EDITOR'S PAGE

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I was recently given a copy of a Link Up from November 1990 which incidentally is the month I moved into the village and I thought you might like to see how much your Link Up has changed over the years (see the photo on the inside cover). The greatest innovation was when Mikela introduced the booklet format, photos and professional printing and I hope you are pleased to see it land on your doormat. With the help of Bob Crozier, I am happy to say that the Link Up is now also on the Parish Council website. Sadly the pictures don't reproduce.

My thanks to Brian Jelley for this month's article. I had been told that Brian had been very involved in boys' football in the 70s and 80s, but it wasn't until I read his piece that I realized how much he had contributed to that aspect of village life. Incidentally, next month's Link Up will contain a fascinating article from Colin Measures about the variety of birdlife that he has encountered in the village. However, I don't have any more articles in reserve. Can you help please? Colin also gave me the brain teaser which appears on page 24. Can you solve it? Have you responded to the invitation to the Queen's Birthday Tea Party? It's on Sunday 24th April in the Village Hall, so it doesn't matter if it's pouring with rain. And it's free to Swinderby residents so do come along and join the party. However, to cater successfully, the organizers do need to know how many people are intending to turn up. Replies by 14th April please.

Did you see the fire at the former Produce World site? I know that many people went to have a look and there was much speculation as to what had happened and Bloombridge (who are managing the site) contacted the Chairman of the Parish Council to make sure that the residents of Swinderby know exactly how it was caused and this email is reproduced on page 5. Quite a few of the photos this month are of the fire: it was quite spectacular and luckily nobody was hurt. Nigel Glynn supplied the majority of these photos. Thank you Nigel.

On the subject of Bloombridge, please check the Parish Council report for details of the Annual Parish Meeting which will include discussion on, amongst other things, the proposed development, which would have a great impact on Swinderby. Thanks are due this month to Chris Briscoe and Jenny and Graham Roe for the jam jars filled with small change. If you feel you could help, please fill a jam jar with coppers and either drop it off on my doorstep, or hand it in at The Plough. As I pointed out earlier, the Link Up is a pretty professional publication considering the size of the village, but we do need funds to keep in going without having to ask households to buy it. A few people have given a cash donation of either £5 or £10 to make sure that we can keep including material other than advertisements. Everything helps so thank you to those who remember us.

Pat and Bruce

The copy date for the next Link Up will be 20th April at 5pm. Copy received after that may not be included. Please note that all articles in Link Up are taken in good faith. We cannot and will not, take responsibility for any legal queries resulting thereof. Submitted articles do not necessarily reflect our views. We reserve the right not to print some submitted articles.

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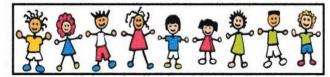
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The Chairman of the Parish Council, Reg Ketteringham, received this email from Brian Cairns of Produce World on 25 February, shortly after the spectacular fire in the village. Thanks also to Nigel Glynn for most of the photos of this incident.

The fire at the Swinderby site on Tuesday 23rd Feb was the result of a spark created when the contractor cut off a bolt to inspect the inside of one of the tanks in the water treatment plant. Unfortunately there was plastic and a dry residue in this tank which then ignited.

The contractors immediately contacted the fire brigade which responded and put the fire out, and protected the remainder of the tanks that were close by. While the fire appeared to be fierce the fire brigade said that because the panel was removed from the bottom of the tank the air drawn in fuelled the flames.

There were some reports that all the tanks were affected, but actually only one tank was damaged (see photo on front cover) and the next morning the chief fire officer came back on site and allowed the dismantling of the tanks to continue. It was obviously an unfortunate incident but Produce World would like to assure all Swinderby residents that all procedures were followed by the contractors and security officers, and it was an isolated incident which resulted in the loss of one tank.

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I am delighted to include this note from Sheila Parkin.

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Sheila Parkin

From Mrs Newton, Pacey Close

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Many thanks to those who attended the drop in sessions last month. Your comments are very welcome.

