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#### **Village Amenities and Useful Contacts**

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CRAFT GROUP meet on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month 7-9pm at Swinderby Village Hall

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#### **CHURCH NEWS**

**Coffee Stop on Monday mornings** 10.30-12.00. All are welcome. Come along and meet with others.

At the **Church Annual Meeting** John Rose was again elected as Church Warden, Pat Stopford as Treasurer and Gill Lloyd as Secretary.

**Village Lunch** The next lunch is on Wednesday 14th May at 12.00pm. Homemade Soup and sandwiches with cake and a hot drink to follow. A donation of £3 will be very welcome. There will be a raffle. Going forward we have planned lunches for the second Wednesday every month. Booking is very important. Please let me know if you will be joining us.

**Churchyard** there is a great deal of work being done to keep the churchyard looking so good. Please think about offering your help even if only for a one-off session. We have had the hedge between the church and the school lowered. This will make it much easier to maintain.

**80th VE Day Celebrations**. It would be great if villagers could put bunting / flags up to mark the occasion. The church will be open from 3pm on Thursday May 8th to serve tea and cakes if you would like to have a look round. The school is also inviting people to join the children when they have their own celebrations on Friday 9th May.

Gill Lloyd PCC Secretary 07483 878031 gclloyd53@gmail.com

Hello everyone

Often life feels as if we are constantly being forced onto the back foot, wondering how we can cope with all we have to do, then we get little rays of hope. I must admit this was how I was feeling in February, but then within a matter of a few days little rays of hope started to appear.

On what could have been a very sad day, the funeral of the vicar I served my second curacy with in South Wales, I had a message asking me would I meet with a potential curate for our group. I am pleased to say that the outcome of that meeting is that we will be joined by Yola Middleton in July as assistant curate. She will be ordained deacon on June 29th 2025 at 10.30am in Lincoln Cathedral.

Yola will bring a whole host go gifts that I am lacking to the life of our parishes, and I look forward to welcoming her.

Secondly, within a day or two 3 of our congregations asked to explore becoming Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs). This means that they will be trained and supported to assist in the life of the Group of parishes, adding yet another level of sustainability into our shared journey. Please, think about Yola and our potential ALMs.

This whole experience taught me that real hope comes when we least feel optimistic, perhaps the whole story of Easter.

As ever, Andrew

#### SWINDERBY TRUST

#### Introduction

Swinderby Trust is a small charity focused on local needs and was registered with the Charity Commission on the 20th of August 1973. It dates back to 1658 when it was first established as a charity known as Poor's Land and includes a bequest from former resident Tom Weatherhogg (1876–1954) as requested in his will. The present Trustees are listed on the Charity Commission website together with a summary of income and expenditure from 2017 to 2024. At present the income is generated from approximately £20,000 invested in stocks and shares. As a result, our annual income varies significantly according to how the stock market performs. In addition, the Trust has three small parcels of land in the Parish, including Betts Corner which we are in the process of converting into a nature area for public use.

#### Trustees

The charity is managed by a team of trustees who meet regularly to discuss the charity's finances, agree ideas for future fund raising and review any applications received for support. The current Trustees, all of whom are residents of the parish, are as follows: Geoff Lloyd (Chair) / James Anderson (Secretary) / Mike Batt (Treasurer) / Andrew Vaughan / Ron Hodgson / Pat Haig / James Trafford

#### Application of Income.

To comply with our constitution, we must ensure that any donations we make comply with the following:

- Benefit the inhabitants of the parish of Swinderby
- Provision is not available from public funds, for example from taxes, allowances or benefits
- Support either organisations or individuals
- Address a need, hardship or distress

Our last few donations have been to organisations to ensure maximum benefit for as many people as possible as follows:

- Swinderby Link Up (£200)
- Friends of Swinderby School (FOSS) for goal posts (£250)
- Fellowship Lunch Group (£120)
- Collingham Village Care (£100)

We also fund the annual Swinderby Summer Sunday and have provided materials for the development of Betts Corner.

#### History

**The Poor's Land Charity** was established as an outcome of the enclosure of Swinderby initiated by Sir Henry Disney in 1629 and completed by his son John in 1658. It was a long and protracted affair involving the courts and commissioners. For over 250 years the associated documents, many on parchment, were stored in the Parish chest in the church but they now reside in London.

The enclosure of Swinderby resulted in many poor residents losing their rights over common land for grazing and for collecting fuel. At the time the poor were the responsibility of the Parish and hence provision was made in granting 20 acres of land and several dwellings in which they could reside. For many years the Trust provided support, not only by making financial donations but also providing rye and fuel, initially turf and furze and eventually coal. At the time the charity also covered the cost of repairs to dwellings, often to repair or renew the thatching on roofs.

**Tom Ernest Weatherhogg** was born in Swinderby in 1876. His father George Weatherhogg married Ann Jackson in Swinderby Church in March 1866. His parents are buried at Swinderby with the following inscription on the grave:

"In affectionate remembrance of Ann, the beloved wife of George Weatherhogg, second daughter of the late David Jackson, who died March 11th, 1892 aged 51 years and of George William, the beloved husband of above who died Sep 26th 1910 aged 69 years"

At 14 Tom moved to Birmingham to join his brother to work at Cave's Horse Repository in Moseley Street. He then trained as an auctioneer before farming at Shirley and Yardley in the West Midlands. However, he made his fortune in establishing and operating haulage and coach firms in and around Birmingham. He kept in contact with the village of his birth by often visiting and regularly subscribing to the Methodist Sunday School fund, including sending £5 a year for distribution among the poor members of the Church.

In his will he left the Church Trustees £500, the interest to be distributed to the old and needy of the village *"in grateful remembrance of my boyhood days in the village where I was born."* 

#### Future Plans

The Trustees' plans for the Trust focus on the following three areas:

- Awareness we suspect the existence and purpose of the Trust are not particularly well known by local residents and we are keen to change this, both to encourage possible support but also to make individuals and organisations aware of their ability to apply for financial support if appropriate
- Income as stated, our current income is derived predominantly from share dividends and is, therefore, dependent on how the stock market performs. We are keen to explore other income sources, whether from fund-raising events, donations or bequests.
- Land the Trust owns three small areas of land within the Parish, only one of which is currently utilised. We are keen to consider how best these could be developed, either as a means to generate income or as a way to provide some benefit to the community.

Should you have any questions about Swinderby Trust, please contact one of the Trustees listed above. All contact will be treated in strict confidence.

Please also find an application form on the following page for completion should you wish to apply for some form of support.

Mike Batt Swinderby Trust Treasurer

#### SWINDERBY TRUST APPLICATION FORM

Name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Address	
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Tel	
Reason for application	
Amount applied for	
Total Project Cost	
Alternative funding	
How many people will benefit	

Applications will be reviewed by the Trustees in strict confidence and a decision made.

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As I write this, the school is about to return from a refreshing Spring break and looking forward to all the forthcoming events that the summer term will bring.

The end of term saw Years 3 and 4 perform a poignant version of the Easter story followed by the annual and hugely anticipated Easter egg hunt. This was once again organised by the school's FOSS group.

The school will be hosting a VE commemoration on the afternoon of May 9<sup>th</sup> and we are looking for anyone in the village who has any memories or information on the area or about family members during the war to come forward. We would love to hear from you. Any photos would be especially welcome. Please contact the school on enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk or 01522 868287.

We are also looking forward to welcoming our Reception pupils for September, as this term they will begin their transition days. We do have places if anyone else is still looking for a place.

My best wishes, Zoe Longstaff, Head Teacher



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