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Parish News

Swinstead Village D-Day Beacon

Lighting and Street Party was a great success. A big thank you to George Brown who had the honour of lighting the beacon and Charles Sentance who read a very moving tribute. The Street Party was an opportunity for the villagers to come together, raise a glass to fallen soldiers and enjoy a day out with friends and family with a 1940's theme and music, delicious cream cakes, bubbles and, fortunately, some sunny weather.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Laura Harrison (of Corby Glen) and Nicholas Playford (of Ancaster) married in St Andrew's Church on 1 June.

CONDOLENCES to Zoe, Dave, Zoe, Robert, family, friends and neighbours of Margaret Harwood who passed away on 24 May, just a few days short of her 90th birthday. Margaret and her late husband, Bob, ran the Six Bells in Witham on the Hill in the 1980s and 1990s.

CONDOLENCES to all the family, friends and neighbours of Bob Ray, who passed away on 6 June. Bob lived in Witham on the Hill for many years, was loved by all for his jolly sense of humour and will be greatly missed.

CONDOLENCES to family and friends of Jennifer Cook who died in May. Jennifer lived in Witham Manor in the 1970s.

CANCELLED - The Anglian Water talk in St Andrew's parish hall has been cancelled and it has not been possible to arrange a mutually convenient date. Apologies to all who were looking forward to hearing it.

CONGRATULATIONS to Elijah King, Jack Hawes, (both grandchildren of Fr Andy and Sian Hawes) and Tim Candy who were confirmed into the Christian Faith at Edenham Church on 9 June.



Saturday September 14th 2024

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Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3rd, 17th & 31st July – Swinstead Village Hall - Social Coffee Mornings. A great way to meet up with friends – new and old – held every other Wednesday from 10am. Beverage, Cake & Raffle for £3.00.

Sunday 7 July - Edenham Village Hall, Edenham CofE Primary School Summer Fair. A day for all the family. See advert on page 7 for full details.

Thursday 25 July – Swinstead Village Hall - Summer Games Night. An evening of friendly games for the young and young at heart. A fun way to spend a night out with the children, with a great mix of board games, playing cards, table tennis, pool table and a dart board. **Bar opens 6.30pm – 10pm**

Saturday 3 August, Eyes down 7.30pm - Swinstead Village Hall, Swinstead Summer Bingo. Keep Calm and Play Bingo. Great raffle prizes to be won, with a £20 cash prize final full house. BYO Snacks & Bar opens 7pm.

Sunday 4 August, 2 pm - Witham on the Hill village green, Boules, Rounders and Village Social. Bring a picnic and share in the fun and games. All welcome.

Saturday 31 August, 3 pm until 5 pm - Edenham Vicarage, Edenham Church Garden Fete. Teas, cake stall, tombola, games, raffles, plants, book and bric-a-brac. All are welcome.

Saturday 7 September—Edenham Village Hall, 48th Annual Produce Show. See centre-page pull-out for full details.

Saturday 14 September - Lincolnshire Church Trust Bike, Ride and Stride. See advert on page 4 for full details.

Sunday 29 September, 6pm - Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Church, Witham on the Hill. Followed by supper in the Parish Hall.

Saturday 23 November 8.30am to 10am - Big Breakfast, St Andrew's Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill. Helpers required please, names to Frances Plummer.

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Food Stalls - Cakes & Refreshments
Bouncy Castle- Traditional Games
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Entertainment - BBQ & Bar



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ENTERTAINMENT

1pm Performance from Edenham School Choir

1.30pm Starstruck School of Performing Arts

2pm The Dance Academy, Corby Glen

2.30pm EWF Marshal Arts Demonstration

3.30pm Local Community Choir

4.15 pm Darling Princess Parties - Rapunzel and Elsa Meet & Greet

5pm PSA Raffle Draw and Closing of Event

Please note timings may change



The Witham Church and School Estate Charity

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The Witham Church and School Estate Educational Foundation

The Witham Church and School Estate charity was set up in 1548 to provide education and care for the children of the Witham Church (St Andrew's) ecclesiastical parish. The charity funds were gathered through legacies and charitable gifts. In 1692 a deed was drawn up and a board of trustees put in place to manage the trust and its assets. The funds originally provided for schoolhouses and paid for children's education and a schoolmaster prior to the introduction of government-provided education.

