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Would like to invite all villagers to the
Annual Parish Meeting
On the 4th April
6.30pm-7.30pm
At the Village Hall

Guest speakers will be from the School,
Friends of School and the Community Group.

Refreshments will be served



Church Services

You will notice, on page 11, that the service schedule looks different! Beginning in May there are some extra services that are being added to the normal pattern across the six churches of the benefice.

We will now be holding a regular service at North Witham on the second Sunday of the month – Family Communion at 11am

We have also added two services of Evensong, one at South Witham on the second Sunday and one at Little Bytham, on the third Sunday, both of these start at 6pm.

On the fourth Sunday there is a Family Service at 11am in Castle Bytham, and Morning Praise at 11am in South Witham. The Family Service will be family orientated and will be less formal. This will happen bi-monthly, alternately between these two parishes.

We hope that this will offer a variety of opportunities to worship in different ways. Please come along and sample what we offer!

Also, there is a table of services for Holy Week leading up to Easter. I hope that you find some time to come along and participate in some of these. Easter Day will be different too, starting at Careby with Holy Communion at 9am, followed by Family Communion at North Witham at 11am and Easter Praise at South Witham at 4pm, including an Easter Egg Hunt for children (There may be a prize for the winner!), crafts to participate in and some refreshments too! We look forward to welcoming you to celebrate Easter with us!

FREE SPORTS DAYS

(Suitable for
12-18 year olds)

10th April– 13th April

11am-1pm

At the Village Hall

More details on the
back page



South Witham Community Group

Easter Raffle Coffee Morning
5th April
9am to Midday
At the Village Hall



Children's
Easter Cupcake/Biscuit
Competition

Holy Week Services for the Group

Monday April 10th	Holy Communion 7.30pm	North Witham
Tuesday April 11th	Holy Communion 7.30pm	Careby
Wednesday April 12th	Holy Communion 10am	Castle Bytham
Thursday April 13th	Agape Meal 7.30pm	Little Bytham
Friday April 14th	Service of Meditation 2pm	Creeton
Saturday April 15th	Kindling of the New Light 7.30pm	South Witham

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Thursday	New Zumba Class	7-8pm
Sunday	Football Club David Selby 07940969862	10.30am kick offs
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Get your body Moving
Reach up, Jump up
Give your friend the 'thumbs up'!
It's another new day!*

*Get you feet
Dancing to the beat
Get your body moving
Raise a shout (HEY!)
Let your feelings out
It's another new day!*



As the ribbon was cut at the front gates by the Mayor of Grantham the children released their balloons into the blue sky

South Witham Garden Club



The January meeting on Tuesday 31st we had Shaun Mason from the Angel Inn demonstrated how to create a vegetable risotto from fresh garden vegetables. During the time of cooking the risotto Shaun prepared ingredients for a Parsnip cake. When the risotto was cooked Shaun gave everyone a portion to try. This went down very well. Although the cake is called a Parsnip cake the texture and taste was quite sweet. First of all Shaun should the members how to make the cake and then like 'Blue Peter' he produced one which he had baked and decorated earlier. The evening was enjoyed by everyone and a very Big thankyou to Shaun for shoeing us some of his expertise.

Our speaker in February was Mr Ball. Peter told us about the history of Lace making in this country and

of course Chantilly. He had samples of various types of lace which were admired by everyone. Peter went on to explain the art of lace making which included the different methods and material used. Some of the members had a go at weaving the lace with the bobbins.

On the 28th March we will have Penny Vincent showing us how to create an Easter Tree.

April 25th is our annual Question and Answer Garden Forum. If you have any questions about gardening please feel free to contact Patsi

The month of May is when we hold the annual Photographic Competition– Plant sale and also we have a quiz which is expertly composed by our very own Margaret Spiers

For information about any of our gatherings please feel free to contact Patsi on 07880677538 or evenings only on my land line 01572767715