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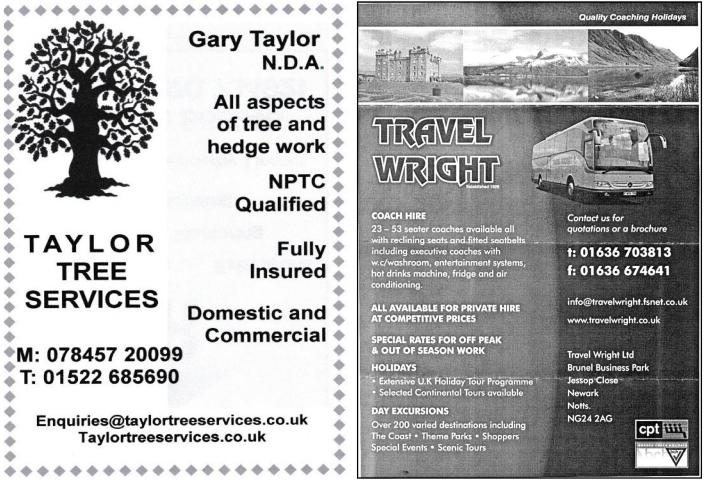
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NEW! ACTIVITY HUB FOR DEMENTIA SET TO OPEN IN METHERINGHAM

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Carly Togher, Health & Wellbeing Manager for 1Life who set up the hub said "The hub is designed to welcome people living with dementia and their carers. Friends and family are welcome to attend. We're already looking in to setting up another hub in another part of the district and hope to be able to share this information soon."

Each session will take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 10am to 12 noon at St Wilfrid's Church Hall, 24 Church Lane, Metheringham LN4 3HA. Everyone is welcome to attend; parking will also be available at the Star and Garter pub on Princes Street, LN4 3BX and is just a short walk to the church hall. For more information please contact Carly Togher, Health & Wellbeing Manager on 01522 870272 or email carly.togher@1life.co.uk Sensory Strolls are still proving to be very popular at Whisby Nature Park and are ideal for people living with dementia and their carers; walks are designed to stimulate the senses and to enjoy the outdoors. Refreshments are also available to purchase from the Boardwalk Cafe afterwards.

Sensory strolls take place on the first Tuesday of the month at 11am. Please meet outside the Natural World Centre – please note there is a £2 parking charge.

For more information please contact Carly Togher, Health & Wellbeing Manager on 01522 870272 or email carly.togher@llife.co.uk

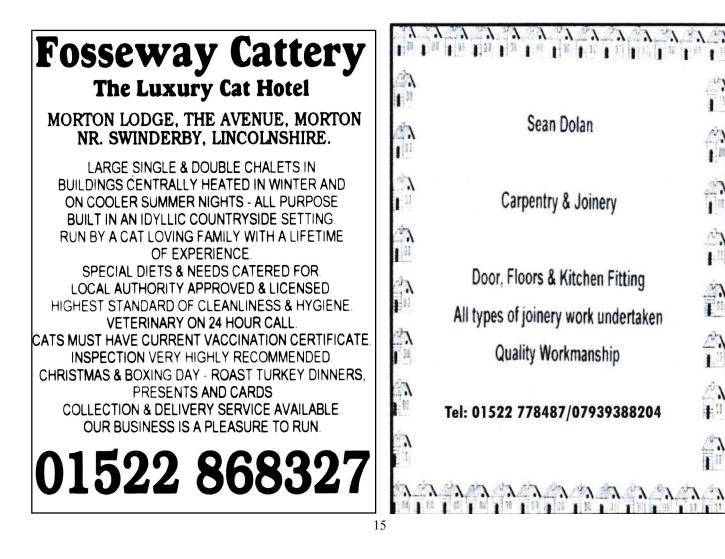
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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, MONDAY 7 MARCH

I think these meetings are now getting to be like a well oiled machine these days. You see, in the past, an item came up for discussion whether or not it was on the agenda. We would discuss it for some time (sometimes a looong time) and then maybe (but more often not) we might make a decision. Well, with the transition to a more decentralised government, local parish councils are having to become more accountable and dare I say it, more professional (even though we're not getting paid, the government aren't daft you see). This has meant that meetings are much more structured now, if an item is not on the agenda it can't be decided. Instead of 'any other business', we now have 'items for future agendas'. Even the PC website needed changes such as the inclusion of councillors points of contact, parish asset register, standing orders and even more changes to follow (Pat and I are trying to get the Link Up on there as well, but that is another story).

Public Forum

That said however, the meeting started as usual with the public forum and a resident of Green Lane was concerned that although retrospective planning permission had been given for the helicopter hangar, the local residents had not received any notification at all from the district planning division. Normally when planning is submitted, NKDC will post the relevant documents (you may have seen the yellow Planning Site Notices on lamp posts or fixed to fences) and they inform the nearest neighbours with a letter giving the details of the plans. Now, in the case of retrospective planning approval, nothing is sent/distributed because the building/ shed/construction has already been built and now approved. Cllr Barbara Wells of NKDC Planning was unable to throw any light on the subject so the PC have sent an e-mail to the planning department asking what is the procedure in such circumstances. We await their reply.

