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Connecting Our Village Life

FIRST VILLAGE EVENT OF 2026



SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026

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NEW EDITOR: PAT HAIG

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I am very pleased to be taking on the editorship of Swinderby LinkUp and look forward to producing many interesting and engaging editions for you.

I would like to recognise Sarah Markhall for the tireless work she has put in keeping the LinkUp going and trusting me to run with it now.

I have lived in Swinderby with Alistair since July 2022 and have co-organised lots of village events such as the quizzes in the village hall, three Christmas Fayres and am on the committee for the Swinderby Summer Sunday.

I would love to hear from any villagers who might like to contribute an article, recipe, gardening tips, photos, memories or future event dates which they think the village would like to know about as I am keen to make the LinkUp your go-to for information about Swinderby. If you would like to advertise, there is an annual fee of £70 half page or £40 quarter page and I am happy to make up an ad for you if you give me the details. A printed copy is delivered around the village during the first week of each month by a team of volunteers, and it will also be uploaded online and on social media - I will provide those links in due course.

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POST OFFICE: There is a mobile post office which comes to the Village Hall once a week on a Tuesday morning from around 9:30am -11:30am.

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP: Tuesday mornings in term time at the village hall. 9:15-11:15am.

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

COFFEE MORNING: There is a coffee morning every Monday at 10.30 am in the Church. All welcome.

SWINDERBY PHONE BOX: Restored by Simon Longson, is regularly decorated by villagers to celebrate certain times of year. All welcome to get involved.

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TUESDAY	Post Office 9.30-11.30
	Mothers & Toddlers Group 9.30-11.30am (term time)
	Dancing various classes between 4.00-9.15pm - www.thedaniellerawlinsonschoolofdance.co.uk
WEDNESDAY	Taekwondo 5.30-6.30pm www.tjtkd.co.uk
	Yoga 7.15-8.15pm - www.yogalincoln.co.uk
	Rose Garden Stitchers and Quilters 9:30am-4:30pm Mandy 07775600926
THURSDAY	Belly Dancing 6.30-8.30pm
	Craft Group: 2nd & 4th Thursday 7.00-9.00pm Becky Newborough 07898 319020
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JANUARY EVENTS

Sunday 11 January 6:00 pm Bingo
Wednesday 21 January 7:30 pm Quiz Night

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Sunday 8 February 6:00 pm Bingo
Wednesday 18 February 7:30 pm Quiz Night
Saturday 21 February 8:30 pm Band Night:
Steve Clements



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**Lincolnshire
Wildlife Trust**

January 15th On Her Bike!

Prof Libby John, LWT Chairman, will tell us about her experiences biking to all the Trust reserves, and what she observed. An amazing feat!

**February 19th Nature Conservation
in the Thames Estuary**

Rolf Williams is very well travelled having been in the Navy, and he later worked for the RSPB in the Thames estuary. His talk will cover conservation projects in and around this important estuary.

We welcome all to join us for these talks at 7.30pm at the Education Centre, Whisby Nature Park, Thorpe-on-the-Hill LN6 9BW
All welcome. £2.50 inc refreshments

CRAFT CLUB

Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7 pm to 9 pm in Swinderby Village Hall on Bulpit Lane, offering a welcoming and supportive space for craft enthusiasts of all levels. Bring a mug, £1 and your latest craft project and come and join us for an evening of crafting and chatting with like-minded crafters.
Refreshments are provided.

COLLINGHAM RURAL ADVICE CENTRE

is an independent organization offering free, confidential advice on welfare benefits, debts, housing and consumer issues to residents in our rural area. Open every Tuesday morning 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Memorial Hall, 67 High Street, Collingham. Contact 01636 893241 or email collinghamadvice@gmail.com

**LINCOLN RSPB
GROUP**



Our first meeting of 2026 will be on **Thursday 8th of January** when the speaker will be Pete Short who is the RSPB Humber Reserves Site Manager.

His talk - Discovering Sakha-Birding in the Siberian Wilderness includes tales of an amazing adventure to meet his partner's relatives in a seldom visited region of Siberia and their experience of its amazing wildlife, landscape, history and culture.

**7.30 Lincoln Bishop Robert Hardy Building , free parking.
£4 entry for member, non-members very welcome.**

Swinderby CHOPS Update

Delivery is within 7 working days of the order by date, subject to oil supplier availability at busy times. 500 litres is the minimum order amount

Our 2026 bi-monthly order by dates are as follows:

Order by:

28 January / 25 March

27 May / 22 July

09 September / 25 November

You can sign-up to use Swinderby CHOPS via www.swinderbychops.co.uk

Cheers, Becky Newborough

07898 319020

admin@swinderbychops.co.uk

PUZZLE CORNER

Answers on page 18

SUDOKU

The object of the Sudoku puzzle is to insert the numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, column and 3x3 box must contain the digits 1 through 9 exactly once.

