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Parish News

SWINSTEAD VILLAGE AND CHURCH NEWS

The Christmas bingo held in village hall at the beginning of December was a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves . Fantastic prizes and all the proceeds of the evening went to St Mary's Church. £230.00

The Carol service in St Mary's Church was well attended. The Lord Lieutenant for Lincolnshire supported the evening. The Three Parishes Choir sang beautifully and it was a wonderful start to Christmas with Carols and readings. Everyone enjoyed a mince pie and mulled wine and again a good raffle. The evening raised £448.40 for St Mary's Church.

Following on from the 12-Hour Darts Marathon at the end of 2022, raising monies for the Fire Fighters Charity, a whopping £2,363.55 was given in

donations. A massive thank you to the kind locals who provided meals for the players, to the Corby Glen Fire Fighters who dropped in between shifts to show their support, all the local businesses



who donated prizes and gifts, and everyone else who came along throughout the day supporting and spurring the players along. Finally a **HUGE** shout out to the team of players who showed incredible stamina and resilience throughout the day – **it's all down to you – Thank you.**

CAROL SINGING IN WITHAM ON THE HILL What fun we had - it was a very jolly affair! We started with just 3 singers on a very cold wet night. At our first port of call, we were offered mulled wine and another singer joined us. And so it continued en route. More alcohol, mince pies and chocolates, and more singers; ending up with ten people, and we were paid very generously not to sing! We raised £145 for Church funds – well done everyone. Thank you to all the people who gave us drinks and eats, it was very much appreciated.



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Wednesday 1 and 15 February, 10.30am – 12pm, Swinstead Village Hall.
Coffee Mornings - Everyone is welcome. Meet some new friends and old, and enjoy some banter accompanied with coffee, tea, freshly baked cakes and raffle prizes.

Tuesday 7 February, 7.30pm , St Andrew’s Parish Hall - Witham on the Hill WI AGM. Visitors and prospective members welcome. More information on Insta and Facebook at WI Witham on the Hill or call our Secretary, Jane Clark 01778 – 590232.

Tuesday 7th February, 7pm, Edenham Regional House - Steam Action AGM. If you would like to become a member of the Steam Action Committee, please do come along.

Saturday 18 February, 10am, Edenham Regional House - Retreat Day. Introducing the Scriptural Rosary with Brother Finnian SSF - £16 per person, BYO lunch.

Saturday 25 February, 7pm, Swinstead Village Hall. Book early for an evening of Cabaret. A musical extravaganza of entertainment and song with Tim & Kaci. Hot food available and a free drink on arrival. **£10 per ticket** . Tickets available via the Village Hall or call / message 079177 17482.

Monday 6 March, 7.30pm, St Andrew’s Parish Hall - Witham on the Hill Historical Society meeting. New members most welcome.

Saturday 15 April 8.30am – 10.00am BIG BREKKIE St Andrew’s Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. All welcome. Donations to Christian Aid.

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The Vicar Writes

How curious are you?

It's a well-established fact that you should never talk about politics or religion down the pub. I've always thought this was a shame as I hold degrees in both, and I quite like talking. Although I can understand why anyone would be naturally weary about broaching either subject, the truth is that I've had some of the best conversations about faith and politics over a pint or two with people who have spotted the dog collar and want to tell me what they think or to ask me some honest and searching questions. What goes on in Church rarely affords us the opportunity to ask those kinds of questions or to say what you really think. By its very nature, an invitation to come to Church is an invitation to come and join in and to do-as-we-do rather than to tell us what you think (or for you to ask us what we believe).

What seems to be missing then is an opportunity for some dialogue. So, with that in mind we've decided to try running the Alpha Course in Edenham and Witham on the Hill. Alpha is an invitation to consider the big questions of life. It isn't a trick to get people into Church nor is it a service (secret or otherwise). It normally consists of a short video clip to watch and then some follow-up questions. There's



usually food involved (either before or after) and the whole thing should last no more than an hour and a half. Once we hit the 90-minute mark everyone is free to go! There are no (hidden) prayers, and we try to avoid overly religious language. Everyone is free to speak their mind and say what they think / feel / believe or don't.

That's the 'what' sorted, how about the 'where' and 'when'?

