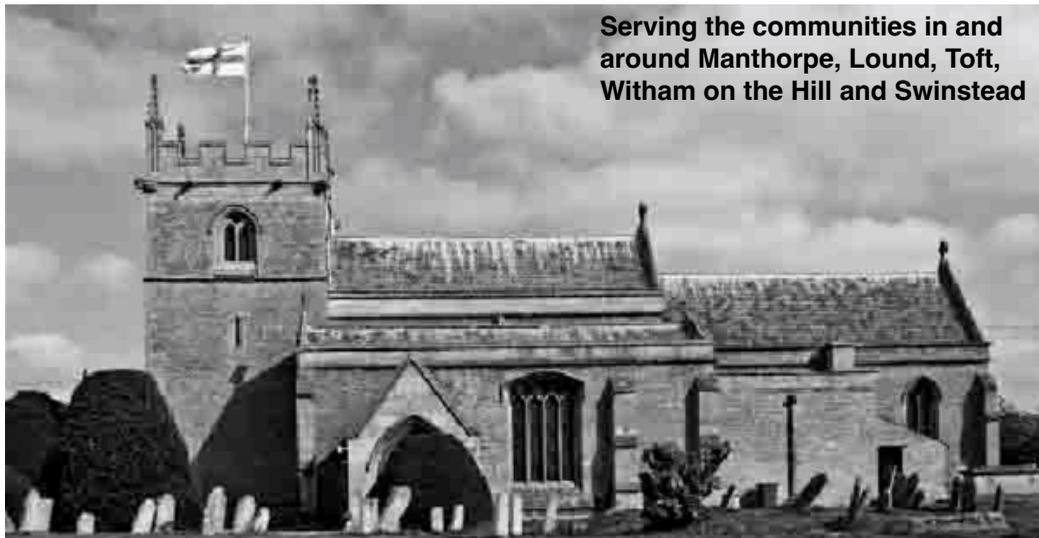


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Parish News

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CONDOLENCES to Hazel, family, friends and neighbours on the loss of Andy Darley, of Manthorpe, who passed away on 25 May.

CONDOLENCES to David, family, friends and neighbours on the loss of Susan Johnson, who lived in Scottlethorpe for many years.

CONDOLENCES to family friends and neighbours of Mary Osborn, whose funeral took place at St Michael's, Edenham on Thursday 5 June.

BAPTISM Digby William Richard Hedley Hibbins and Maximillian, James Peter Hedley Hibbins twin sons of Jo and Jess Hibbins on 25 May at St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill.

BAPTISM Phoebe Haver, granddaughter of Caroline Haver, and great granddaughter of Doris Bee, on 25 May at St Michael's, Edenham.

BAPTISM Quinn Marlow Barrington Schwarz, son of Jade and Robert Schwarz, on 1 June at St Andrew's, Witham on the Hill.

BAPTISM Summer Lewis on 8 June at St Michael's, Edenham.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all those who provided refreshments for the Music in Quiet Places at Witham on the Hill. The concert was excellent and attended by 128 people. The evening raised over £500 for St Andrew's Church funds. Well done to all those who helped in the organisation of the event.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 2, 16 and 30 July, from 10.30am to 12pm – Swinstead Village Hall - Social Coffee Mornings. Come and meet some new friends and enjoy some company, accompanied with coffee, tea, scones, cakes and bakes, and a chance to win a great prize with one free raffle ticket - all for £3.00.

Sunday 6 July 2pm Petanque, Pimms and Picnic the village green, Witham on the Hill.

Saturday 12 July at 7.30pm – Swinstead Village Hall - The Ultimate Quiz Night. Gather a team and test your knowledge, covering all genres. £2 entry –

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Saturday 19 July 3-5pm Vicarage Garden Fete, Edenham, to raise funds for Edenham **Church**. All the usual stalls, games, raffle and teas.

Saturday 26 July, 7pm - Edenham Village Hall - Steam Action Bingo. Doors open at 6:30pm. Cash prizes, raffle, tea and coffee. Bring your own drink if you wish.

Saturday 2 August at 7.30pm – Swinstead Village Hall - Darts Knockout Tournament. Polish up your darts and come down for what will be an eventful evening of skill and competition. £5 per player with 1st prize £100 cash plus prizes for 180's highest check out. Doors and bar open at 7pm and darts from 7.30pm.