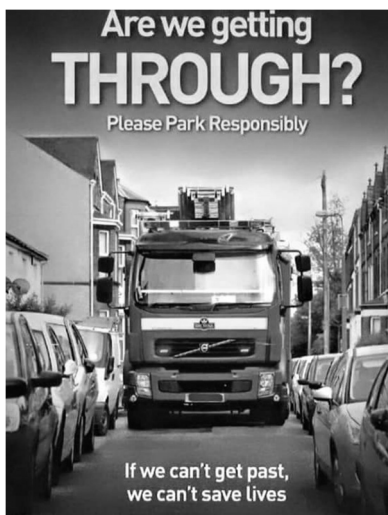
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South Witham Club Details

South Witham Archaeological Group (SWAG)

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Peter Ball - 01572 767758

South Witham Garden Club (SWG)

Meetings held last Tuesday of the month - new members welcome
Patsi: 07880 677538

South Witham Ladies Welcome Club (SWLWC)

Meetings held 2nd Tuesday of the month
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South Witham Ladies Welcome Club

Spring is in the air at last, after a rather wet and windy winter the sun is now shining, the daffodils and primroses are in bloom and some of the trees and hedgerows are starting to come into leaf and blossom.

The club continues to flourish but we would love to welcome more members.

On February 14th our speaker was Peter Rush who told us all about his life as a free Church Minister, being protestant—but not C of E.. He holds weekly meetings in Market Overton Village Hall and has a regular congregation of approx. 50 drawn from around the district, also holding various events throughout the year. He visits 10 schools in the area, telling uniquely illustrated religious stories, making it very entertaining for the children. He also told us about all the churches/chapels in South Witham from, there supposedly being a Quaker burial ground in the village. A Mr Ward being a free Church minister in 1803—a Methodist Church dating from 1806 and the Congregational Church built in 1843 which was also a Missionary School plus many other facts about religion in the village. Our March meeting was attended by all our members plus three visiting gentlemen. The speaker was our old friend Robert Holland his talk this time being about the Darjeeling Mountain Railway. Robert is a very keen steam enthusiast and has visited many narrow gauge railways in this country and abroad. The Darjeeling Railway was built in 1881 for the British Raj, its design based on the Ffestiniog railway in Wales the actual construction being assisted by engineers sent from Porthmadoc. It now has 18 'B' class engines which run on a very twisting 2 foot wide tract from Japlaiguri to Darjeeling in the foothills of the Himalayas in India, approx. 7 hours.

It travels through crowded villages with complete disregard for safety, children play on the track, people in overcrowded carriages etc. A complete health and safety nightmare. However he found the people there to be the most cheerful and friendly he has ever met despite the extreme poverty. The Railway is the largest single employer in the would, with whole families working together and taking pride in their jobs. The Darjeeling M. R. Society (of which he is a member) supports a local school along the line and works to help with its general upkeep and preservation. It is now a World Heritage site. His many accompanying slides were fascinating. Robert now lives in Ropsley Heath where he has a 13/4 inch gauge model railway running through his garden. He is also in the process of building a much larger ride on track with two locomotives. Once again a very entertaining talk by Mr Holland. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th April when our speaker will be local gentleman Mr Nick Ireland—'my life—1940 to the present day (this could be interesting)

In may we will have an evening out and our annual dinner the date and venue is still to be decided. Members will be given full details next month

Meetings are held in the Village hall on the 2nd Tuesday each month, except for outings in May and July and last for about 2 hours commencing at 7.30pm. Guest, male and female are always very welcome.

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Parish Council meetings are held on the **1st Tuesday of the month, 7.30 in the Village Hall**. All Meetings are open to the public. Any item to be discussed by the Parish Council must be received a fortnight before by the Parish Clerk, Mrs H Sandon, 53 Pridmore Road, Corby Glen. NG33 4JN. Tel 01476 552166 or email parish.clerk@pc.south-witham.org.uk. If draft minutes of the previous meetings are not published in the Witham Word then they can be found on the village website, notice boards throughout the village, both shops and both pubs. Should you require a hard copy then please contact the Parish Clerk. Many thanks.

Receive Declaration of Interests 17-033 Cllr Oldfield declared an interest in *Clerks & Councillors reports on;*

17-037, e) South Witham Academy i) Ratification of letter to school re. proposed holidays.

