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JUNE 2025



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Swinderby BOWLS CLUB



The bowling green, which is looking splendid after a lot of careful attention by Richard, is now ready for friendly games on a regular basis.

VILLAGE AMENITIES AND USEFUL CONTACTS

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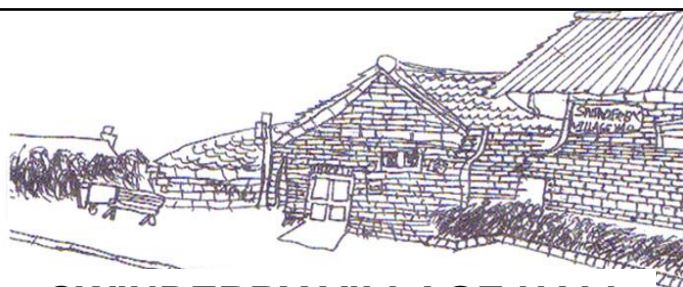
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CHURCH NEWS

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

Village Lunch The next lunch is on Wednesday 11th June 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. Booking is very important. Please let me know if you will be joining us. We have been experiencing very low attendance at the lunches recently and accordingly we are making the 9th July lunch the last one for the summer. At this lunch we make the Church Grand Draw at 12 o'clock. All are invited to this. We will restart lunches in the autumn.

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 was good to see the way the village trimmed up for the celebration. Thank you. It was also good to see people in church on the afternoon and to hear the bells rung in the evening.

Grand Draw. Tickets will soon be posted through your door. This is an invitation to support the church financially. Please feel free to ignore that invitation but we would very much like it if you didn't! The draw will be at the Village Lunch 12 noon July 9th.

Gill Lloyd PCC Secretary 07483 878031 gclloyd53@gmail.com

Hello

As many will know one of my passions in life is bird watching and as I write these notes a Garden Warbler is singing on the path outside our house. I love the Latin name for the Garden Warbler, which is Sylvia borin. It is the archetypal little brown bird, with no distinguishing features other than, it is boring! Over the years though it has become one of my favourite birds, simply because it isn't magnificent or beautifully coloured, it is ordinary and plain.

That reminds me that in an age where power, wealth, beauty, fame are the cornerstones of our evaluation of others, that before God the ordinary is precious. We are loved for who we are, powerful, weak, rich, poor, glamorous or not, we are precious and children of God, who loves each one of us.

This then means that instead of language of domination, asserting power over, we are called to build bridges of love. It was wonderful to hear the first words of Pope Leo being "Peace be with you" and calling on the world to build bridges between factions, nations, ideologies. In our communities let us be places of bridge building, valuing the other for their humanity and not their status.

As ever, Andrew

Notes From a Small Parish May 2025

The minutes of meeting and agendas are posted on the website and also on the village hall notice board. Please refer to these minutes for a full picture of the workings of the parish council. We held our annual parish meeting on the 12th May and there were updates from Swinderby Trust, Peter Sowerby Homes and the District Council. In addition, there was the chair's annual report and the annual financial update from the clerk.

Annual Parish Meeting May 2025 Chair's Report

Introduction Throughout the past year Swinderby Parish Council has been well supported on numerous issues by our District and County Councillors and their respective organisations. We are grateful and appreciative of these partnerships and look forward to continuing with them over the next 12 months and beyond. The Swinderby Parish Council operates as an effective team and this is only possible because of the hard work and professionalism of the councillors and the clerk. I would wish to thank all those for creating the time over the past 12 months and providing their knowledge and skills in ensuring we remain a focussed and successful council and furthermore in supporting me in the role of chair.

Working with others. At a local level, we continue to join up our thinking and actions by working with other key groups within the community for example Swinderby Trust, All Saints School, Kisimul School, The Link Up, All Saints Church, Peter Sowerby Homes, landowners and residents. Collaboration remains an important part of our strategy as we move forward.

Neighbourhood Plan. The NP is nearly complete and based upon the feedback we receive it guides our actions in terms of developments within the parish. However, we do not need the plan to be completed for us to be responding to this feedback and therefore we have been working with others in the following areas.

1. **Betts Corner.** Although owned and managed by Swinderby Trust, the parish council is the custodian of Betts Corner. As a parish council we successfully applied to NKDC for fruit trees and an oak to be planted in this area, and we continue to provide ongoing support both in terms of maintenance and development. This has created another green area within the parish thereby responding to feedback.

2. **Jubilee Park.** We successfully applied for a grant for another piece of equipment, a Ninja Trail and this will be installed by the end of July ready for the summer holidays. We have purchased and installed moveable goal posts to create greater flexibility within Jubilee Park, and we are working with a new contractor to remove the moles. Finally, the zip wire is being upgraded to ensure it is safe and the parish council continues to respond to the annual inspection report as appropriate.

3. **Speed Indicator Device.** We have installed a new SID on Moor Lane, and it is a pleasure to be greeted by a smiling face as you enter the village.

4. Infrastructure. We continue to lobby the appropriate organisations in terms of traffic in the proximity of the school and the parish's foul and surface water system. The drains on the High Street were cleared this year in addition to work on Moor Lane. We have sent photographs to LCC regarding parking issues at the junction of High Street and Station Road.