Friday 15 August at 9.30pm - Swinstead Village VJ Day Beacon Lighting - Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) marks the formal end of World War II after Japan's surrender to the Allied forces on August 15, 1945. To commemorate this historical day, Swinstead will light the Village Beacon Brazier at 9.30pm sharp and afterwards raise a glass in the village hall bar. The bar will open at 7pm for anyone wishing to drop in prior.

Saturday 6 September 08:30 onwards - Steam Action 49th Annual Produce Show, Edenham Village Hall. See schedule on pages 9 to 12.

Saturday 13 September, 3pm to 7pm - Swinstead Village Hall. What better way to enjoy an afternoon out with the family, taste some lovely home baked cakes and refreshments, along with trying your hand at Skittling – lots of fun for the kids and adults! All in aid of raising monies for Macmillan Cancer Research and support charity. Best of Day Knockout will win £100 worth of pork ready for the freezer, amongst other Piggy fun prizes. Swinstead Village Bar will be open from 3pm and refreshments and cakes are available.

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49th Annual Produce Show

Saturday 6th Sept. 2025 | Edenham Village Hall

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- Eligible members of Steam Action
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Friday 5th September

6-7pm - Please bring your entries to the hall (No food items)

Saturday 6th 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

* 50p per entry

* Winners trophies are given but need to be returned before next year's show

* Scoring: 1st - 3 points & £1 prize money, 2nd - 2 points, 3rd - 1 point

* Show secretaries Nikki Gunn 01778 591197 & Amanda Treacy

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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 (A5 size)
- 14 A flower or foliage arrangement in an unusual container
- 15 Decorative door wreath (12" 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 in a bottle (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 6 cheese straws (any size)
- 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 Lemon meringue pie (foil container)
- 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 (any size)
- 51 Decorated chocolate cake
- 52 Banana cake- "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 (any size)
- 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 An item of homemade jewellery

SECTION F - CHILDREN Under 7 years (key stage 1)

- 67 Item of cookery
- 68 Vegetable model
- 69 Self Portrait- (any media) (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 Self Portrait (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 in the last 12 months)

(Maximum size of photo 7" x 5")

- 79 Funny photo
- 80 Bridges
- 81 Sunrise or sunset
- 82 Farming
- 83 Triangles

SECTION H - DISASTER

- 84 Planned entry that ended in disaster

Show Rules

1. Children may enter any class, but this must be clearly stated at time of entry.
2. The organisers reserve the right to alter or omit any classes.
3. Care will be taken to safeguard exhibits, but the organisers cannot be responsible for loss or damage, or for exhibits left after 3.30pm on the day of the show.
4. "Not for sale" cards are available on request and should be placed with any item entered but not for the auction.
5. The judge's decision is final.
6. Bunting in E64, F72 and F78 is to be kept and hung at future shows.

SECTION D - HOMEMADE Class 52. Bake off cake recipe

Cake

345g mashed bananas	375g all purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder	1 tsp baking soda
½ tsp ground cinnamon	½ tsp salt
170g unsalted butter	200g granulated sugar
100g light or dark brown sugar	3 large eggs
2 tsp pure vanilla extract	360ml buttermilk

Cream Cheese Frosting

226g full fat brick cream cheese	113g unsalted butter
360g confectioners' sugar	1 tsp pure vanilla extract

The Vicar Writes

I stand before you as a condemned man. After thirty-one years of driving, I unexpectedly received my first speeding ticket in the post the other week. How fast was I going? Did I have my foot to the floor travelling out of Essendine? Was I leaving everyone for dust on the A1? No, I was convicted of doing 27 mph in a Cornish village which, along with many others, has had its speed limit reduced from 30 mph to 20 mph in the last twelve months. Like many drivers, I usually rely on my Sat Nav to show me the speed limit and I thought I was being sensible entering a 30 zone at 27 mph.

Now, having read what I've just told you, you may have some sympathy for me. I freely admit, the way I wrote it was intended to do just that – it was intended to suggest that I wasn't really at fault, that I'm actually a cautious driver and, on top of that, I'm a Vicar admitting it all in the Parish Magazine and, thanks to Dawn French, Vicars are generally regarded as 'nice people'. The only problem with all that is that it makes no difference whatsoever! Regardless of any personal mitigating circumstances I might plead, I still broke the law and the law is blind to such things (plus the paperwork I received from Devon and Cornwall Police stated quite clearly that relying on your Sat Nav to tell you the speed limit is no excuse).

