



# SWINDERBY LINKUP

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JULY 2026

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**FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER**

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Last week we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children and their families for the first of their Taster visits and we look forward to them starting with us full time in September. This time of the school year is always full of mixed emotions; there is the excitement of a new chapter for the Year 6 children as they embark on a new part of their lives and tinged with this is the saying goodbye to faces of pupils and families that we have known for so long.

Our Leaver's Service on July 22<sup>nd</sup> is always a time of reflection. This was especially true when I was recently reading the names on the trophies of our former pupils on the trophies in our cabinet. Every name carries memories.



Since I last wrote for the Link Up the school has continued to be a hive of activity.

Class 1 have been to the Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Class 3 to the Pink Pig Farm and the whole school was treated to a theatre performance from Rhubarb theatre where the topic of litter and waste was delivered in a fun but meaningful way.

The school also continues to strive for high expectations for its pupils through internal and external assessments and the summer term is always a busy one for this.

We have recently launched the dates for our 'Stay and Play's sessions for entry into our school for September 2027. Please share these dates as we are always excited to show new pupils around. If you can support us in terms of volunteering or hearing readers we'd be delighted to hear from you.

We can be contacted on: [enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@swinderby.lincs.sch.uk)

My best wishes, Zoe Longstaff Head Teacher

## VILLAGE AMENITIES AND USEFUL CONTACTS

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Central Heating Oil Purchasing Scheme, a simple organisation to save us all money on our central heating oil. The saving comes from bulk delivery into the village (normally at least one full tanker load).

**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.

**SWINDERBY BOOK GROUP:** Meets once every 6 weeks. More details contact Janet 07887 506272

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## NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SWINDERBY

*Dear Friends,*

July arrives in Lincolnshire with long evenings, warm days, and the countryside looking wonderfully full of life. The fields around our villages are growing high, the hedgerows are thick with green, and the verges have decided that neatness is no longer a priority. After some lovely hot bank holidays, many of us have remembered how much we love sunshine, and how quickly we start hunting for shade.

This is also a changing time of year for many households. Exams are coming to an end, school is nearly finished, and the summer holidays are just around the corner. For some, that brings relief and excitement. For others, it brings the familiar puzzle of childcare, work, family visits, holidays, and wondering how many snacks children can possibly eat in one day.

In a rural parish, we often notice the seasons more closely. We see the land changing around us. We know that growth takes time, that harvest does not happen overnight, and that communities depend on patience, care, and people quietly doing their part. That feels deeply important in village life. Our churches are here not only for Sunday worship, but as places of welcome, memory, prayer, celebration, sadness, friendship, and hope.

For me, this is one of the ways we glimpse God's love in everyday life. Not only in church buildings or formal services, but in the care shown between neighbours, the conversations at village events, the help offered when someone is struggling, and the small acts of kindness that can make a very ordinary day feel lighter. God's love is often quieter than we expect, but it is wonderfully present in the goodness we give and receive.

Our next **Family Service** will be in **August**, with lively music, dancing, creative crafts, and time to share the Gospel in ways that engage all ages. Our **Games Night** will also be at **Thorpe on the Hill**, on **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.00 pm**.

All information for Swinderby Churches is available at:

<https://swinderbychurches.org.uk/>

With every blessing,

*Rev'd Yola*



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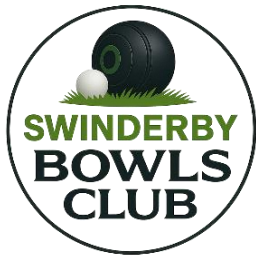
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1-4 PM**

**SWINDERBY VILLAGE HALL**

**CONTACT PAT HAIG  
TO BOOK A STALL £10**



## SWINDERBY BOWLS CLUB UPDATE

The Swinderby Bowls Club is still looking for new members. Why not come along and give it a try? Whether you've played before or are a complete beginner, **everyone is welcome**.

There's a mix of abilities who bowl each Friday (come rain or shine!) and the more experienced are always on hand to offer some words of advice.