Following the feedback from the latest presentation, concerns have been raised by several parishioners over the plans by the Bloombridge Group/Produce World, It was therefore proposed that some time should be set aside at the Annual Parish Meeting (23rd May from 7:00pm) for the village to comment on the development and in order to encourage a free and open discussion, it was agreed that representatives from the Bloombridge Group/ Produce World would not be invited to the meeting.

Police Report

PCSO Lingard sent her apologies but did send a report about the theft of a vehicle, later found abandoned in the village. (What, the thief didn't like the colour??)

Village Entrance Signs

The designs for the new village entrance signs incorporating the new village logo have been agreed and will shortly be going to the manufacturers. We were (in order to keep costs down) going to use the current posts to mount the signs. However, (have you noticed there is always a however) concerns have been raised that some of the posts may not be fit for purpose. So in the next few days I am getting on my bike to inspect posts and foundations to see what can be saved. As well as this and although the new signs meet highways specifications, we still have to have approval from NKDC Highways to site the new signs (more red tape and hoops please). Luckily, the chair and I have managed to secure a meeting with Donna Davis from Highways to discuss various concerns in and around the village. I say luckily because due to cuts the local highways division has lost 30% of its manning and any future requests will now have to go through a switchboard.

Speed Safety Signs

We still have had no feedback regarding the signs we have ordered (and paid for) so the PC instructed the Clerk to follow this up. (She has since sent a very short and concise e-mail to the concerned party. I would NOT like to be on the receiving end of that email)

School Safety Zone

The subject of the School Safety Zone came up and how we should go about getting one. The main sticking point again is the area immediately in front of the school. In order for Highways to declare an SSZ and put in the yellow lines and notices, there has to be ZERO parking in the whole area, however the teachers say they need the space to load and unload their cars. Cllr Carter has agreed to bring this up at the next Governers' meeting and look for a way forward.

Grit Bin

As you may remember the lid on the grit bin outside the school has been damaged and the highways division are refusing to either replace or repair it (probably due to the cuts mentioned above). Cllr Carter suggested that the PC should consider part funding of a new bin to be placed outside the school. She will bring this to the next school finance meeting.

Planning at Kisimul School

The PC are concerned about the classroom and especially the car parking expansion plans at Kisimul school. There is already a high volume of traffic in a very busy area especially at peak times with an already reduced visibility. They are worried that increased traffic levels could potentially create a greater hazard not just for Kisimul School users but to the Swinderby All Saints Primary School users as well.

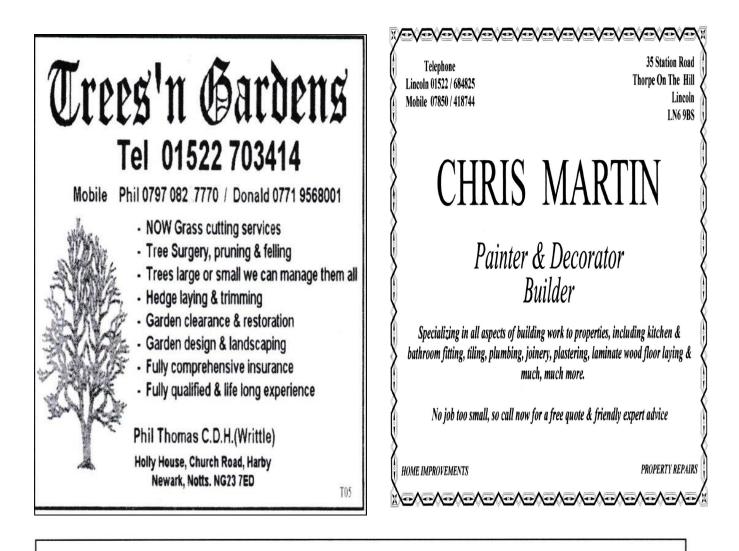
Items for inclusion at Annual Parish Meeting

The APM on 23 May does not have a formal agenda as such, as it is up to the residents of the village to come forward and have their say about what could/ should be happening in and around Swinderby. So now is the time to put your thinking caps on and decide what you want to bring to the table.