So, having been accused of breaking the law (and having admitted to doing so) I must now face the penalty. Ask anyone what the penalty is for a first speeding offence and they'll tell you it's three points on your license and a fine or compulsory attendance at an Educational Course ('Speed School' according to my unsympathetic children) which costs about as much as the fine and lasts for three hours. I've been told various things about the course and that it's a good idea to brush up on the Highway Code before attending.

So, there you have it. That was my crime and that is (or will be) my punishment. Any pleading on my part is pointless and if I still want to think of myself as a 'nice person', I will have to add somewhere in the small print that I'm a nice person who happens to have a speeding conviction (doesn't have the same ring to it, does it?). I can't say that my conviction is less morally offensive than others (you get the same for 27 mph as for 77 mph) or that I've been hard done to by Cornwall Council for reducing the limit in a village I've driven through safely half a dozen times before they changed it (20 mph is just as enforceable as 30 mph).

Why am I telling you this? Well, it's because we can find ourselves viewing God in a similar way. Many of us are



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happy to see God as the moral arbitrator of what's right and wrong. We can appreciate that the Ten Commandments make sense but we overlook them when it comes to Sunday shopping and we might give ourselves the occasional opt-out from the others by believing it when people say that most wars are started by religion (they aren't). But that doesn't stop us from railing at God when illness, tragedy or bereavement touches our lives. But even that is nothing new (a good portion of the Psalms are people expressing the exact same sentiments to God). The curious thing is that we often justify ourselves before God by claiming the same kind of mitigating circumstances that won't get me off my speeding ticket. But can we really stand before the creator of heaven and earth and claim that he's no reason to be concerned about us because we happened to be relying on someone/ something else to guide us and that we're all nice people?

The reality is that God is actually more willing to listen to you than you think and what he offers in response isn't a fine, an educational course or three irrevocable points on the license of your soul. Instead, he offers his son; the nicest person who ever lived, who ended up on a cross because people felt threatened by him. There is a cost to sin – to what we say and do and think that isn't driven by selfless love. But Jesus isn't the equivalent of a letter from Devon and Cornwall Police THAT HAS A LOT OF CAPITAL LETTERS ON IT, REMINDING YOU THAT YOU'VE DONE SOMETHING WRONG. No, he's the one mitigating circumstance that will give you the opportunity to reappraise, to start again and then strive to do better (and that's something I think we all need). I once heard Jesus described as 'God's love letter to humanity'. That's one letter I really wouldn't mind receiving unexpectedly. How about you?

Fr Edward

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Gargoyles, Grotesques and Miscellaneous Carvings

Gargoyles are elaborate carvings in the shape of fearsome and frightening beasts frequently found on medieval churches and designed to carry rainwater away from the walls from its mouth or from a short pipe projecting from its mouth. Grotesques are carvings in a similar vein that serve no architectural or structural purpose whatsoever and are purely decorative. These figures are often thought of as protection from evil spirits and as reminders of the separation of the earth from the divine.

Architectural historians and scholars have documented the history and origin of the names. For instance, the term “gargoyle” comes from the French word “gargouille,” that means throat but sounds like “gargle”, hinting at the function of these figures. “Grotesque” originates from the fascination with the Roman empire which led in the late 1400s to the excavation of ancient caves adorned with murals depicting human and animal forms. The Italian word “grottesca” means cave which in turn evolved into the term “grotesque.” A “chimera” is a type of grotesque depicting a mythical combination of multiple animals, sometimes including humans. The most common reason why grotesques and gargoyles are often used in medieval architecture is that the grotesques were “apotropaic”, meaning to ward off evil. It’s often said that grotesques are concentrated on the north sides of buildings, the sunless side from which demons would be expected to attack. Not true, grotesques are evenly distributed all round many Gothic churches. Some kinds of grotesque carving are, shall we say, rather risqué. These are surprisingly common in medieval churches. The two commonest theories are that they are apotropaic, or that they are warnings against the sin of lust.

But could it be that the masons were entertaining themselves, having a laugh? Was it a fashion amongst them? Or perhaps they had carved grotesques on other buildings and decided to include them where they were currently working.