Today, the Trust funds are used to maintain the Parish Hall and, where necessary, St Andrew's Church. Additionally, the Trust runs and funds the Witham Church and School Estate Educational Foundation. This sister charity is used to assist students within the Parish with furthering their education usually by way of a cash grant to help them during their time at university, college or on an apprenticeship.

Have you considered leaving a legacy in your will or making a charitable gift?

If this is something you are thinking about, then do please consider making this gift to our local Parish charities. By doing so, you can be assured that the funds are being used to improve and assist with the continued education of young people in our Parish and/or to help ensure that our community retains its Parish Hall and Parish Church as hubs of the local community.

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The Vicar Writes

When it comes to change, social commentators are all pretty much agreed, change has changed. Change is no longer incremental (something that slowly evolves or increases) change is now exponential (it happens quickly and on a much larger scale). But there's more! For change is not only incremental or exponential, it's also infinitesimal. Infinitesimal in the sense that progressive small-scale change soon becomes creeping-big change; change that can take you by surprise.

So, you may have put on a pound or two over Christmas last year. It happens. Then it happens again the next year, and the next year, until suddenly, a decade has passed and you realise that a pound or two has transformed into several notches on your belt. That's when you realise that infinitesimal change has caught up with you!

But infinitesimal doesn't mean ineffectual. Infinitesimal change can have radical, life-altering, revolutionary consequences. Once you reach the tipping point (when the gradual and almost imperceptible tips over into major and unavoidable), change happens. It can change the way we think, the way we act, the way we deal with issues and

problems. Overnight a whole, new reality comes into being and everything changes.

Not sure about that? Well, a few Sundays back it was Father's Day, a day that (like it or not) reminds us of one of the greatest tipping points in life. The day someone becomes a parent, a father or a mother. That day is the culmination of infinitesimal change building up to become something fairly substantial. For me, the key to fatherhood isn't the big moments in our children's lives, but the little things, the small, almost infinitesimal, run-of-the-mill moments (like doing the school-run or saying goodnight before bed). Because little is often large, the infinitesimal can be hugely consequential and the 'humble' humongous!

But that's not all. For it's often the little things that make life seem fulfilling and worthwhile – glances, touches, gestures, unexpected gifts. These are often the things that we remember, the things that we carry with us throughout our lives. I think that we should actively celebrate the small things, for I do believe that the key to a great deal of wisdom lies in our ability to celebrate the small things.



Edenham Church Fete

Edenham Vicarage Garden

Saturday 31 August

3-5pm



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In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus focuses our attention on the simple miracle of being able to sleep and rise and to observe the amazing gift of growth that emerges from the earth. We might sow the tiny seed. But the potential for germination and the energy for growth, lies within the seed itself. It is something that unfolds according to its own internal directive (what we would identify as being the creative power of God). It's a powerful lesson and one that reminds us that learning to see and to celebrate the small things isn't always easy. Most of us would rather invest in big plans that could change the world overnight rather than back the gradually unfolding, slowly ripening, kingdom-crop that God has planted (a crop that will reach fruition according to the season of his divine purpose).

Jesus celebrates the small things precisely because they're often harbingers of God's providence and purpose. Jesus went to weddings and banquets. He dined with friends, strangers and sinners. He kept company with respected individuals and despised tax collectors. He took time out to do small but incredibly meaningful things; he played with children, he offered the hand of friendship to outsiders – to the cursed, the criminals, the lepers, Samaritans and notorious sinners.

Small things can make a big difference and no small thing changes us quite like a small hand slipping unassumingly into our own. All of us experience an infinitesimal tipping point, a moment of extraordinary grace when a child responds or puts their trust in us. Every day there are small moments, small gestures, small experiences, small windows that enable us to catch a glimpse of God's kingdom. Those small kingdom moments reveal to us that it's the small things that transform and prepare us for the glory that is to come.

