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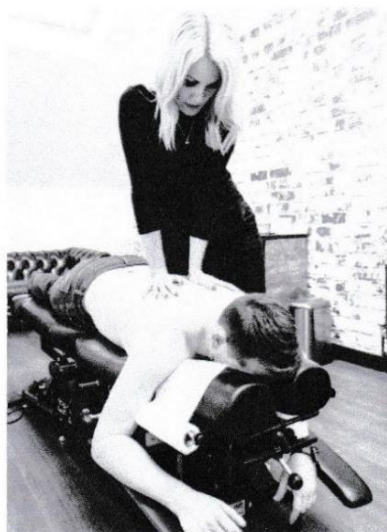
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Last weekend the Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed their annual visit to the PGL Centre at Caythorpe near Grantham. Over the course of the weekend they enjoyed taking part in activities including raft building, rifle shooting, the giant swing and the high ropes to name but a few.

For some of the children this was their first taste of being away from home and they did amazingly well. It

was lovely to see them overcome their fears and to feel so proud of themselves after achieving success.

The Year 6 children also showed determination and resilience during the week of their SAT tests. They gave it all their best and we hope this is reflected in the scores they receive later on in the year.



We are all looking forward to some sunny days ahead especially 'Frozen Friday' which is a treat of ice pops on a hot day!

If you are able to support us in terms of volunteering or hearing readers we'd be delighted to hear from you.

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My very best wishes
Zoe Longstaff, Head Teacher

Whisby Quarry

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COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

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Quarries are, by their nature, long-term neighbours. That is why supporting local projects is an important part of how we operate at Whisby Quarry, alongside our day-to-day work to manage environmental impacts and restore land that we have finished extracting.

As a long-established local quarry, we aim to communicate openly about day-to-day operations, future plans and our involvement in the local area. This article provides a short update on recent activity at Whisby Quarry, including a new Quarry Manager, the proposed extension and the local events we will be supporting this year.

New Quarry Manager at Whisby

We are pleased to confirm that Ashley Gillard has been appointed as the new Quarry Manager for Whisby Quarry.

Ashley has been in post since the beginning of 2026 and is also Quarry Manager at Besthorpe Quarry, a position he has held for a number of years. In his role at Whisby, Ashley will be responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations at the quarry and ensuring that the site continues to operate safely and responsibly.

Ashley will also be involved in future liaison group meetings, providing local representatives with an opportunity to hear directly from the site team, ask questions and discuss any matters relating to the quarry.

Planning application update

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to engage with our public consultation at the end of 2025 for the proposed Eagle Hall extension to Whisby Quarry. We are continuing to review all of the comments received and are using this feedback to help inform final amendments to the planning application before it is submitted to Lincolnshire County Council.

Once the application has been submitted, it will be available to view through the Council's planning portal. We will provide a further update at that stage, including details of how people can view the application documents and make comments directly to the Council.

Supporting local events

As part of our commitment to being a good neighbour, we are continuing to support local events and community activities around Whisby Quarry.

This summer, we will be:



- Sponsoring the Swinderby Fete on Sunday 31 May
- Sponsoring the North Scarle Village Fair on Saturday 18 July
- Attending the Collingham Show on Saturday 19 September

The team at the Swinderby Fete in 2025

These events are an important part of local life as they help to bring residents, community groups and local organisations together. We are pleased to support them and look forward to speaking with people over the coming months.

We will continue to keep you updated as work at Whisby Quarry progresses, and if you would like to find out more about Whisby Quarry, or have any questions, please contact our community liaison manager, Che, at che@eqcommunications.co.uk.

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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.

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:

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- Wednesday 18th of November 2026
- Wednesday 20th of January 2027

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NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SWINDERBY



I am writing this month's piece because Rev'd Andrew is, I believe, still celebrating Lincoln City winning League One and moving up to the Championship. He has been seen going about singing "Champions" with considerable enthusiasm.

June arrives in Lincolnshire with its own quiet glory. The fields are growing high, the hedgerows are thick with life, and the evenings stretch out generously, as though God has given us a little extra daylight simply to notice things properly.

Gardens begin to look as if they know what they are doing, even if I am still not entirely sure what half the plants are. Swallows cut through the sky, the verges grow thick with grass and wildflowers, and village life takes on that familiar rural mixture of busyness and beauty.

In the Church's year, June often draws us into the long season after Pentecost. After Easter joy, the Ascension, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are invited to live out the faith we celebrate. This is perhaps the quieter challenge of Christian life. It is one thing to rejoice that Christ is risen; it is another to let that hope shape how we speak, forgive, serve, listen and care for one another in ordinary days. Village life teaches this well. Faith is not only seen in great occasions, but in small acts of kindness, neighbourliness and welcome.

That same spirit of welcome will shape our next **Family Service on 28th June at Thorpe on the Hill at 4.00 pm**. There will be lively music, dancing, creative crafts, and time to share the Gospel in ways that engage all ages. Please do join us.