	8	4				5		
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		8				3	7	

CODE WORD

Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number. All you have to do is decide which letter is represented by which number! To start you off, three letters have been given.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	R				A	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	T					
22	23	24	25	26		

WORD SEARCH

Can you find the following words in the Word Square below: Blessed – Concord – Content – Delight – Dollars – Fitness – Fortune – Friends – Harmony – Healthy – Holiday – Kindred – Leisure – Passion – Rejoice – Respect – Romance – Wealthy - Weekend

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First of all may I wish you a happy New Year. I hope 2026 is a year of joy, peace and love, where humanity can learn to live together in unity.

Like many individuals and groups, our churches constantly ask how they can serve our communities to their best.

A number of years ago we set out a mission statement based on the themes of belonging, connecting and flourishing. Everything we do aims to live out these ideals.

Like many organisations there is a cost to living out these ideals. We are proud that our church buildings can be places where life is celebrated, through baptisms, weddings and funerals. We also know that they are places where hospitality is practised through coffee stops, community celebrations, art and music events. Above all through our Sunday services our beautiful villages are held in love and prayer before God. All of this costs ... from maintaining heritage buildings, to heating large buildings, insurance of between £2000 and £3000pa, maintaining churchyards, this all adds up!

During this year we would love to be able to do more to serve our villages, but to do this we need to explore how to increase our income. We have several ways to make giving easy, from setting up standing orders, to a dedicated giving scheme which handles gift aid automatically for us. We also have contactless giving options. If each church was to benefit from 100 extra donations of £5 a month, we could ensure that we are there to celebrate life in its fullness. Another way of helping could be, whatever age you are, considering a legacy donation to one of our churches.

As well as tax efficient giving we would welcome help with projects, such as basic maintenance, PR and publicity to baking and catering. All these skills and generous donation of time can help make sure we are there for future generations.

If you would like to speak to me or one of our team, please get in touch.

Please see page 12 for the poster for Messy Church and Holiday Club 2026 and pass on as appropriate.

As ever, Andrew
revandrewvaughan@gmail.com

COFFEE STOP on Monday mornings 10.30-12.00. All welcome. Come along and meet with others.

VILLAGE LUNCH There will not be a lunch in January. The next lunch will be Wed February 11th. Going forward we have planned lunches for the second Wednesday every month.

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. We are now paying for the grass to be cut but there are still the flower borders and the meadow to maintain and enhance.

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT The void in the vestry is now filled.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for needy families were collected. Thank you for your generosity. They have now been distributed to needy families in Lincoln.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS This was very well attended with over 60 people enjoying the carol singing as well as the mulled wine and mince pies! Children from Swinderby School sang with gusto. We were very lucky to have Neil who is new to the village playing the organ. Thank you to all who helped to make this a very happy occasion

EVENTS FOR NEXT YEAR:

JUMBLE SALE Saturday 14th MARCH at the village hall. Please let me know if you have jumble we could sell.

Gill Lloyd PCC Secretary 07483 878031 gclloyd53@gmail.com



The poster features a light yellow background with a dark brown horizontal band. On the left, there is a stylized illustration of coffee leaves. The main text is in a large, black, cursive font, with 'ALL ARE WELCOME!' in red, bold, sans-serif capital letters in the center. Below the main text, the dark brown band contains the time and day in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. At the bottom, the location is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

Swinderby
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Coffee Stop

10.30AM - **EVERY**
12.00 NOON **MONDAY**

Swinderby All Saints Church,
High Street, Swinderby, LN6 9LU

MESSY CHURCH AND HOLIDAY CLUB 2025-2026

MESSY CHURCH is free and open to all ages. It's a family friendly service based around activities, crafts, games, songs and a story from the bible.

Sunday 1 February / Sunday 1 March /

Good Friday 10:00am – 11:30am / Sunday 3 May / Sunday 7 June

3:30pm – 5:00pm in the Ark, Moor Lane, North Hykeham unless otherwise stated

No need to book, just come along and have fun !

Parents, please stay and help your children as they enjoy the activities.

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB 2026

Monday 27 July 2026 – Thursday 30 July 2026

Holiday Club activities are for children in Primary School and need to be booked.