Next Meeting

Monday April 4th AGM from 7pm with the usual meeting starting at 7:30pm Cllr Bob Crozier Swinderby PC

Editor's note: I think we owe Bob a vote of thanks for all the hard work that he puts in preparing these notes of the meetings. He does a great job of keeping us informed about what is going on, and with more humour than many of us could manage to muster on these subjects. Pat



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Our thanks are due this month to Brian Jelley. Anyone who knows Brian will tell you that he was a huge inspiration to the football playing boys of Swinderby in the late 70s and early 80s. There are some photos on the inside back cover.

SWINDERBY BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

Around 1975/76, myself and a fellow villager came up with the idea of forming a boys football team, something that was motivated by the fact that our boys were of a similar age and both Alan Hodson and myself were also football enthusiasts.

We had to set about acquiring equipment etc but foremost was to restore the Station Road playing field to manageable levels as it had become overgrown. We acquired goal posts, nets etc from Branston Booths team and a shed was purchased from Barnby and kindly transported by Don Newton by tractor and trailer and erected into a changing room by David Bowles. We were able to make the purchase due to a donation from Pegasus FC, a team Alan had previously played for in Newark.

The first team we commenced with was at under 12 level and formed from Swinderby School which at that time included boys from RAF Swinderby and Morton Hall. As time progressed we had to move into higher age groups ranging from 12 to 15 in age. The teams went on to be very successful winning trophies in both Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire and parents ringing to get their boys into Swinderby teams. In one season we had teams in the Lincoln and District under 15 Division One and Division Two leagues and the Cup Final that season was Swinderby versus Swinderby and naturally played at Swinderby, the older boys just having the edge.

One of the highlights was the exchange visits with a Scottish team from Pumpherston near Lingstone. We had two visits to Scotland with the boys staying at the homes of the Scottish boys. Junior football was taken very seriously at that time and on one of their visits their team was led on to the pitch by a boy piper.

Such was the success of the Swinderby teams that a number of football league clubs invited them to play their youth teams, amongst them Nottingham Forest, Notts County, Norwich, Sheffield Wednesday and Coventry. Swinderby was obviously a good grounding for boys as a number went on to join professional clubs and make a living from football.

As our boys moved out of the age range we stepped back and handed the reins over to the late Colin Havard who also went on to have some success. It is worthy to mention that the current Lincoln City manager was also a Swinderby player.

Brian Jelley

Brian also showed me a menu from the Swinderby Boys FC 1981 dinner: Grapefruit Cocktail or Vegetable Soup; Roast beef (no choice) and Black Forest Gateau. Who else is old enough to remember when that was a very posh menu?

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The Natural World Centre's latest publication is now available to read online - <u>http://issuu.com/naturalworldcentre/docs/nwc_march_to_june_online</u>

GOOD COMPANIONS

Our monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th March and attended by 16 members.

Birthdays were celebrated by Sheila and Grace.

The usual games were played: 5's and 3's – Joan, Sheila & Gordon Scrabble – Margaret & Gina Afternoon tea was served by Connie and Joyce. An outing to Whitby has been arranged for Wednesday 18th May. The bus leaves the village at 9am. Please contact Doreen if you would like to go.

The clubs AGM will be held on Thursday 14th April at 2pm in the village hall. Subscriptions of £5.00 will be due.

Rita Hodgson 868707



One Hundred Years of Aviation Friday 1, Saturday 2, Sunday 3 April

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For more information on this event or about Cranwell Aviation Heritage Centre visit <u>www.cranwellaviation.co.uk</u> or call 01529 308102.

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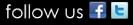
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SCHOOL NEWS

On Thursday March 3rd the children of Swinderby School took part in the annual World Book Day. The children were encouraged to come into school dressed as characters from their favourite books and the school saw outfits ranging from Harry Potter to Tracey Beaker. The children looked fabulous! To promote the joy and importance of reading some adults came into school to read to the children and different year groups in school shared stories with each other.

We are very lucky at Swinderby to have a willing band of volunteers who come each week to read with the children but more people are always wanted, so if you have an hour or two spare each week the school would love to hear from you! Please just pop in or give us a ring on 868287.

Thank you!

Mrs Longstaff

See the pictures of the Book Day in the centre of this Link Up

All Saints C of E Primary School are collecting the Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers 2016.We collect them to help us purchase sport and cooking equipment. People can drop them off at the school. This would be very much appreciated.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM CONTACT NUMBERS

For some time now we have had mobile phones issued to the Neighbourhood Policing Teams, but sometimes this has caused confusion. Often we have calls to our mobile numbers made by residents wanting to report crimes and incidents. Our mobile contact numbers should NOT be used for this, we may not be able to answer our phones, and if you leave a message it could be up to 24hours before someone calls you back!