We are also running a Games night every 4th Wednesday **on 24th June at Thorpe on the Hill at 7.00 pm**.

All information across Swinderby churches Group is available at: <https://swinderbychurches.org.uk/>

So this June, may we rejoice in the light, give thanks for growth, and remember that God is at work not only in grand victories, but also in the faithful, gentle goodness of everyday life. With every blessing, Rev'd Yola



**THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM
GILL AND COLIN MEASURES,
STATION ROAD**

This is to let everyone who bought our orchard fruit at the garden gate know what we did with the money. After much deliberation, looking at different local good causes and charities, we decided to donate the cash to Beaumont Cross Hospice Care in Newark.

Over last summer we collected £88, all of which has been gratefully received by this very worthy and well-regarded organisation.

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Gill and Colin



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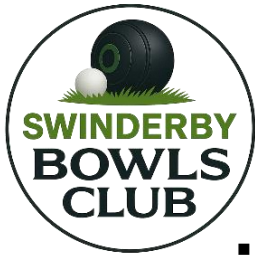
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BOWLS CLUB UPDATE



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- It's a great chance to meet fellow villagers, enjoy some fresh air, and spend time together in a fun and relaxed setting. Bring a drink, soak up the sunshine, and enjoy a summer evening on the green.
- We meet every Friday evening from 6:30pm until sunset.
- For those feeling a little more ambitious, we are arranging friendly competitions with neighbouring villages.
- Membership for the year is £ 25, and the season runs until September.

CLUB UPDATE & THANKS

- The Bowls Management Committee met recently and would like to extend sincere thanks to the Swinderby Village Trust for their very kind donation of £500—it is greatly appreciated and will help support the club moving forward.
- The meeting was very productive, and we are pleased to share that we already have over half the membership needed to run the club successfully this season. However, it is still early days and we are actively recruiting, so please do spread the word to anyone in Swinderby or neighbouring parishes who may be interested.
- We are planning for a committee of nine members, so there are still a couple of vacancies.
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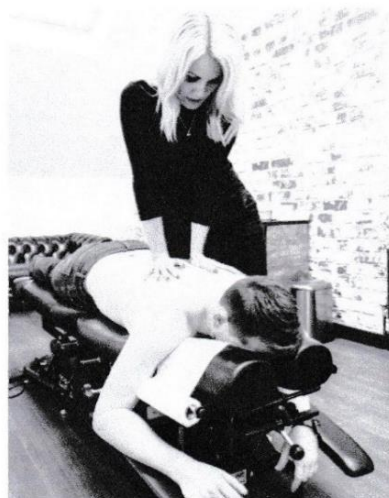
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- Purple Bin Wednesday 3 June / 1 July
- Orange Caddy Wednesday 3 June / 10 June / 17 June / 24 June / 1 July

Full calendar can be found www.n-kesteven.org.uk/bins

CHURCH NEWS JUNE 2026

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

Village Lunch The next lunch will be Wed June 10th. Going forward we have planned lunches for the second Wednesday every month. Please let Maureen Fillingham know if you will be attending on 01522 861711 or 07594354613

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. We have now applied for a Faculty to the Church of England to allow us to finish our redevelopment project. This will be to lower the raised pew platform on the north side of the church to allow level access from the aisle. The building of a toilet in the current kitchen area and the building of a “kitchenette” on the North wall. The current carved screen between the current kitchen and the north aisle will be moved to screen off the vestry area instead of a curtain. Once permission has been granted we will be applying to granting bodies for funding to carry out the project.

Fundraising events for next year:

Quiz Night 11th September / Christmas Fayre 21st November

The Church Annual Parochial Meeting At this meeting John Rose was duly elected as Church Warden for another year.

Gill Lloyd, PCC Secretary, 07483 878031, gclloyd53@gmail.com

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Notes From the Parish Council June 2026

Introduction

In preparing this report, I reviewed the minutes from the past year to draw together the Parish Council's key achievements and outcomes. Looking back, it is striking how much has been accomplished with the support of councillors and officers from NKDC and LCC.

I would like to begin by thanking all councillors, the clerk, and members of the public for their support and commitment over the past 12 months.

Jubilee Park

1. The Ninja Trail was installed with support from a £20,000 National Lottery grant.
2. More than £10,000 was invested in equipment upgrades and safety improvements.
3. Work has continued to preserve the wooden structures.
4. Tree works were completed, and six fruit trees donated by NKDC were planted to mark the coronation of King Charles III. A new sign and two new picnic benches are still to be installed.
5. Routine maintenance has also continued, including grass cutting and mole control.

Church Farm Development

1. We have collaborated with Peter Sowerby Homes and NKDC to help ensure the affordable housing provided meets local needs. NKDC has recognised this approach and hopes to apply similar principles to other developments.
2. The first phase of land transfer to the Parish Council has begun. This includes the trees and land to the east of the development, the ransom strip around the site, and land to the south-west.
3. Regular site visits have helped keep residents informed, alongside ongoing discussions with Peter Sowerby Homes on a range of matters, including surface water on Moor Lane.