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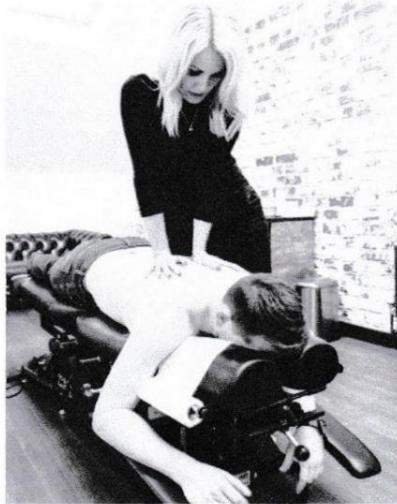
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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL JANUARY 2026

The meeting on 8 December included Cllr Peter Overton, four parish councillors, and the clerk. Due to flu and family commitments, attendance was lower than usual. It was a productive meeting with several ideas for 2026 and beyond being discussed but not finalised. You may have noticed that there has been a subtle change in our page title because soon, we will no longer be classified as a small parish as houses become occupied on Church Farm.

BUDGET: In January, we set the 2026/27 budget and at our December meeting we observed that several costs have risen sharply in recent years. For instance, Jubilee Park insurance has increased from £347 to £1897, with similar increases in grass cutting and the clerk's national insurance contributions. Hopefully we will be able to set a balanced budget for next year without a large percentage increase in the precept.

MAINTENANCE WORK: Councillor Longson provided a detailed update on maintenance activities carried out across the parish during November. The works included the construction of five new parish planters, alongside repairs to a further five existing planters. After completion, all planters were carefully positioned throughout the parish and filled with soil and daffodil bulbs to enhance the local environment.

Additional improvements involved the replacement of Perspex on the parish noticeboards, making certain information remains visible and protected. At the playing field, stakes were placed in the ground near the trees, each tree featuring a name plate for identification, while fruit trees in the area received necessary tidying. The latch on the playing field gate was also repaired to maintain security and accessibility.

LOOKING AHEAD: Further maintenance work is scheduled to begin again in January and February. The main priority will be the re-treating of benches, which will start once weather conditions are suitable for outdoor work.

Cllr Longson posts regular updates on our Facebook page Swinderby Community News to ensure residents are fully informed of these developments.

2026 AND BEYOND: Feedback from you over recent years has shaped our future vision, as outlined in the Neighbourhood Plan. At the meeting, we began prioritising actions and identifying next steps to ensure we start to deliver on some of the ideas captured in the Neighbourhood Plan. As always, success will require support from, and collaboration with others.

TRAFFIC AROUND THE SCHOOLS: We have been made aware of the deteriorating situation regarding the traffic in the vicinity of the schools at certain times during the day. We have started a dialogue with the nationally based leaders from Kisimul School regarding this situation, and we intend to continue with our discussions next year.

Next Meeting is at 7:30 pm on 12 January in the village hall.

BIN COLLECTION DATES 2026

Black Wednesday 7th / 21st January / 4th February Green Wednesday 28th January
Brown Tuesday 20th January / 3rd February Purple Wednesday 14th January

NOTES FROM A CHRISTMAS PAST

You will be reading these notes in January with Christmas a forgotten past alongside all those New Year's resolutions. The parish notes are relatively short and therefore, I thought you might find the following interesting

As many of you know, **Bill Pacey**, a long-time resident of our parish, celebrated his 100th birthday in 2025. I had the chance to speak with him before Christmas about his early memories, especially those related to Christmas. Bill moved to Swinderby with his family when he was just four years old. At that time, his family were tenant farmers, and their move took place on April 6th, which at that time was the traditional date for land and tenancy agreements. This day then became the regular rent due date; in Bill's family's case, payments were made every six months to Smith-Woolley (Collingham), who managed this process on behalf of the Constable-Curtiss Estate. Prior to World War 2, Christmas dinner would have been cooked on a solid fuel range, either coal or coke. Water would have been obtained from a pump located in the main building. There were two other pumps at the farm, one outside and one in a barn. Light would have been provided by kerosene lamps or candles, and a cess pit was used to collect the wastewater. There was no television and early radios were powered by accumulators (probably lead-acid batteries) that had to be recharged at the local garage or by one resident in Swinderby.

The local Methodist church was an important part of the Pacey family's life especially at this time of the year. Even during Christmas, there were chores to be done, since farms back then combined arable land and livestock that required care throughout the year. Gift-giving was modest because of limited availability due to national debts incurred from World War I and the depression, but everyone still enjoyed themselves. A pig would have been butchered by a Mr Renshaw, who lived in one of four cottages next to the old school room. It was then salted and the different cuts stored in the attic to provide meat throughout the year. Bill seems to remember they had turkey for Christmas dinner prior to World War 2 but cockerels during the war.

It all changed after the war with electricity and water coming to the village in the 1940s, perhaps accelerated by the numerous local developments during the period 1939-1945. However, it was approximately 20 years later before the foul water system was installed.

Moving to Swinderby was Bill's third move. He was born at Broomhill Farm, Skellingthorpe and then moved to Norton Disney. His elder sister attended All Saints School, Swinderby and would have walked from Norton Disney down Bell Lane, (removed to accommodate the airfield), across the A46 walking down Cow Lane to enter the village. Moving to Swinderby made attending school much easier and the start of his long association with the parish.