5. Pride in our Parish The parish lawnmower is now back in full action allowing us to keep certain areas within the parish neat and tidy. A memorial bench has been installed opposite the church on parish land. A new defibrillator cabinet was installed on one very cold November afternoon and a new pedestrian gate installed on the playing field, Station Road. Some tree surgery was undertaken and the brambles reduced on parish land. We continue to use Fix My Street to report potholes, failing streetlights and litter.

Solar Parks. The proposed solar parks within North Kesteven and beyond will change the rural nature of our area significantly. They contradict the feedback we are receiving in terms of preserving green spaces, increasing the amount of our food produced locally and raises questions on how it will impact on our infrastructure. There are also concerns raised regarding the science supporting these proposals in terms of achieving the target of net carbon emissions. Finally the community has discussed the impact on the environment of manufacturing, transporting and disposing of not only the panels but also the batteries and associated fixings. We remain opposed to large scale solar parks unless we can be convinced otherwise by reasoned fact-based arguments. Where appropriate we do support solar panels on buildings, brown field sites, warehouses and new developments.

The Future. The next two years are important for the development of the parish as the new dwellings become occupied and the S106 and other agreements are delivered in full. The parish council has a crucial role to play in ensuring the best possible outcomes for the community. There are exciting times ahead.

Financial Update Swinderby Parish Council worked within budget and has just completed an Internal Audit in preparation for the External Audit that will be completed at the APCM and submitted shortly after. The grants received during the year were for grass cutting, litter picking, neighbourhood plan, lottery bid for play equipment (£19850) and Community Infrastructure (CIL) (£21955). The PC continues to monitor spend against budget at each PC meeting and follows robust procedures.

The exercise of Public Rights to view accounts is from 3rd June – 14th July. However, parishioners are welcome to ask questions of the Clerk or to view documents at any time of the year. Next meeting 9th June Village Hall at 7:30 pm Geoff Lloyd.

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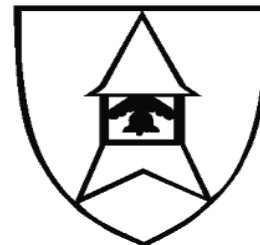
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Good morning, from a sunny Swinderby - once again the month has been very busy. The Year 5 and 6 children returned on Sunday from an action-packed weekend of activities at PGL Caythorpe. During their residential, they tried out raft building, zip wire, vertical challenge, archery and the Giant Swing and everyone came back tired but having had fun! We have already booked for next year!

On Friday 9th May, the school enjoyed an afternoon VE Day event with lots of visitors joining the school for tea, cake and songs. The children contributed through readings, song and dance and the afternoon was completed by a rousing sing a'long of wartime tunes. It was so lovely to see so many people on our school site.

We have now offered our Reception places for September, but we do have some remaining places if anyone else is still looking. Please ask any interested parties to contact us on: enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk

My best wishes,

Zoë Longstaff, Head Teacher



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To start things off, we wanted to give a proper introduction to the site, what we do, and the people behind it - including me, Tom, the quarry site manager.

Whisby Quarry, a sand and gravel quarry located approximately 2km to the east of Eagle, is operated by Tarmac. But what exactly happens at a quarry like Whisby, and why does it matter to our region?

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- **Digging and transporting:** Excavators dig the sand and gravel, which is then moved using dump trucks and a conveyor system that carries it to the on-site processing plant.



Field conveyor at Whisby

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- **Loading of Trucks:** Trucks are loaded with the sold materials and leave site to be delivered to where they’re needed.

All of this happens within a carefully managed plan that restores the land as each phase is completed – turning extracted areas into lakes and grasslands whilst delivering community benefits like new footpaths and nature parks (we’ll tell you more about that next time).

Introducing Myself!

Last but not least, I wanted to introduce myself to you all! I’m Tom, Site Manager here at Whisby Quarry. I have over ten years of experience managing quarries and have been here since November 2023. It is my job to ensure the safe day-to-day operations at the quarry.

If you see me around, please say hello. I am always happy to have a chat and answer any questions you may have.

Tom Bendall, Site Manager



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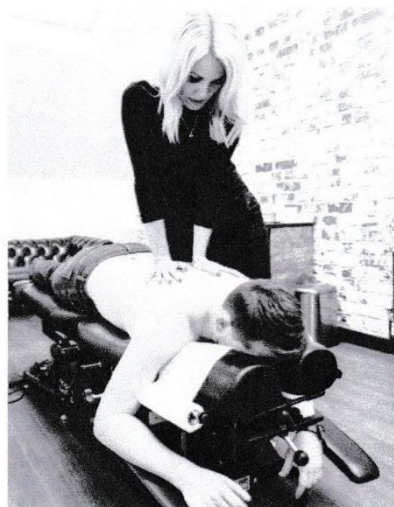
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Years 5 and 6 went away on a trip to PGL Caythorpe.

After settling in they had an action-packed time - raft building, orienteering, problem solving, archery, zip wire and a Eurovision get together to round things off. Exhausted but happy children!





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