Report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-034 LCCllr Adams assisting with the following issues,

i) Church Lane broken barriers/perishing roadside into the Dyke, safety issue to motorists and pedestrians, update – LCC Highways looking into responsibility for fencing as it may have been erected for safety reasons given the narrowness of Church Lane.

ii) Great Close flooding issue, update - Anglian Water confirmed that it is a surface water problem (not foul water) and therefore LCC Highways responsibility. Highways are aware and have investigated. SKDC has reported to Highways and clerk to further chase.

iii) Request for street lamp to remain switched on at night, on Templars Way to Great Close Public footpath declined at present time.

Cllr Parish requested Mr Adams help with traffic calming / road safety issues raised with LCC, as responses not received as yet.

Notes of SWPC's monthly meeting held on the 7th Feb 2017 17-035 The notes of the meeting were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair in acceptance as minutes.

Financial Matters 17-036

Monthly Accounts SWPC total bank balance £19334.39, BMM £19061.74, Play project £272.65. Payments; chqs issued 1) Helen Sandon (parish clerk pay/expenses including reimbursement for cemetery green bin payment of £33.00) £527.15), 2) Janine Costello (Feb litter picking) £105.00, 3) D.G.M electrical (replace VH driveway lights with LEDs / repair/ hire of scissor lift) £546.42, 4) Ainscough Alarms (circuit fault/ parts) £148.80, 5) Tracy Stafford (replant 66 hedging plants / hedge cutting) £140.00, 6) Fran Parish (reimbursement for plants/ compost for Mill Lane/ Thistleton Lane troughs) £28.95.

Smart meter installed to electricity box.

Agree Policy for Value for Money spending, Cllr Fowler Policy agreed and therefore adopted by SWPC, to display policy on village website.

Clerk's and Councillors' reports on ; 17-037

Great Close flooding issue Covered in report from LCCllr Bob Adams 17-034 above

Road Safety Issues/ Police Matters, Cllrs Parish/ Fowler

Road Safety Working Party held its meeting, main priority being an interactive solar road sign for the High St, on the approach from Mill Lane. Reported that Cllr White has very kindly agreed to pay to-

wards this sign and Cllr White was therefore thanked by SWPC. Clerk asked to obtain information from other Parishes who have interactive signs, to find out effectiveness / issues, suggestions made Greetham, Carlby, Old Somerby.

Idea of additional concrete troughs at village approaches being looked at by the group, minimal cost involved and would slow the traffic.

Clerk had written to DVSA Grantham (prev. VOSA) to ask that they come and monitor HGVs on the High St (as requested by a resident at Feb PC Meeting) . Response from DVSA, they look at weight of HGVs, driver's hours, mechanical defects, mainly on the A1 locally. They would not be able to come out and monitoring SW village traffic. Any issues should be reported to the Police, clerk to advise resident.

Cllr Fowler had attended the recent NPT Police meeting and four SW residents were there to raise High St traffic issues. SWPC agreed to write to Police Commissioner re. speeding priorities. PCSO Chris Clarke arrived at meeting and reported that he is having multiple complaints of nuisance re. football being played around the VH driveway and also on Wimberley Way green, PC also received an email complaint re. the latter. PCSO Clarke wanted to make SWPC aware, as the children are playing and not breaking any Laws, there is nothing he can do, apart from ask that they play further away from the houses. Agreed to put a request in WW for consideration towards neighbours when playing football, reduce amount of time VH lights are on and advise resident of discussions. Youth Group holiday dates to be given to PCSO Clarke so he may drop by.

Allotment Agreement- SWPC to sign off changes to the allotment agreement 2017/18, Cllr van Straubenzee

SWPC agreed to changes. Clerk to send out to allotment holders at the end of Mar/ early Apr for renewals / rent due as at 1st May 2017. Garden Angel (Tracy Stafford) had planted 66 new hedge plants/ hedge tidying £140.00, SWPC agreed that Tracy should continue with cemetery grass maintenance for 2017.

Jitty lighting (High Street to Church St & Wellfield Close to Templars Way), Cllr Jolley

Cllr Jolley had circulated various examples of LED lighting for these footpaths, he envisages the cost to be £300- £400 approx. including electrician. More information to be provided for the next PC meeting.