- The club is a great opportunity 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**.
- If you're not sure bowls is for you, the first visit is FREE and once you join, you can bring friends and family for a £3 drop-in fee.
- For those feeling a little more ambitious, we are arranging **friendly competitions with neighbouring villages**.
- **We'd love to welcome you—come along, have a go, and see what it's all about!**
- **Membership for the year is £25 and the season runs until September.**
- We are looking for anyone interested in supporting the committee - if you think you might be interested in this or coming along to play, please message Committee Chair Petra Clarke 07425 815837

## SWINDERBY VILLAGE LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 8 JULY 2026

12 NOON SWINDERBY VILLAGE HALL

ALL ARE WELCOME

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Menu may vary depending on time of year but always sandwiches and home-made cakes, tea and coffee.

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## IMPORTANT NEWS FROM SWINDERBY STATION



### IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTICE: Swinderby Railway Station Level Crossing & Platform Access

As a volunteer Station Adopter for Swinderby Station, my role is to help look after our local station, support the community, and work alongside East Midlands Railway (EMR) to ensure a pleasant environment for all passengers. Part of that role includes sharing vital safety and operational information to help your journey go smoothly.

Please be aware of the following strict safety regulations regarding the level crossing at Swinderby:



**The 10-Minute Rule** The level crossing at Swinderby is manned and operated by Network Rail signallers. For safety reasons, **all gates—including the pedestrian gates—are closed and locked 10 minutes before a train is due to arrive from either direction.**



**No Access Once Gates Are Closed** Once the gates are locked, signallers are legally and contractually **not permitted** to escort passengers across the tracks under any circumstances.



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**Respect Our Railway Staff** Our signallers are doing their jobs to keep everyone safe. Verbal or physical abuse directed at Network Rail signallers by passengers who arrive after the gates have closed **will not be tolerated.** All such incidents will be reported directly to the British Transport Police (BTP).

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and for helping to keep Swinderby Station safe for everyone! 

Thanks

Becky Newborough

### **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](mailto:collinghamadvice@gmail.com)

### **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.

### **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:

- Wednesday 15th of July 2026
- Wednesday 16th of September 2026
- Wednesday 18th of November 2026
- Wednesday 20th of January 2027

You can sign-up to use Swinderby CHOPS via [www.swinderbychops.co.uk](http://www.swinderbychops.co.uk)  
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## BIN COLLECTION DATES JULY 2026

- Black Bin Wednesday 8 July / 22 July / 5 August
- Green Bin Wednesday 15 July / 12 August
- Brown Bin Tuesday 7 July / 21 July / 4 August
- Purple Bin Wednesday 1 July / 29 July / 26 August
- Orange Caddy Wednesday 1 July / 8 July / 15 July / 22 July / 29 July

Full calendar can be found [www.n-kesteven.org.uk/bins](http://www.n-kesteven.org.uk/bins)

## CHURCH NEWS JULY 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 Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 07594 354613

**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.

### Future fundraising events

Quiz Night Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Christmas Fayre Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2026

Gill Lloyd, PCC Secretary, 07483 878031, [gclloyd53@gmail.com](mailto:gclloyd53@gmail.com)

If you have any comments, feedback, ideas for articles, poems, gardening tips, events in Swinderby please do let me know.

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Sending best wishes Pat Haig Editor, Swinderby LinkUp

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## Summer in the Village

The hedgerows hum with bees at work,  
The swallows wheel and glide,  
Warm sunshine spills across the fields,  
And lingers countryside wide.

The roses climb the cottage walls,  
Their fragrance fills the air,  
While gardens bloom in every hue,  
A feast of colour there.

Children's laughter drifts along  
The lanes from dawn till tea,  
And evening brings a golden light  
Across the meadow tree.

The village green grows bright and  
busy,  
Friends stop awhile to chat,  
While dogs doze softly in the shade  
And sparrows bathe and splat.

As summer stretches long and fair,  
May simple pleasures stay—  
The joy of sun, the song of birds,  
And peace in every day.