In the end, nearly every parable and story that Jesus ever told boiled down to one, simple message: God the Father is in charge. If God the Father is in charge, then are you willing to put your trust in him, are you willing to follow the example of his Son? Are you able to celebrate the little things, to welcome the outcast and to put not just your tiny hand but your whole life into the hands of the One who holds time and eternity in his own? It may seem like an infinitesimal choice but it's one with wonderful and far-reaching consequences. It's a choice I've never regretted.

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Friday 6th September

6-7pm – Please bring your entries to the hall

Saturday 10th September

8.30-10.30am - Please bring your entries to the hall

2pm - Viewing and refreshments

3pm - Presentation of trophies followed by

3.30pm - Auction of produce

Scottlethorpe38@gmail.com or telephone Amanda Treacy 01778 591252 for queries

SECTION A – FLOWERS (Grown by the exhibitor for at least 2 months)

- 1 One rose (any variety)
- 2 Vase of six roses (any variety)
- 3 Vase of mixed flowers cut from open border (any variety)
- 4 Tallest Sunflower (judged on premises)
- 5 Flowering pot plant
- 6 Vase of five dahlias
- 7 Vase of five chrysanthemums
- 8 Foliage pot plant
- 9 Hanging basket (judged on premises)
- 10 Cactus or Succulent

SECTION B – DECORATIVE (Completed in the last 12 months)

- 11 Arrangement of flowers (not to exceed 24" overall)
- 12 Button hole used for a wedding (man or woman)
- 13 Pressed flower (size A5)
- 14 A flower or foliage arrangement in an unusual container
- 15 Decorative door wreath (12" in diameter)
- 16 Decorative headdress
- 17 One vegetable and one bloom (open to any interpretation)
- 18 Greenery arrangement not to exceed 18" overall

SECTION C –FRUIT AND VEGETABLES (Grown by the exhibitor for at least two months)

- 19 Box of mixed vegetables (maximum box size 18" x 12")
- 20 Cucumber
- 21 Three potatoes any colour
- 22 Three quality carrots with 3" tops
- 23 Pepper (any variety)
- 24 Three onion sets (cut and tied)
- 25 One large onion (cut and tied)
- 26 Three greenhouse tomatoes
- 27 Three pods of runner beans
- 28 Unusual shaped, or sized, fruit or veg
- 29 Pair of marrows, courgettes, squash or pumpkins
- 30 Five shallots
- 31 Three beetroot with 3" tops
- 32 Tied bunch of three herbs
- 33 Three dessert apples
- 34 Three cooking apples
- 35 Bowl of dessert fruit

Section D – HOMEMADE (Completed in the last 12 months, wrapped in Clingfilm)

- 36 Homemade beverage (alcoholic or non-alcoholic)
- 37 Jar of curd any flavour (must have cellophane top)
- 38 Jar of jam any flavour (must have cellophane top)
- 39 Jar of marmalade any variety (must have cellophane top)
- 40 Jar of chutney any variety (must have cellophane top)
- 41 Three scotch eggs
- 42 Victoria sponge (jam filled, sprinkled with castor sugar)
- 43 Victoria sponge baked by a man (jam filled, sprinkled with castor sugar)
- 44 Six squares of flapjack
- 45 Showstopper (baked item with WOW factor)
- 46 Four fruit scones
- 47 One rich fruit cake
- 48 Savoury quiche in foil container
- 49 Apple pie in foil container
- 50 Loaf of bread
- 51 Decorated chocolate cake

- 52 Chocolate Guinness “Bake off cake” (see recipe on last page)
- 53 Five pieces of shortbread
- 54 Five decorated cupcakes
- 55 Five pieces of lemon tray bake
- 56 Six sausage rolls

Section E – HANDICRAFTS (Completed in the last 12 months)

- 57 Drawing or Painting (oil or watercolour)
- 58 Sewing machine item
- 59 Wood crafted item
- 60 Hand knitted or crocheted item
- 61 Item of patchwork
- 62 Wind chime
- 63 Article of embroidery or cross stitch
- 64 Veg & Produce Show themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)
- 65 Upcycled/recycled item (include the item origin and what it has transitioned into)
- 66 Item of paper craft

Section F – CHILDREN Under 7 years (key stage 1)