In the Parish Hall. Witham on the Hill, we're going to be holding the first 7 sessions on Thursdays at 10.30am starting on the 23rd of February and running through to the 30th of March. We'll finish by noon and there'll be an optional lunch with soup, bread, cheese and fruit to follow. We'll then resume after Easter to finish the final 3 sessions.

At Edenham we'll be meeting in the evening at the Regional House (Vicarage) at 7pm on Wednesdays from the 1st to the 29th of March, picking up again after Easter. In the evenings we'll begin with food and then have the session to follow (log-fires and good coffee will also feature).

The Alpha sessions are open to absolutely anyone. You can drop in whenever (and wherever) you like at either venue. We'd like to encourage as many people as possible to come along - including members of our congregations! It's a great opportunity to meet, talk, socialize, and share in a way that is rarely open to us as part of regular Church life (and you should never invite people along to something that you haven't experienced yourself).

For more information or to ask questions please contact me via edenhamoffice@gmail.com or WhatsApp 07736711360. You can also access the 'Try Alpha' video introduction at <https://alpha.org.uk/>

Do please consider joining us.

Fr Edward

Northorpe & Thurlby Repair Café

and

Book Exchange

The Northorpe & Thurlby Repair Cafe and Book Exchange meets monthly and has been running since early 2019. The idea behind the Repair Cafe was to gather volunteers together with skills and experience from a wide range of backgrounds to be able to offer advice and repairs for pretty much anything that can be carried into the hall!

Our volunteers have tackled hundreds of items over the years, including toasters, vacuum cleaners, Christmas lights, ceramics, toys, pushchairs, wooden furniture, sewing alterations and roman blinds - we also sharpen garden tools such as shears, lawn edgers and secateurs, which is very popular during the summer months.

It's not all about repairing though, we offer refreshments so all are welcome to pop along for a cup of tea or coffee, a piece of cake and a chat, we are a very friendly bunch. We have also recently started the Book Exchange and have built up a large collection of books and jigsaws that are available for swapping.

No booking is required for repairs (or refreshments!), so if you have something you'd like us to look at, please pop along - it's worth getting there early as we do get busy. We meet on the last Sunday of each month (except August) from 2-5pm in St Firmin's Church Hall in Thurlby. If anyone would like any further information then please email - thurlby.repair.cafe@gmail.com

TIME TO GET THOSE BOOTS BACK ON?

OK, we have not seen the back of winter but that does not stop us getting our boots water-proofed, polished and ready for a walk. In addition to our own local walks available on the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe website- [Local Walks – Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe Parish Council \(lincolnshire.gov.uk\)](http://www.localwalks.org.uk) - the “Walking in Lincolnshire” website also offers loads free walks to download - <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs>

This free website also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said ‘There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lincolnshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you’. With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

Notes:

I have no idea how John decided on where to insert our “Local Walks” into his library, so, you will have to click on a few of his geographic place names to find all our walks.

If you have a walk in our local area that we have not previously published and would like to share it with the rest of our community, please send details to me.

Editor



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Notes for the Swinstead Parish Council Meeting

12th January 2023

Public Forum: Two residents attended the Public Forum. The Chair opened the forum by congratulating Cllr Lynch on being named in the King's New Year's Honours list. Cllr Lynch will receive the British Empire Medal from the King later in the year. Two residents raised concerns about the proposed development behind Macham Close, in particular the building materials for the roof and general appearance of the development. District Cllr Robins advised he will support the residents' concerns and discuss the case with SKDC Planning.

Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting: The Clerk advised the problems re the re-siting of the speed sign in Creeton Road, namely the need for an individual who holds a New Road and Street works certificate in both supervisor and operative capacity. The Clerk will continue to investigate and update the Councillors. Once an appropriate person is located the licence application can proceed. The Clerk also confirmed he has been in contact with a fencing company who will provide a quote for deer fencing in the Jubilee Orchard. Cllr Lynch made the Councillors aware of another fencing company, Cllr Underhill will contact them to request another quote. Cllr Robins advised grant funding may be available under the SKDC Community Funding Scheme toward the cost of the fencing, the Clerk will pursue this. Cllr Underhill asked if there had been any response from the Clerk's attempt to contact the owner or Estate Agents of Whitegates, regards the damaged gable end to the property. The Clerk confirmed no contact. Cllr Robins advised SKDC may be able to intervene, he will make enquiries. Cllr Underhill asked the Councillors, "In an effort to reach a wider audience, could the Minutes once again be published in The Link, The Three Towers and the Community Facebook page". After discussion the Councillors agreed to the request. The Clerk to action this issue.