Anon

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# NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL JULY 2026

## Notes From the Parish Council July 2026

The meeting took place on 8<sup>th</sup> of June and was attended by three members of the public and Cllr Overton. Cllr Woodruff (LCC) was unable to attend, but sent his usual update, including details of works completed by LCC in the parish. His report for this month follows, including work undertaken by the Lincolnshire County Council.

### Update from Cllr Woodruff

#### Crisis Resilience Fund

*There is a crisis resilience fund set up for residents struggling with heating oil increases. It's an online application. There are criteria to meet but they aim to process within 2 days if eligible, and residents will receive a £300 pre-paid voucher towards their order of oil. 01529 572575 or [crf@lincolnshireccf.co.uk](mailto:crf@lincolnshireccf.co.uk)*  
Please refer to last month's LinkUp for more information.

#### Fix My Street

*Please continue to signpost residents to the fixmystreet website:*

*(<https://fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk>)*

*I receive all updates with my division every day and it remains the absolute fastest and most transparent means to highlight issues within the parish.*

#### Swinderby Summer Sunday

*Well done and many thanks to all the organisers, volunteers and local businesses involved. Great turn out, the weather held and everyone enjoyed themselves.*

#### Councillor fund

*I now have a small fund each year to support local charities and community groups within my division. There are criteria to meet but if you know of any local groups needing support with anything please do get in touch.*

#### Local highways work completed

*Station Road – road repairs x 4*

*Halfway House Lane – road repair*

*Wood Lane – approx. 100m of jet patching road repairs*

*Swinderby footpath 10/1 – new 6m bridge and associated stile into field.*

## Policies, Standing Orders and Risk Assessment

We are currently reviewing our policies and standing orders, as well as updating the risk assessment. These are important tasks, even if they may not make the most exciting reading.

**Swinderby Station** We have previously highlighted the risks of crossing the tracks when the gates are closed. The gates are now being locked to help protect passengers. Although they may remain closed for extended periods, and this can be frustrating, some individuals have reportedly been abusive towards the staff operating them. These staff must follow a risk assessment, and any departure from it could result in serious consequences, including loss of employment or a fatality.

## Church Farm Development

The first residents have now moved in, and visitors can walk onto the site via the tarmac road to view the development more closely. Please note that, for safety reasons, only a small section is currently open. Before the first homes were occupied, the deed of variation to the original legal agreement had to be signed; this was completed on 21 May. The main change relates to affordable housing and reflects the feedback received from the community. The categories are now 20 discounted market sales housing units and 6 first home units. If sold in the future the discount must be passed onto the new purchaser and persons with local connections with Swinderby are the priority. Hopefully, these homes will provide opportunities for many in the future for those wishing to live locally.

## Teams Meeting with Kisimul School

At our meeting with Kisimul School representatives, we discussed traffic around the school and whether the recent changes are having an effect. We also raised local concerns about the speed of taxis travelling through the village while transporting pupils. Kisimul representatives will take this up with the taxi firms. It would seem common sense to adjust your speed according to the road conditions and potential hazards and not adhere blindly to the speed limit.

Next Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026 7:30 pm Village Hall.

Best wishes Geoff Lloyd,  
Chair Swinderby Parish Council

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| TUESDAY                   | Post Office 9.30-11.30am                                                                                                                                     |
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|                           | Village Lunch 12noon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday<br>Book a place via Mo 07594 354613                                                                           |
| THURSDAY                  | Belly Dancing 6.30-8.30pm Susan 07432 298088                                                                                                                 |
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# The Swinderby Gardener

If you are a keen gardener and would like to contribute to LinkUp please get in touch – [pathaig@me.com](mailto:pathaig@me.com)

## Midsummer Magic in the Village

Welcome to this month's gardening corner! As June brings long, warm days, our village gardens are bursting into life with a spectacular display of roses, foxgloves, and early summer colour. It is a wonderful time to slow down, enjoy a morning coffee outside, and listen to the buzz of bumblebees at work. This month, we are focusing on easy ways to keep your borders blooming through the summer heat, alongside some fantastic, muddy weekend projects to get the village children excited about nature. Whether you have a sprawling cottage garden, an allotment plot, or a few patio pots, there is plenty to inspire you during these summer months.