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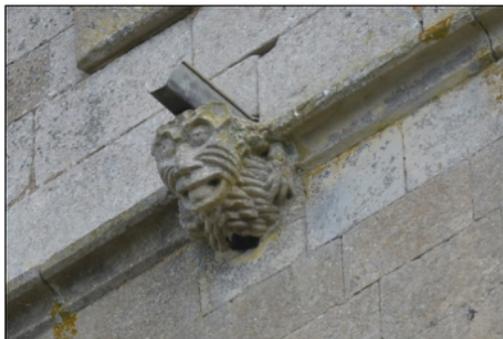


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In the 13th century there was a monk called Bernard who was famous for building big abbeys and churches mainly in the west country. Even he admitted that even he didn't know why they were made.



St. John the Baptist Baston



St. Mary, Swinstead

There are gargoyles and grotesques on several of our local churches. St. John the Baptist at Baston has a fine west tower in the Perpendicular style with a moulded string course just below the battlements. Gargoyles are mounted just below this course. The odd thing here is that rainwater chutes project immediately above the gargoyle, almost resting on their heads. St. Andrew at Irnham has a similar arrangement with rainwater channels above the carving. St. Michael and all Angels at Edenham also has a handsome Perpendicular west tower with a frieze just below the battlements with excellent grotesques. But in my view the finest grotesques are found at the top of the tower at St. Mary, Swinstead. There are four of them, positioned at each corner of the tower. A bit of lichen grows on them and there is some erosion. But despite the wear and tear, they are in remarkably good condition. Not only that but as the tower is a bit short, they can be more easily viewed. And St. Mary has a decent size car park! Strangely, "Buildings of England" by Sir Nikolaus Pevsner describes these grotesques as gargoyles, when there is no provision for rainwater drainage.

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There are many other types of carving, not necessarily grotesque, on our parish churches that should not be ignored. For example, a short frieze of small human heads above the south buttress on the west wall at the base of the tower at St. Mary, Clipsham. All around the very top of the tower at St Stephen, Careby, just below the start of the roof, are several human heads in a variety of expressions that are almost grotesque. St. Michael Langtoft has a similar row of heads at the top of the tower. Nor should carvings in the inside of churches be ignored. Not gargoyles or grotesques but still worth mentioning. For instance, at St. Andrew Witham on the Hill there are very fine carvings on the ends of the pews in the chancel and small but excellent stone heads in the spandrels of the arches in the nave. Several churches have carved angels, with wings spread wide, projecting from the wall-plates at the bottom of a wooden ceiling, often called an angel roof. St. Martin, Barholm is a particularly superb example. Far more attractive than gargoyles.

The trouble with gargoyles, grotesques and most interior carvings is that they are usually high up, and as we rarely tend to look upwards, they are often not noticed. Which is a shame because they are well worth looking at. The good thing is that very few churches are entirely bereft of such works of art, except perhaps the smaller churches. So, the best advice when visiting any church is simple: look up.

Dick Mundy



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WITHAM HALL HITS THE MARK

Witham Hall enjoyed fantastic success at the Independent Association of Prep Schools Clay Shooting national finals. Eight pupils represented the school across the Under 11, Under 12 and Under 13 age groups with several stand-out performances at West London Shooting School.

Charlotte defended her title and was awarded the Under 13 individual female winner, while Etta earned second place in the Under 12 individual female category.

Charlotte also joined Archie, William and Harry to secure first place in the Under 13 team competition.

Meanwhile, Archie and Max claimed first place in the Under 11 category to cap a proud day for Witham Hall.



WITHAM ON THE HILL WI

JUNE 2025

Kenneth Moore, the speaker, said he is a tour guide at Lincoln Castle, the International Bomber Command Memorial Centre and has been a speaker on Fred Olsen Cruises. He flew in Shackletons, Phantom F4s, Tornados and AWACS as a navigator. He said that the Shackleton was a 1950s plane with a 1940s radar and joked that it was 50,000 rivets in close formation!

He spoke of training Exercise Redcan when he had to pretend to be a Russian Tupolev plane and an incident when ashes were scattered from a plane over the sea by the RAF Padre, the ashes blowing back into the galley stew pot which was stirred and served! He insisted this was a true story.

His talk was illustrated with photographs edited with cartoon characters. He spoke of the problems of using the toilet bags when on a long flight and of the walk of shame at mess dinners! He told of having his room taken by Prince William when he had booked a place at HMS Excellent in Portsmouth while on a training course – but did meet him at breakfast.

