all this and retained his sense of humour and dignity and has already shown the authority of a King. Charles plans to become a more approachable and open monarch, less distant from his subjects than some of his predecessors. For instance, on arrival at Buckingham Palace on Friday 9th September he met the waiting crowd accepting handshakes from all and even kisses from women in the crowd. He wants to slim down the Royal Family, perhaps dispose of some of their palaces and is keen to preserve the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth. In my personal view Charles will make an excellent King and the monarchy of the United Kingdom will be safe in his hands.

Dick Mundy

Witham Hall

Witham Hall was delighted to accept the Alice Rose Award as part of the inaugural Talk Education Awards for Innovation in Education. Alice Rose was the co-founder of Talk Education who sadly passed away in May 2022. In honour of Alice, the judges selected the school that embodies the qualities Alice was most passionate about: 'a school where children are allowed to be children, one that supports growth and learning but allows them to climb trees and get muddy knees, where confident, nurtured, happy children enjoy their childhood. A true home-from-home.' Awarded by the Talk Education team, as well as Alice's husband James Rose and her three young boys, there was no shortlist or application process for this very special award. Witham Hall is honoured and humbled to be the first recipient school for this award in Alice's name and are extremely grateful to the Talk Education team and the Rose family for this humbling recognition.



The image is a promotional poster for an Open Morning event at Witham Hall Preparatory School. The left side of the poster has a light blue background with white and dark blue text. At the top left is the school's crest, a shield with a cross and four quadrants. Below it, the text reads 'WITHAM HALL Preparatory School' and 'Boys and Girls | Age 4-11 | Day and Boarding'. The main text in large, bold, dark blue letters says 'OPEN MORNING' followed by '1st October' in a slightly smaller font. Below this, a white triangle contains the text 'A warm welcome awaits'. At the bottom left, it says 'Register your interest with Mrs Claire Paylor' and 'admissions@withamhall.com'. At the very bottom, the website 'WITHAMHALL.COM' is listed. The right side of the poster features a photograph of six children in school uniforms standing on the stone steps of a grand, classical-style building entrance with a large arched doorway and windows.

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2. Start CPR—heart compressions

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DO NOT delay or interrupt chest compressions to get the defibrillator, send someone else to get it.

Once you have the defibrillator open it and follow the spoken instructions.

VERY IMPORTANT

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TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS

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PLEASE IGNORE the instruction on the Manthorpe and Toft boxes to give the operator the box number; they do not have numbers. **Instead, simply state that you are in Manthorpe or Toft near Bourne. If you have called from a mobile on 112, the operator will already have your exact location.**

Type the link below into your favourite web browser and spend a really worthwhile 6 minutes finding out why you should use 112 in preference to 999 when dialling the Emergency Services from your mobile.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=XPZv_8dABfU

Here's hoping you never have to use the devices

Steam Action Veg and Produce show - Saturday 10th September

Entries started coming in on the Friday evening and despite the worries of the group regarding what people would have to enter following our unusually hot summer, we were very surprised to see 300 entries. The judges had a tough job and some had to try all the baked entries and the homemade alcohol! Certificates and trophies were presented before the auction, raising an amazing amount of £390. This sum, added to the raffle, entry fees cost and refreshments, came to a grand total of £500 towards the Christmas lunch. Steam Action members would like to say a huge thank you to all of you that took the time to grow, bake or make entries and all that came along on the day, your support is very much appreciated. Here are the trophy winners:

RUSSELL ROSE BOWL - One Rose - Bill Dean; **PETER ROMAINE MEMORIAL SHIELD** - Hanging Basket - Bill Dean; **DEAN SHIELD** - Most points in the Flower Section - Tim Dean; **LES WARD MEMORIAL TROPHY** - Best entry in the Flower Section - Tim Dean; **SECRETARYS CUP** - Most points in the Decorative Section - Gill Stanford; **KELBY SHIELD** - Most points in the Vegetable Section - Eda Dawson; **BRENDA STUBLEY MEMORIAL CUP** - Best entry in the Vegetable Section - Eda Dawson; **REG WILMOT TROPHY** –Jar of Marmalade - Carole Sands; **THE GEG ATTER MEMORIAL TROPHY** - Victoria Sponge baked by a man - Malcolm Kenwood; **JOHN SCOTT-PATTINSON MEMORIAL SHIELD** - Decorated Chocolate cake - Gill Stanford; **WILSON CUP** - Most points in the Homemade Section - Hazel Stubbs; **JOYCE FISHER CULINARY CUP** – Best entry in the Homemade Section - Malcolm Kenwood; **ATTER PLAQUE** - Most points in the Handicraft Section - Teresa McLean; **JIM PERCIVAL MEMORIAL TROPHY** – Child with the most points overall - Joel Warren; **DAVID & DORIS BEE FAMILY CUP** – Best entry in the Children’s Section - Caleb Warren; **WILLOUGHBY TROPHY** –Photograph Section - Pat Smith; **DISASTER SALVER** - planned entry that ended in Disaster - Hazel Stubbs; **DON NEALE MEMORIAL CUP** - Lady with the most points overall - Gill Stanford; **DON NEALE MEMORIAL CUP** - Man with the most points overall - Eda Dawson; **GRIMSTHORPE HOUSE TROPHY** - Senior citizen living in Edenham Parish with the most points over all - Gill Stanford; **GILL GRIMES CUP** – Best performance by a non-trophy winner - Eddie Peeling; **GARNER BOWL** - Best entry in Show - Pat Smith

EDENHAM CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL

September is always an exciting time; we start the new school year and with this we welcome back our current pupils, welcome new pupils and families into our community and look forward to all the exciting opportunities coming up. This year is no different, one of the things we are most excited about is the Lincolnshire reading pledge. As a school we are passionate about the pleasure we can all gain from reading and this is why we are committed to the reading pledge. Throughout the year we will be continuing our reading competitions, opening children's eyes to a whole host of new authors and characters, working with the local community both old and young (current pupils and pre-schoolers) to spread our passion for reading and most importantly we will just enjoy books! We can't wait to share the progress and opportunities this will bring with you.