## Things to Do in the Garden in July / August

- **Water Wisely:** Prioritise early morning or evening watering, especially for thirsty vegetables and hanging baskets.
- **Keep on Deadheading:** Remove faded blooms on bedding plants and sweet peas to encourage a continuous display of summer colour.
- **Pest Watch:** Stay vigilant for aphids on roses and young shoots and pick off lily beetles before they do major damage.
- **Harvesting:** Enjoy the first early potatoes, radishes, lettuce, and pick courgettes regularly so they don't turn into marrows.
- **No-Mow Zones:** Letting certain areas of the lawn grow longer benefits bees and butterflies.
- **Water Conservation:** Suggest setting up water butts to collect rainwater, which is especially helpful during dry spells.

## Family-Friendly Projects for Kids

Getting children involved in the garden is a great way to teach them where food comes from and inspire a lifelong love for wildlife. Here are two simple projects perfect for little hands this summer.

- **Build a Five-Star Bug Hotel:** Gather twigs, pinecones, dry leaves, hollow bamboo canes, and old terracotta pots. Stack them tightly inside an old wooden crate or a quiet corner of the garden. It creates a safe nesting site for solitary bees, ladybirds etc that hunt garden pests.
- **Plant a "Pizza Pot" :** Use a large container and plant a single cherry tomato plant in the centre, surrounded by pots of sweet basil and oregano. It grows quickly, fits on any sunny doorstep, and lets kids harvest their own homegrown pizza toppings later in the summer.

Above all, do keep well hydrated during these summer months and don't forget the sunscreen and your favourite sun hat !



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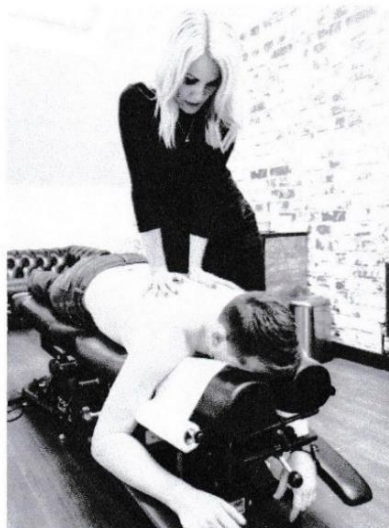
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# Swinderby Community News



The Parish Council has purchased two picnic tables to be located on the Jubilee Park near the play equipment. Soon to be installed.



The new wildflower meadow on Betts Corner is looking fabulous, and all the new trees are doing very well. The playing field is also full of wildflowers and lots of butterflies. This is a testament to village volunteers who keep these areas mown and tidied. Thank you to

everyone who helps out, and if you have time to give, get in touch with Simon Longson or Geoff Lloyd.



 **TIMBER PRO**

Many thanks to James Stopford and the team at Timber Pro for the wood, which will enable us to finish the floor project at All Saints Church.

This is the final phase of major work by volunteers. We really appreciate your support over the last few years.

## Church Farm Development

There will be an opportunity very soon for locals to have a look around and we will update you when a date is finalised. The first residents will be moving in sometime during June / July. This is phase 1. Phase 2/3 will commence in 2-3 months' time.





The Parish Council would like to thank MEC Recycling (Andrew Cotton) for removing the waste from the village hall car park.  
Great community spirit.  
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To celebrate the World Cup, a brilliant post box topper from Becky Newborough –  
Come on England !! (or Scotland)  
The Plough is showing all the England World Cup games – enjoy a pint while you watch the game.



Thank you to Simon Longson for  
the use of his photos



Here's a date for your diary ! Next year's Swinderby Summer Sunday will be on **Sunday 6 June 2027** on the Jubilee Play Park. If you have an attraction you think would be of interest for our event, get in touch.

And the Macmillan Cancer Support event in the village hall this year will be an afternoon tea on **Saturday 26 September** from 2pm-4pm.  
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