South Witham Academy i) Ratification of letter sent to school re. proposed holidays

Letter had been sent by SWPC to SW Academy objecting to the proposed changes to school holi-

day dates to match Rutland, SWPC agreed this and also asked the clerk to forward to the Brooke Hill Trust to ensure it is considered as part of the consultation process.

ii) Commonwealth Day- Flag raising Cllr Ashton had advised the PC prior to the meeting that the school will be celebrating this again on Mon 13th March and raising the flag. Cllr Parish who is in school that day, to check with them if they would like her to read out the affirmation.

Monthly play area inspection, Cllr Oldfield All in good order.

Annual Litter Pick- Sunday 23rd April To take place at 10am, clerk has arranged equipment with SKDC, to collect Frid and deliver to SW / return afterwards. Two locations agreed for litter pick up - VH driveway and North Witham Rd, opposite. bus shelter. Cllr Parish or Fowler to lead day. Clerk to ask Cllr Hodgkin if able to provide refreshments and display posters in village/ website.

Flytipping on Christmas Tree Lane (off Moor Lane) Reported by the clerk, to chase up.

Planning Matters 17-038 none

Update on Breendon planning application

S68/1560/16 (PL/0074/16) proposed Eastern and Western extensions to South Witham Quarry, the completion of operations in the existing quarry together with the relinquishment of the permitted area to the north of Mill lane, has been withdrawn as at 22/02/17. A new planning application has been submitted to LCC as at 3/3/17, for a Western extension only. A Non Technical Summary and proposed restoration concept plans have been received by SWPC detailing the new proposal, this has been circulated to all cllrs. The new planning application is yet to be received.

Annual Parish Meeting on the 4th April, Cllr Fowler

17-039 To be held 6.30- 7.30pm in the large VH room. Cllr Fowler had sent out various invitations, Sharon Milner, Exec. Headteacher for South Witham Academy will be coming and doing a short presentation. The Vicar and the VHMC are not able to attend. The Friends of the School are to advise soon if they are able to attend. All residents and local groups welcome and refreshments will be provided. Posters to go up in village/ website.

Correspondence 17-040

Colsterworth & District Neighbourhood Development Plan: Submission Publication, Clerks & Councils Direct

Any other business 17-041 none

Appointment of third member 17-042

Cllr White
Date of next meeting 17-043 Tues 4th Apr Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm, followed by Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 9.15pm



With the light evenings starting it is lovely to see the youngster of the village outside playing football, however we have been asked by some residents that if you are playing footie near to houses that you are considerate and respectful to other peoples properties.

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Morning Prayer is said every Wednesday at Castle Bytham at 10am. Whilst the church roof is being repaired we are holding it in various places, please call me for details. Many thanks Rev Graham

April	Little Bytham <i>St. Medards & St. Gildards</i>	Castle Bytham <i>St. James</i>	Careby <i>St. Stephens</i>	Creeton <i>St. Peter</i>	North Witham <i>St Marys</i>	South Witham <i>St. John the Baptist</i>	Readings
Sunday 2nd Lent 5	9am Holy Communion & 6pm Evensong					11am Holy Communion	Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45
Sunday 9th Palm Sunday		9am Holy Communion				10.55am Morning Worship and Procession	Isaiah 50:4-9a Matt 21:1-11
Sunday 16th Easter Day			9am Holy Communion		11am Family Communion	4pm Easter Praise	Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18
Sunday 23rd Easter 2				9am Holy Communion		11am Holy Communion	Acts 2:14a & 22-32 John 20:19-31
Sunday 30th Easter 3			10.30am Holy Communion				Acts 2:14a & 36-41 Luke 24:13-35

The clocks have now changed and we can look forward to bright, warm summer days! Well at least I can hope! For me it is the longer hours of daylight that appeal, when we can enjoy long evenings out of doors! It is also a time when the winter sports seasons are reaching their conclusion, so there is a lot of hope from sports fans for their team to do well or to avoid the drop into a lower league! Or we might have the hope for the new season for our summer sports teams to be prepared and ready to put on a good show for their followers!