Best wishes Geoff Lloyd, Chair Swinderby Parish Council



POET'S CORNER

This is a great poem written by Mike Batt, a Swinderby resident. Some of the names have now changed, but I hope you will enjoy the rural references and reminiscences. If you have a favourite poem, or have composed one yourself, why not share it by emailing pathaig@me.com

ODE TO A LINCOLNSHIRE VILLAGE

1. Head out east from Newark
With its castle by the Trent
Take the road to Lincoln
Where once the Romans went

2. Past the signs for Collingham
Stapleford and Brough
Cross the County border
And you've travelled far enough

3. Turn left by the chicken huts
Straight on past Newton's Farm
There you'll find a village
Full of character and charm

4. Swinderby it's known as
Its uniqueness gives it fame
There's not another village
In the UK with that name

5. Its history is ancient
And if you take a look
You'll even find it mentioned
In the Domesday Book

6. The Norman church is splendid
Shining like a jewel
Standing in the High Street
Right next to All Saints School

7. Listen and you'll hear
All the children out to play
Mrs Longstaff teaching
With headmaster Mr Day

8. There used to be a Post Office
And Tina ran the shop
If you went down Station Road
There lived the village cop

9. Oh yes, we've got a station
Though it's really quite a hike
About a mile to get there
You'd better take your bike

10. The hostelry is called The Plough
It's quite the place to go
The name above the door announces
Helen Lower Roe

11. Pop in for a pint or two
Perhaps a bite to eat
There's scrabble and there's bingo
If you feel you need a treat

12. And if you like live music
If you sing or play guitar
You can get up at a jam night
Or just listen by the bar

13. Wander through the village
See the chapel standing still
Where they used to hold the Shell Group
Led by Carol and by Bill

14. Next door is the Manor House
The Disney's once lived here
Though long before young Walt was born
With his cartoon career

15. And at the end of Bulpit Lane
There stands the village hall
It's really quite impressive
For a village that's so small

16. This is where committees meet
The Parish Council too
Spending all the money
That's been raised by me and you

17. We've seen so many characters
I remember them, do you?
Mrs Cook and Mrs Donegan
And Mr Pacey too

18. Dave Cotton, Margaret Armstrong,
Des Underwood as well
They did so much for Swinderby
Though perhaps we shouldn't dwell

19. For though it's very easy
To think about the past
The present is upon us
And the future's coming fast

20. Our village is a great one
And we choose to live right here
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- 5 new community fruit trees planted in the church meadow. These were provided free by NKDC and included tree stakes, guards and ties. 2 apple, 2 pear and a plum.



- Santa's Elves were busy decorating the village and inside the church. The Elf team: Simon, Grant, Gillian, Gill, Jean, Pat, Phillip, Maureen, Richard and Geoff and we were fed by Gillian's lemon drizzle cake and Pat's mince pies with lashings of mulled wine (Oh and of course tea and coffee)

- Village hall flagpole has been re-fitted.



- **Planters:** the village planters have been replaced with brand new double height ones. The Newark Road one is now nearer the village. Any good condition old planters will be repaired and relocated at new positions in the village. All planters have fresh compost and daffodil bulbs planted. If adopted, please feel free to continue looking after them as before.

- **Notice boards:** new Perspex fitted to all the notice boards. You can now see the notices!



All work excluding the church has been done by the new village handyman Daniel working for the Parish Council.



- Many thanks to Sandra's Stems (Sandra Troop) for the Christmas wreath for the church porch door.
- Thank you to Veronica Andrews for the fabulous Christmas-themed post box topper to make our walk through the village entertaining!

Veronica and Val Cragg also made the knitted decorations in the church.



Thank you to Simon for keeping the village well informed via his Facebook page Swinderby Community News.

FUTURE SWINDERBY EVENTS

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Once again, December has proven to be a whirlwind here in school. Christmas began in earnest on November 30th with the lighting of the first candle on the advent wreath. From there on, things accelerated.



Over 25 children took part in the annual Church School's Carol Service at Lincoln Cathedral. This is always a magical occasion, and the children were in great voice singing alongside other church schools.

Class 1 then delighted audiences to their version of the Nativity, 'Whoops a daisy Angel' where the youngest members of our school community

reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas.

The school then took part in a delightful Christingle, ate Christmas lunch and partied away, ending the week at the Newark Palace pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast.' Such exhausting fun!

I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the school to wish all the Swinderby community a very happy and healthy 2026 and thank you for all the support you give our school.

If you are interested in applying for a pupil place for September 2026, email enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk for more details. We'd love to show you round!

My very best seasonal wishes,
Zoë Longstaff, Head Teacher



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