LCC Cllr Vernon report:

Cost Of Living – There is help available for residents struggling with the cost of living from the council and other organisations. LCC has a large section on its website with useful links including how to apply for free school meals, financial support for carers, help with childcare costs, the household support fund and the HAF (Holidays Activities and Food Programme). There is also information about the emotional support available through local organisations and SKDC has more information too. Residents facing financial difficulties can also visit <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/> for details of the other support available.

Budget Preparation – The council again faces challenges in setting a balanced budget while maintaining the services residents rely on. Initial budget proposals for 2023/24 include: £275m for adult care and community wellbeing; £84m for children’s social care; £47m for Highways; £22m for Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue

The council continues to improve efficiency using modern technology and a reduction in bureaucracy and expects to save £11.5m in 2023/24 as a result. In addition, it expects to save a further £11.8m between 2024/25 and 2026/27. The proposals include three options for a rise in council tax of between 3% to 5%. Despite this, and additional government funding, the council will still need to use between £3.4m to £10.3m from its reserves to balance the budget, based on current projections. Final proposals will be agreed by the council’s executive at their meeting on Tuesday 7 February before the 2023/24 budget is set by all of the county councillors at our next full county council meeting on Friday 17 February.

SKDC Cllr Robins Report:

Cllr Robins confirmed that SKDC's plans to invest £3.9m from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund have received full backing from the Government, as part of its Levelling Up commitment. Confirmation of our spending plan for the

£3.898m means we can now build on projects to meet our priorities of communities and place; supporting local business, people and skills. Investment will include mobile CCTV, physical improvements to our high streets, investment in arts and heritage initiatives, marketing for South Kesteven, and help for the Council to access further funding. This funding reaches all corners of the district including the numerous rural communities in South Kesteven. The Council has also been allocated a further £540,460 from the DEFRA for the delivery of the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

SKDC has moved into its new headquarters. This will improve business efficiency and working conditions, as well as saving taxpayers an estimated £300,000 a year in running costs. The new postal address is South Kesteven District Council, Council Offices, The Picture House, St Catherine's Road, Grantham, NG316TT; the main switchboard number remains 01476 406080.

SKDC Customer Service Team is temporarily based in Grantham Guildhall Arts Centre. The entrance is on Edith Smith Way between the Arts Centre and Grantham Museum and the office is open to the public Monday to Friday from 9am-1pm.

Important safety advice

As a responsible landlord, one of SKDC's roles is to inform tenants how they can reduce condensation and the potential for mould in their homes. This information can be found at the SKDC website, www.southkesteven.gov.uk by searching 'Condensation, Mould and Damp Control'.

New online platform for public meetings: The Council has a new video streaming service. It allows anyone to watch meetings "live" as they happen, as well as access recordings or meetings. Users can navigate to an item of interest within the meeting's agenda as well as subscribe to be notified by email about upcoming meetings. The first meeting to benefit from the new software is the Budget Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Monday 9th January at 2pm via <https://southkesteven.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>.

Funding for community projects: A new round of council community grants totalling more than £13,000 has been approved from SKDC's Community Fund. Any constituted group and organisation within South Kesteven, including parish councils, can apply for SK Community Fund grants for projects or events that benefit the local community. Applications are invited for community projects or community events. Application forms can be requested by email to communityfund@southkesteven.gov.uk. This time around, the Deepings will get new life-saving defibrillators to replace outdated equipment thanks to a £4,896 grant to the Lincolnshire Integrated Volunteer Emergency Service, LIVES. The iconic apple sculpture in Wyndham Park in Grantham can now be replaced thanks to a £3,200 award to the Wyndham Park Forum. And an award of £5,000 will help deliver new projects at Grantham's Jubilee Church Life Centre and extend activities within its Community Hub.

Parish Clerk report:

Cheques to be signed: Clerk's salary & Expenses £367.70.