- 67 Item of cookery
- 68 Vegetable model
- 69 Drawing or painting of your home (A4 max)
- 70 Miniature Garden (maximum size 12” x 18”. Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
- 71 Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
- 72 Veg & Produce Show themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)

Section F - CHILDREN 7–15 years (key stage 2 - 4)

- 73 Item of cookery
- 74 Vegetable model
- 75 Drawing or painting of your home (A4 max)
- 76 Miniature Garden (maximum size 12” x 18”. Traditional or modern. Be creative!)
- 77 Home grown fruit, flower or vegetable
- 78 Veg & Produce Show themed bunting flag (any material, triangle, A5 size)

Section G – PHOTOGRAPHY (Taken after March 2020 with the exception of class 82)
(Maximum size of photo 7” x 5”)

- 79 Funny photo
- 80 Bridges
- 81 Sunrise or sunset

82 Farming

83 Circles

Section H – DISASTER

84 Planned entry that ended in disaster

Section D – HOMEMADE Class 52. Bake off cake recipe

Cake

275g plain flour

400g caster sugar

250g unsalted butter,

75g cocoa powder

250ml Guinness

150ml sour cream

2 large eggs

1 tablespoon vanilla extract

2.5 teaspoons bicarbonate of soda

Topping

300g cream cheese

150g icing sugar

2 teaspoons cornflour

125ml double cream or whipping cream



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The Fen Causeway

One thing the Roman invaders in England were famous for was building durable roads whose abiding feature was that they ran straight as an arrow across the countryside ignoring hills, fields, woodlands and ancient tribal boundaries.

The best local example of a Roman road, although doubtless rebuilt many times over the last 2,000 years, is King Street which turns off the A15 just north of Baston and runs past the Waterside Garden Centre. This road is indeed arrow straight and level for miles. The road user can almost see the end of it.

Not so the road known as the Fen Causeway. The Fens at the time were mostly undrained land which flooded in winter with a few small “islands” of slightly higher ground. Thus, the road had to weave from island to island, round deep marshes and water courses, creating a very un-straight route.

Fen Causeway starts in the east at Denver in Norfolk, just south of Downham Market where there was a Roman salt works. It continues through Whittlesey and the bronze age museum at Flag Fen, across Peterborough, and finishing in the west at the Roman fort of Durobrivae near Water Newton where it joined the major north-south route Ermine Street. Fen Causeway is just 24 miles long. It was raised above the marshy fens using gravel with a width of up to 60 feet.

Durobrivae was a significant walled Roman town and fort established to protect the crossing point of Ermine Street over the River Nene. The name translates as “Fort by the Bridge”. It sits south of the River Nene on a stretch of land about 2 miles long and 1 mile wide. Its position along the main north-south route of Ermine Street, with access to the Fens and their waterways, meant it was the perfect place for a busy commercial centre. “Nene Valley ware” was produced here, a finely decorated pottery that was traded around

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Britain. The natural resources of the area provided clay for pottery, iron ore for metalworking, trees for fuel and fertile fields for farming. The walls and central street of Durobrivae are still visible as bumps in a field (pictured) which borders the south-bound carriageway of the A1 at a lay-by just south of Water-Newton. Coincidentally, this is where King Street finishes. Aerial photography has provided strong indications of the layout of streets and buildings within the town. Durobrivae appears on both the Landranger, and in more detail, on the Explorer versions of Ordnance Survey maps. It is scheduled under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act to be of national importance.



Flag Fen is a museum east of Peterborough built around a Bronze Age site discovered in 1982 by Francis Pryor consisting of a large wooden causeway from one fen island to another, built 3,500 years ago. The Roman road which crosses the site came much later. In fact, a section of the

road has been excavated and can be seen by visitors. In recent years reconstructions of Bronze Age roundhouses have been built. Flag Fen was probably abandoned long before the Roman occupation.

The Fen Causeway was built after the rebellion of Queen Boadicea (sometimes called Boudicca) leading the Iceni tribes in AD 60. The new road meant that troops could be sent quickly to put down further rebellion from the Norfolk tribes. In addition, the road linked the north and west of England to East Anglia, improving communication routes for trade.