His career took him to various places including Iceland, the Falklands, Italy and Bosnia. He ended his talk saying he met King Charles last year when he received the Elizabeth Emblem, an honour granted to the next of kin of

emergency personnel who lose their lives in the course of duty. His father, a diver, died saving the lives of people in the Manchester ship canal.

Members are looking forward to outings to Easton Walled Gardens, Elton Hall and Toilethorpe. The knitted squares are progressing rapidly and 6 blankets have so far been completed. It is hoped to present a dozen to Peterborough hospital in the autumn.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8 July at 7.30pm in Carlby village hall, as it will be the annual joint meeting with Carlby WI. The speaker, Jeff Woods aka Pavanotti, is an operatic tenor with lots of funny stories.

Visitors and new members are always very welcome - entry fee £5. For more information contact Jane Clark, Secretary: tel 01778 590232.

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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.

If you wish to leave a legacy in your will or make a charitable gift to our local charities, or would like further information, then please contact the Clerk by email: withamtrust@gmail.com.

QR CODES – THEY ARE POPPING UP EVERYWHERE

Have you sat down in a café or a restaurant recently and, instead of a menu, you find a QR code stuck on the table? Or have you seen an advert for an event and been tempted to scan the code to find out more about it? Although this saves the restaurant from printing new menus and the event details are more readily available to you on your smartphone, BEWARE.

QR codes are so easy to create and print out that they are pretty well ubiquitous in the UK and all over Europe.

Sadly, scammers have cottoned on to QR codes in a big way. The scam I wish you to consider is that they have stuck their scam QR code over the original that will take you to a website that looks like the original but is, in fact, a scam from which they will either hi-jack your smartphone or steal your details when you attempt to order something.

What can you do about it?

Trace your finger over the QR code. If you can feel a ridge or the surface feels different from the rest of the surroundings, then the code may be a scammed one under a piece of tape. DO NOT trust it.

WHY ARE PEOPLE STILL FALLING FOR THIS SCAM?

Your bank, the police and any other organisation WILL NEVER CALL YOU AND ASK YOU TO MOVE MONEY INTO A “SAFE” ACCOUNT. No matter how convincing and/or frightening it may be told that your money is at risk and you need to set up a new account and transfer money into it, IT IS A LIE.

If you receive such a call, simply cut the call and never call the number they may have given to you to check on their credentials. It will also be fake.

Best thing to do is to call someone you know and trust and let them know that you have had the call. This will do 2 things - a problem shared is a problem halved and it will also ensure that the scammer is not holding your line open. This is another trick that they do. They keep the line open and when you think that you have called your bank, you are actually still talking to the scammers.

Jane's Seasonal Recipe

I made my own rhubarb compote – stewing rhubarb with a little sugar. The original recipe used ground ginger but I prefer the texture and flavour of stem ginger.

RHUBARB AND GINGER CAKE

385g Bonne Maman rhubarb compote
250g plain flour
1 ½ teaspoons bicarb
2 tablespoons chopped stem ginger
200g golden caster sugar
75g soft brown sugar
2 eggs
150ml veg oil

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100g butter
200g icing sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Reserve 2 tablespoons of compote for icing. Whisk sugar, eggs, oil and the remaining compote. Stir in flour and bicarb, beat in stem ginger, mixing well. Spoon into greased and lined 10in square tin. Bake 160°C for 45-50 mins. Cool in tin for 10 mins then turn onto wire rack to cool. Beat butter, sugar and vanilla with reserved compote, until smooth. Chill until thickened. Spread over top of cake.

Serve cut in squares.

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	Swinstead	Witham	Edenham	<u>Bythams</u>
6 th July <i>Trinity 3</i>		9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)	9.30am Parish Eucharist (<u>Castle Bytham</u>)
13 th July <i>Trinity 4</i>	9.30am Parish Eucharist	9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)	6pm Parish Eucharist (<u>Careby</u>)
20 th July <i>Trinity 5</i>		9.30am Parish Eucharist	11.15am Parish Eucharist 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)	9.30am Parish Eucharist (<u>Creeton</u>)
27 th July <i>Trinity 6</i>			9.30am Group Eucharist (Grimsthorpe Chapel) 4pm Evensong (Grimsthorpe Chapel)	9.30am Parish Eucharist (<u>Little Bytham</u>)

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