Village Hall and Car Park

1. Wi-Fi has been installed in the village hall.
2. The conifers were removed and a new fence was installed between the bowls club and the car park.
3. Plans are in place to resurface the car park and address surface water issues, with the work expected to be completed within the next two to three months.

Pride in Our Parish

1. Parish councils are increasingly expected to take on greater responsibilities, particularly where unitary authorities have been introduced, and more local matters fall to the parish level. In response, we have been supported by an operative / handyman working alongside us.
2. As a result, new flower boxes were built and planted with daffodils, an additional litter pick was organised, noticeboards were fitted with new Perspex windows,

and shrubs and weeds were cleared from the right-hand side of the village hall car park.

3. In addition, fruit trees have been planted on Station Road, extra speed signs placed on the High Street and Station Road and a two-way sign on Cow Lane installed.

Operational and Major Ongoing Issues

1. In October, following recommendations, we changed our email addresses and opened a new interest-bearing account with Unity Bank.
2. We are continuing to address parking issues around the schools, along with the wider development of the village centre, including the full integration of Church Farm into the village.
3. We have begun the legal process to start to secure a green walkway and footpath to the station.
4. We play an active role in opposing the large-scale solar parks and storage facilities proposed for our area.
5. We refer to the Neighbourhood Plan to guide our actions, although it has not yet been formally adopted.

Working with other organisations within the Parish

We continue to work with organisations within the parish and others to support and enable and this will be an ongoing process over the next 12 months and beyond.

Our next meeting 8th June 7:30 Village Hall

Best wishes Geoff Lloyd,
Chair Swinderby Parish Council

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The Railway Inn

We were delighted to welcome two lovely weddings to The Railway Inn in April, and what wonderful celebrations they were for everyone involved. Imogen and Marcus enjoyed a fun and relaxed day with Afternoon Tea, garden games and plenty of Pimm's, all set in a beautifully decorated sage green marquee.

We also had the pleasure of hosting Simon and Stacey Richardson's special day, with the marquee looking absolutely lovely thanks to our very own village florist, The Floriferous Garden. Tables were dressed with hessian runners and the chairs with charming hessian sashes.

It was a real joy to see the Inn filled with such celebration, and we were proud to play a part in creating memories for two very special couples.



May has also brought plenty of activity outdoors. We are delighted to have secured a grant from NKDC towards the installation of two new toilet and shower rooms on the campsite. One of these will also include a baby changing unit and a disabled-accessible toilet which will be a welcome addition not only for campers but for pub visitors and families too.



These improvements are an exciting step forward for The Railway Inn and for the wider community, and we look forward to seeing the work take shape over the coming weeks.

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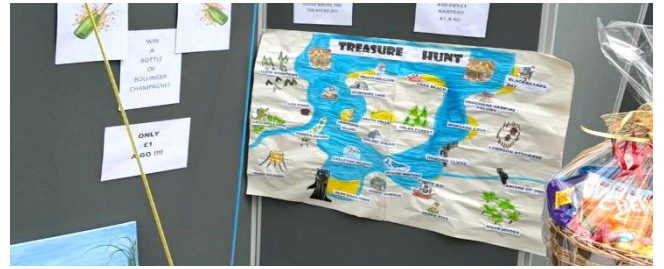
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A fabulous afternoon in the sunshine was enjoyed by a huge crowd of visitors, our third Swinderby Summer Sunday, organised and funded by the Swinderby Trust with sponsorship from Tarmac and Lost Village Festival. The younger generation took no time in taking full advantage of the bouncy castle and the village play equipment, including the new vertical climbing wall and the ninja trail. The event was officially opened by Councillor Peter Overton and Councillor Marianne Overton MBE and there were stalls in abundance selling their wares and local organisations providing information.

The performance arena provided a focal point of the afternoon with Alistair Leese, professional falconer, who is prolific at many of the UK's county shows, giving a hugely entertaining flying display accompanied by a dynamic musical accompaniment, with the stars of the show being Grace, Todd and Sweeney who swooped and glided through the skies, and we all wondered if they would come back ! This was followed by Hannah Thompson, Puppy Development Officer for Guide Dogs UK, and her team of volunteer trainers who allowed visitors into the arena to meet the puppies whilst she talked about the work they do. Musical entertainment was provided by The Two of Us and Nostalgia to keep the atmosphere upbeat and of course, the weather was kind to us, which was a huge bonus. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help set up and run events and to all our stallholders – all in all a really wonderful afternoon, and we are already planning for next year – date and plans to be announced soon ! More photos will be included in the digital version on Facebook and the parish council website.









Thank you to all stallholders and attractions and all the volunteers who made this wonderful afternoon happen – see you next year !!