For the church, as we enter the Easter season, we are full of hope for the future, for this is when we celebrate the triumph of Jesus Christ over death and sin! We have used the season of Lent to be reflective, thankful and positive, and now we eagerly await the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. There are many images that are used at this time of the year which signify new beginnings such as daffodils, bunnies, lambs and Easter eggs. All of these are reminders that the events of Easter bring the opportunity of new life and new beginnings. The old and dark have now passed and a bright new future awaits.

We also anticipate the Ascension of Jesus Christ, when he left his earthly ministry and returned to his Father in heaven. This day is less well known, but is an important occasion in the church's year because not long after (June 4th) we celebrate the feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came upon the first disciples as they waited in the upper room, hiding from the authorities in fear of their own lives. The Holy Spirit could not come unless Jesus returned to heaven so the two events are very closely linked. Now the disciples were on their own, but they had the power and authority of the Holy Spirit to help them live their daily lives, as well as to proclaim the good news that Jesus was alive!

From those few disciples, the church has grown into what it is today! Some would argue that it is not a good thing! Whatever view we might take, the church was and remains the focal point of hope for the future, in Jesus Christ through the victory he has won for all of us!

So whatever your hopes and dreams are for the future, on the sports field or in other areas of your life, there is no greater hope for the future than in Jesus Christ, who offers every one of us the possibility of a bright future in the life that is beyond our earthly existence. Come along to one of our church services over Easter and experience the joy that the risen Jesus can bring!

May	Little Bytham <i>St. Medards & St. Gildards</i>	Castle Bytham <i>St. James</i>	Careby <i>St. Stephens</i>	Creeton <i>St. Peter</i>	North Witham <i>St Marys</i>	South Witham <i>St. John the Baptist</i>	Readings
Sunday 7th Easter 4	9am Holy Communion			6pm Compline		11am Holy Communion	1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10
Sunday 14th Easter 5		9am Holy Communion			11am Family Communion	6pm Evensong	1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
Sunday 21st Easter 6	11am Sunday School & 6pm Evensong		9am Holy Communion			11am Holy Communion	1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21
Thursday 25th Ascension Day		7.30pm Holy Communion					Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:44-52
Sunday 28th After Ascension		11am Family Service		9am Holy Communion		11am Morning Praise	1 Peter 4:12-14 & 5:6-11 John 17:1-11

Please support if you can these local ladies doing their bit for charity. If you do not have access to the internet or more more details then please call the Editor on 01572 768398 . Many thanks

Jo Moore has after many years of trying, finally managed to secure a ballot place in The London Marathon 2017.



The charity she has decided to run for is Cancer Research UK. This is a charity that is close to her heart, fighting a cruel disease that many families have been affected by.

She is thankful for any support and all donations are appreciated <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/JoMoore68>

Dear Reader,

Ok so you've skimmed the Witham Word and seen this is from us and I can hear the 'what are they begging for/ prattling on about now?'. No, we haven't found anything better to do with our time so here we go again - we will be walking the streets of London in our decorated bras from midnight on Saturday 13th May, 26.2 miles, with thousands of like-minded (yes , they do exist!) men and women in the iconic Moonwalk for the Walk the Walk breast cancer charity.

Due to our previous challenges lots of you will already know that they raise money and awareness through power walking events. The UKs largest grant-making charity came into being 20 years ago when 13 women power walked the New York City marathon in their bras to raise money for breast cancer research as well as help for those undergoing the ordeal now. To date they/we have raised in excess of £113 million. The decorated bra is their trademark and to join the thousands of amazing women and men, as men get breast cancer too, as we walk through London , not a normal sight for a Saturday night, is incredibly life-affirming. If we could only bottle our enthusiasm and determination, as well as laughter, we'd be on to a good thing!

Since our last challenges we know of yet more people with this horrendous disease, and so the need for research, but also daily help, continues as the charity looks to fund more work against secondary tumours alongside such things as scalp cooling caps to prevent hair loss.

So, let's cut to the quick! In the past you have not disappointed in sponsoring us and we are eternally grateful for any amount. I'll have the forms on the post office van as well as the decorated bra (when I've finished it, using the 20's as a theme).

Many, many thanks, in advance. Need to up our training now!

Sally and Herminder, aka The Manic Street Walkers

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