Anyone who is really enthusiastic about Roman roads, and apparently such

people exist, will be unable to walk along the Fen Causeway. Most of it is buried under Peterborough or through fields and there appears to be nowhere it appears above ground, unlike King Street and many others. The section at Flag Fen is the best bet. Think of it as a useful addition to the history of Boadicea's revolt and the rich local history of our area.

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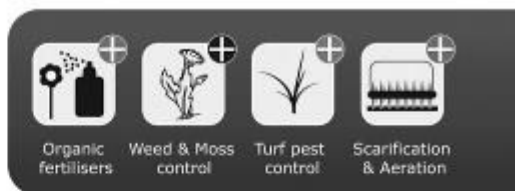
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Stamford Lincolnshire

Witham on the Hill WI

June 2024

The speaker for the evening: Michael Elliot, a National Trust volunteer, took us on a “Whistle Stop Visit to Stoneywell Cottage” in Leicestershire. In 1899 Sydney Gimson of the Vulcan Iron Works in Leicester, commissioned his brother Ernest to design the cottage as a summer house.

The cottage and its collection provide a rare example of an Arts and Crafts home in its entirety – 80 per cent of the furniture, including Gimson’s ladder back chairs and an oak bed, is on loan to the National Trust but still owned by the family and we were shown slides of each light-filled room.

Ernest Gimson designed the cottage to appear as if grown among the rocky outcrops of the Charnwood Forest and the cottage’s 11 rooms are on 7 different levels. Except for its slate roof, which was replaced by local slate in 1939 after the thatch was destroyed by fire following the installation of electricity the year before, Stoneywell retains much of its original character and has been adapted rather than changed.

It is set in beautiful gardens in 11 acres of Stoney Wood. First used as a summer house it became a family

home from the 1950s.

Sydney died in 1938 and the cottage passed through the family until his great nephew, Donald Gimson and his wife and children, moved in and lived there from 1953 all year round.

In 2012 Donald, who was then 88, sold the cottage to the National Trust and it has been restored to show how the family lived and worked in the 1950s.

The recent BBC TV show “Make it at Market” was filmed at Stoneywell. In 2019 to commemorate 100 years since Ernest died, the whole family gathered together in the cottage. The Tour of the cottage and gardens takes about 2 hours and there is a small tearoom and second-hand bookshop which would make it a delightful day out!

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2 July at 7.30pm in St Andrew’s Parish Hall, Witham on the Hill, when members will be entertained by Melody Flyte, a singer of 1940’s songs.

It will be a joint meeting with Carlby WI. Visitors and new members are very welcome.

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Seasonal Recipe

Lamb Kebabs

This is one of Madhur Jaffrey's wonderfully simple recipes that is perfect for the summer. You can cook the kebabs on the BBQ or under a grill.

250 g boned shoulder or leg of lamb	1 crushed clove of garlic
4 tbsp full-fat natural yoghurt	1 tsp ground cumin
1½ tbsp lemon juice	½ tsp ground coriander
2.5 cm cube of grated fresh ginger	¼ tsp cayenne pepper
1½ tbsp vegetable oil	¾ tsp salt

Cut the meat into 2 cm cubes and place in a bowl or a freezer bag.

Mix the yoghurt, lemon juice and salt with the spices.

Add the yoghurt mixture to the meat, cover and refrigerate for anywhere between 6 and 24 hours.

At least 30 mins before cooking, remove the meat from the fridge and thread onto skewers and lightly brush with vegetable oil.

If using a grill, place the kebabs on a baking tray to keep your oven clean.

Bring the BBQ or grill up to temperature and cook the kebabs until lightly browned on one side then turn to brown the other side.

Serves 2 as a main or 4 as a snack

Note: I prefer to use a freezer bag for marinades as it ensures better coating of the meat and is easy to pop just about anywhere in the fridge.

Tom McWilliams

PARISH SERVICES FOR JULY 2024

	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham
7 th July Trinity 6	There are no services at Swinstead during July	10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)
14 th July Trinity 7			10.30am Benefice Eucharist (Grimsthorpe Chapel) 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)
21 st July Trinity 8		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (<u>Note</u> : Stable Chapel)
28 th July Trinity 9		10am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)

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