Planning: S22/2368, Edward Smith, Conversion, partial demolition, and erection of extensions to existing barn, to form a detached residential dwelling. Land Adjacent to Macham Close, Swinstead, NG33 4QH, Full Planning Permission. (No action taken by the PC).

Correspondence: Since the publication of the Agenda, three additional applications were received for the vacancy of Parish Councillor. Councillors elected Mrs Kathy Vardy.

Date of next meeting: 9th March, 6.00pm at Swinstead Village Hall

Witham on the Hill WI - December 2022

Our last meeting of the year, Tuesday 6th December, saw a very good turnout of members and visitors. The meeting began with a glass of mulled wine and a quick resume of diary dates and reminders. January will see Book Group and Witham Walkers meeting again, and monthly meetings will resume in February. There is also the LSFWI event, Resolution Discussion Day, 18th January for any member who wishes to attend. A reminder to submit resolution voting forms (**see Page 25 of WI Life**) to our Secretary at February's meeting or prior. Jane Clark reported on a very enjoyable visit to Belvoir Castle's "Cinderella Christmas" display, a LSFWI outing of around 60 people.

Our evening continued with Entertainment from the PPP group: a series of sketches entitled "A Crisis of Confidence", or "Mother Knows Best", by June, Trudy, Wendy and Deirdre; some humorous poems read in dramatic style by Margaret Rine; a reading of Confirmation of Murphy's Law by Deirdre, and finishing with a humorous Dear Santa Letter. A vote of thanks to all from the President and our thanks from PPP to Margaret Rine for the material and direction and pulling it all together! Delicious festive refreshments followed with each member providing a plate of food and there was plenty of social time and chat.

Our Christmas lunch saw us back at the Woodhouse Arms in Corby Glen on Friday 9 December. It was a superb lunch and great to meet for a "proper" Christmas meal.

Local residents please note - as Covid concerns have abated somewhat, we have decided to re-introduce Community café afternoon teas, the first on Tuesday 17th January 2-4pm at St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham. All WI members and residents of our surrounding villages are welcome for tea/coffee and biscuits and a chat.

Notes for the Edenham, Grimsthorpe & Scottlethorpe Parish Council Meeting 10th January 2023

Attendees: Parish Councillors Mr T Clarke (Chairman), Mrs P Cranfield (Vice Chairman), Mr A Wilson, Mrs M Marshall, Mrs A Treacy, Mr D Hawes, Mrs M Avis & Mrs C Sands (Parish Clerk).

Acceptance and approval of minutes: Minutes from 8th November 2022 meeting were accepted as a true record, the Chairman signed the minutes.

Parish Clerk Update from PC Meeting 8th November 2022

Community Street cleaning: nothing to report.

Speed Monitor: The data continues to show speeding through the village. Parish Clerk awaiting costs from Community Speed Watch team for the equipment to allow local speed watch sessions to be undertaken. However, to do this we will need commitment from a group of people. If anyone is interested in supporting this, please contact the Parish Clerk, via email edenham.pc@gmail.com

TRS Building Grimsthorpe: The contact at BT/Openreach has changed again, this contact is now looking back at the original request made by the Parish Council and will confirm if the outstanding works can be completed.

Christmas Tree & Carol Singing: The Parish Council would like to thank Grimsthorpe Castle Estate for kindly donating the Christmas tree, Heath & Pam Cranfield for the use of the field and the refreshments. Thanks also go to the Steam Action members for leading the carol singing and for providing the carol sheets. Whilst it was a very cold evening this did not impact our singing abilities and we hope everyone enjoyed the evening.

General Drainage Main Street Edenham: The flooding and drainage issues reported during the Parish Council meeting in November remain the same. During recent heavy rains (Christmas and New Year) both sides of the road

between Ford Cottage and the traffic lights were flooded making the footpaths hazardous.

New Parish Council Matters:

Dog fouling: Councillor Marshall reported issues with dog fouling on Scottlethorpe Road. This has been reported on resident's driveways, grass verges and local footpaths. The Parish Council would like to remind dog owners that they have a legal duty (Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005) to clean up after their dog. This is not only an eyesore but it can also be a health hazard. The situation will be monitored.

Parish Council Documents:

Civility & Respect Certificate: The Parish Council Chairman, Mr T Clarke, signed the Certificate on behalf of the Parish Council.