Keep your eyes peeled for our up and coming open days, but in the meantime if you would like to arrange a visit to our school to see what we get up to and speak to Mr Pasqualino, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange this.

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OCTOBER'S QUIZ OF THE MONTH

COLLECTIVE NOUNS

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|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. ? Of geese | 2. ? Of pigeons | 3. ? Of jackdaws | 4. ? Of starlings |
| 5. ? Of sparrows | 6. ? Of fieldfares | 7. ? Of coots | 8. ? Of lapwings |
| 9. ? Of swans | 10. ? Of seagulls | 11. ? Of crows | 12. ? Of owls |

Answers on page 30

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Willoughby Memorial Trust Gallery

Moreley's Lane, Corby Glen, NG33 4NL

12 – 5 pm. Tuesday – Sunday

ADMISSION FREE

5 to 26 October

Szilvia Ponyiczki - *Half Broken Hopes*

Painting and Sculpture



Grantham based artist, Szilvia's work explores the personal and the collective unconscious through art. She gains a deeper understanding of this world by painting figurative dreamscapes or abstract dream-carpets; sometimes giving these a sculptural form. She thus incorporates unconscious thought into her art processes, building a parallel world and generating a new and exciting visual language.

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WITHAM ON THE HILL WI - AUGUST 2022

On Tue 2 Aug 2022, we held our annual “Games on the Green” meeting. Luckily the dark clouds passed over and we set up our chairs on the village green for a quick roundup of diary dates and business, then enjoyed a glass of fizz and some yummy cake. Thereafter, we played some games of Bat and Trap, Boules and Giant Jenga. It was a lovely relaxed meeting with plenty of time to chat with friends on a fine summer evening.

Congratulations must go to our Witham Wonders Quiz team; Trudy Templeman, Jane Clark and June Dandridge. They achieved first place in the recent LSFWI quiz, beating regular winners Does Grey Matter. Very well done! Visitors and prospective members always welcome. More information on Insta and Facebook at WI Witham on the Hill; or call our Secretary, Jane Clark 01778 – 590232



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WITHAM ON THE HILL WI - SEPTEMBER 2022

Our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday 6th September took the form of a craft evening. Talented members had brought along materials for us to try taster sessions. On offer were candle decoration, English paper piece embroidery, crochet, lavender wands and card-making. We had an excellent turnout of members and everyone really got stuck in and enjoyed trying new skills.

Also, as part of Great Big Green Week in September, we promoted recycling and waste/energy reduction. A display of eco-friendly products and a rolling PowerPoint presentation on these topics were set up by Wendy Wooldridge and Elaine Brock. Elaine highlighted the work of the Repair Café in Thurlby – please give it a go! Frances Plummer spoke of the Foodbank, originally set up by Paul & Carol Henderson with a legacy from her mother, Mrs Trussell. Frances takes regular donations from Witham community to Bourne foodbank. Please contact her if you wish to donate - the need is becoming greater in current situation - tinned food, rice & hygiene supplies welcome.

A small group also enjoyed an outing to Spalding, via the water taxi from Springfields. After disembarking at Spalding town centre, we visited the museum of the Spalding Gentleman's Society. What amazing artefacts and books have been collected by this society! Well worth a visit.

Future events are detailed in the “Dates for your Diary” section on page 9

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th October with Keith Appleyard presenting on “Bletchley Park and the WWII code-breakers”.

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Jane's Seasonal Recipe

This is a quick and easy Dairy Diary recipe, which I have been using for many years! Blackberries have been abundant this autumn, though frozen ones work just as well.

Blackberry yogurt sponge pudding

*150ml natural yogurt
175g caster sugar
120g melted butter
2 eggs
175g plain flour
1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
150g blackberries*

Mix yogurt, sugar, melted butter and eggs. Fold in flour and baking powder. Gently stir in blackberries. Pour into 18cm greased round cake tin. Bake at 180°C for 50 mins, until risen and just firm. Dust with icing sugar and serve with custard.

SERVES 4-6

ANSWERS to the Collective Noun Quiz:

1. Gaggle. 2. Loft. 3. Clattering. 4. Murmuration. 5. Tribe. 6. Flock
7. Fleet. 8. Deceit. 9. Herd. 10. Squabble. 11. Murmur. 12. Parliament

PARISH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2022

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
2 nd October <i>Michael</i> & All Angels (transferred)		6pm Harvest Festival (followed by Supper in the Parish Hall)	10.30am Patronal Festival Benefice Eucharist
9 th October <i>Trinity 17</i>	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist (followed by Lunch in the Vicarage) 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
16 th October <i>Trinity 18</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
23 rd October <i>Dedication Festival</i>		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
30 th October <i>All Saints Sunday</i>		10.30am Benefice Eucharist 4pm All Souls Service of Commemoration	

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