Financial Regulations: Councillors to review and approve at the Parish Council Meeting 14th March 2023.

Play Area: Councillor Treacy confirmed that there is nothing new to report.

Expenditure: 30th Dec 2022

HMRC £45.40; Parish Clerk Salary £171.00; Community Street Cleaner Salary £181.32; Refreshments & Christmas Tree Light Batteries (Councillor Cranfield refund) £34.95 to be paid

Bank Account Reconciliations:

Business Account £3,442.23; Treasurer's Account £2,136.98

Precept 2023-24: The Parish Council agreed the budget proposal and agreed the Precept of £2975.00

Next Meeting Date: 14th March 2023. Items to be added to the agenda are: the King's Coronation May 2023 and carol singing December 2023.



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Baptist Noel

It is said that the only places to see English medieval sculpture is in our cathedrals and parish churches. This observation is nowhere more true than at the church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Exton, Rutland, which contains nine magnificent monuments, several of which are outstanding. Probably the finest is the huge marble monument to Baptist Noel, 3rd Viscount Campden, on the east wall of the north transept.

The grandly named Baptist was a nobleman in Rutland who gained notoriety in the English Civil War as a staunch Royalist who led his band of followers in brutal plundering raids across Rutland and Lincolnshire from bases in Belvoir and Newark castles.

In 1611 Baptist was born at Exton Park into the powerful Noel family, son of Edward Noel the 2nd Viscount Campden. In 1632 Baptist married Lady Anne Fielding and then Anne Bouchier in 1638. Sadly, these ladies had short lives and their children all died young. Baptist married his third wife, the Hon. Hester Wotton, in 1639 and they had four daughters and two sons who survived.

In 1639 Baptist and his father accompanied King Charles I in the ill-fated war against the Scottish National Covenant who vehemently opposed the King's attempt to reform the Scottish Church. The King summoned Parliament to provide money to support this war. The so-called Short Parliament only ran for three weeks in April 1640 and was replaced by the Long Parliament in November that year. Baptist, as a Knight of the Shire, was elected to both but, being a Royalist, his association with the latter parliament was brief.

Parliament refused to grant funds until its grievances were resolved but the autocratic Charles refused to compromise and the Civil War between them soon broke out. Baptist was commissioned into the Royalist army and was based at Newark castle when he succeeded as 3rd Viscount Campden on the

death of his father in March 1643. At the head of his troop known as the “Campdeners”, he plundered the property of his local opponents and frequently imprisoned them. He rose rapidly through the ranks being appointed brigadier of foot and brigadier of horse in July 1643. Both sides fiercely contested Rutland; and Exton Park along with neighbouring Burley Park, the home of the Duke of Buckingham, were confiscated by the Parliamentarian forces.

The Campdeners seized Stamford, drove away cattle, and generally became a serious threat. It got so bad that on the 10th April 1643 Oliver Cromwell wrote to Sir John Burgoyne of Pottton in Bedfordshire, the chief member of the Bedfordshire Committee, to request troops of horse to resist the raiders. On 19th July 1643 the Campdeners attacked Peterborough with a large force but were repulsed and fell back on Stamford. They were defeated at Burghley House by Cromwell on 24th July. Baptist continued to resist the Parliamentary forces, leading his cavalry troop in daring raids across Rutland and beyond.

In late 1645 the war was effectively over and Baptist resigned his field command. By October 1645 he was a prisoner in London. He was released in August 1646 and allowed to return to Rutland. He was fined over £19,000 by Parliament, this massive amount demonstrating the severity of his offences. In May 1648, after long negotiation and with Baptist severely in debt, his fine was discharged on payment of £100.

His wife, Hester, died the following year and was buried at Exton on 17th December 1649. Baptist married his fourth wife, Lady Elizabeth Bertie, eldest daughter of Montague Bertie, second earl of Lindsey, on 7th July 1655. They had nine children. After the civil war he was restored to his estates when he laid out geometric areas of woodland, divided by avenues with formal gardens, and a lake close to Exton Park. Baptist died at Exton on 29th October 1682 aged 71 years and was buried on the north side of the church there. His



wife Elizabeth survived him by only a few months, dying in July 1683.

His monument, squeezed into a space too small to adequately display it, is of white and black marble made by Grinling Gibbons, perhaps better known for his carvings in wood, celebrated as the finest sculptor working in England at the time. It shows Baptist and his fourth wife Elizabeth, flanked by two obelisks, separated by a pedestal. They are standing on a base with reliefs of their children.

The whole monument is on a lower base with a relief showing his third wife Hester and hers, and on the obelisks the first and second wives,

two Annes, and their children. Twenty-five figures in all. On the base are two black marble inscriptions, on the left giving brief biographical information on Baptist, while that on the right gives the names of his children by his four wives. On the pedestal between Baptist and Elizabeth is a black marble inscription plate recording that the monument was erected by order of Elizabeth and carried out by her third son, John Noel, in 1686. The monument is topped by a large broken pediment displaying the Campden coat of arms. As was the fashion for the age, all of the figures are depicted in Roman dress. It cost £1,000, the equivalent of over £200,000 today. The monuments in Exton church were restored by the Exton Monuments Restoration Fund between 2000 and 2002. Baptist's monument cost £49,000 to restore.

Opposite Baptist's monument is another to his son James Noel, who died aged 18 years. It's smaller but no less well executed. In addition, there are superb replicas of the original funerary and armorial banners of the Noel family hanging above the nave.

The church is at the end of a lane just before the village. The lane is narrow so care must be taken in case another car decides to come the other way. Parking is on the verge at the end of the lane. A visit to see the church and the monuments will be a joy. It's like an art gallery, but free, and well worth a pound or two in the collection box.

Dick Mundy

Editor's notes:

1. According to one historic wealth calculator, the original fine of £19,000 given against Baptist in 1646 was equivalent to the wages for a skilled tradesman for 743 years' work!
2. The complete collection of Local History Essays is available to download for free from the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe website:

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STEAM ACTION

At the beginning of December Steam Action brought their pantomime back after a three-year break. On Saturday 2nd December we held our annual Christmas party for the over 60s in the parish. This is always a well-attended event where Christmas lunch is served by the Steam Action committee. Then



our guests are treated to a performance of our pantomime which this year was Cinderella. A great afternoon was had by all with lots of laughing and chatting and, after the last few years, it was great to see everyone meeting up again and enjoying our performance.

On Sunday two performances of our pantomime were held for the public. Both were well attended and there was lots of audience participation with laughter and booing! The sweet stall provided a selection of snacks to purchase and at the end of each performance mulled wine and mince pies were served. Raffles were also held and we had amazing support from local businesses and residents of the parish for which we are very grateful. After all three performances over the weekend we received lots of positive feedback which makes all the hard work worthwhile. The proceeds we made all go towards the work Steam Action does throughout the year.

If you are approaching 60 (or are already over 60) and would like to be on our list for this year please do contact us.

If you would like to become a member of the Steam Action Committee, please do come along to our AGM on Tuesday 7th February, 7pm at Edenham Regional House.

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Jane's Seasonal Recipe

A Mary Berry recipe. Delicious little nibbles to serve with drinks. The Rice Krispies give them a delicious crunch. Very moreish!

Crackle Cheese Biscuits

100g soft butter

100g plain flour

100g mature cheddar cheese

¼ teaspoon salt

25g Rice Krispies

Whizz all the ingredients, except the Rice Krispies, in a food processor, until the mixture comes together. Add Rice Krispies, mix well with hands to combine. Shape into 30 small balls. Place on baking sheets lined with non-stick baking paper, bake at 180°C for 16-18 mins until lightly golden. Transfer to a wire rack to cool. Store in an airtight tin for up to a week – if they last that long!

Editor's note: The complete collection of Jane's Seasonal Recipes is available to download for free from the Toft cum Lound and Manthorpe website:

<https://toft-lound-manthorpe.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk/downloads/file/160/the-three-towers-recipe-booklet-2020> (lincolnshire.gov.uk)

PARISH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2023

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
5 th February Candlemas		10.30am Benefice Eucharist	4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
12 th February 2 before Lent	8.45am Parish Eucharist	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
19 th February Sunday before Lent		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)
22 nd February Ash Wednesday		7pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	9.30am School Service with Imposition of Ashes
26 th February Lent 1		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Stable Chapel)

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