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The next panel meeting will be held at: Venue Skellingthorpe Parish Office, Lincoln Road, Skellingthorpe Date 6th April 2016 Time 19:00hrs

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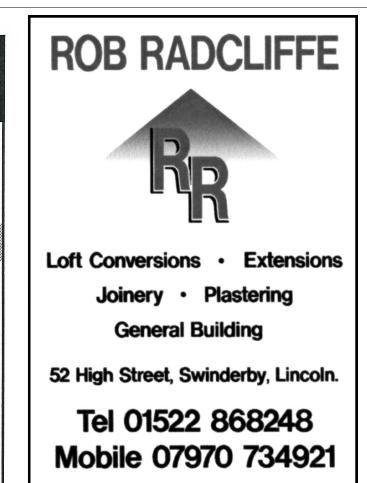
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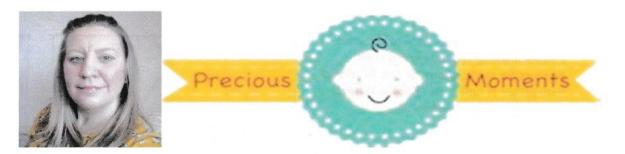


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ANSWER TO THE BRAIN TEASER ON PAGE 24

First, the two sons cross, and one returns. Then the man crosses and the other son returns. Then both sons cross and one returns. Then the lady crosses and the other son returns. Then the two sons cross, and one returns for the dog. Eleven crossings in all.



Baby Massage Classes available at Swinderby Village hall from Friday 4th March 2016 0930-1030 5 week course and need to be booked in advance drop in sessions can then be attended once course completed. As well as a "hands on babies" trained massage instructor I am a qualified children's nurse and health visitor, and so provide lots of support and advice should it be requested.

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Firing of the Forge Saturday 2 April, 10am to 1pm

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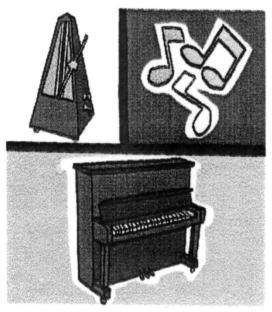
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WHAT GOES ON IN SWINDERBY?

SCRABBLE The Scrabblers meet every other Tuesday in the Plough at 7pm. We feel very welcome, a lovely log fire, 'bit of banter' We usually play 2 games, 'nothing serious' put the world to rights, home for around 9.30pm. We range in ages & ability but always have a good time! See the Plough page to find out when the next meeting is. Ring Meg (868378) for more information & come out on the tiles!)

CHOPS Central Heating Oil Purchasing Scheme is a simple organisation designed to save us all some money on our central heating oil. I collect orders about 6 times a year. On my buying day, I get the best price possible and advise everyone where the oil is coming from and the current price. The saving comes from the bulk delivery into the village which normally means at least one full tanker load and 25+ deliveries. Payment depends on the supplier, but the worst scenario is that they phone for a debit card prior to delivery (they all charge a premium for Credit Cards). I do not handle any payment and have no vested interest in any oil company. If you run out of oil between deliveries, you can make your own arrangements and I am not in the least bit offended. The whole enterprise is 100% above board and I make or gain nothing from running CHOPS (apart from a few headaches usually related to deliveries!) If you want to 'join' just let me have name, address and post code as well as your phone number and I will add you to my list. Please note the minimum oil delivery is 500 litres (as designated by the oil suppliers). You will find forward delivery dates and other information in the Linkup. Call David Gardiner 868663 **COFFEE MORNING** There is a coffee morning every Monday at 10.30 am in the Church. All welcome for coffee and a chat. A great way of meeting new people.

VILLAGE CARE Are you unable to drive and need to get to the medical centre or dental practice in Collingham, Bassingham medical centre or to Newark or Lincoln hospital? There is a team of friendly volunteers who will drive you to the above places for a small fee. You do not have to be elderly to use this service! The service is for Swinderby residents only, the charges are as follows, Collingham £1.50, Bassingham £2, Newark £4, Lincoln £7.50. This is for the complete journey. Other hospitals considered, price dependant on distance. We also cater for optician appointments. Call Susan Brook on 869709

BOOK CLUB The book club meets every six weeks or so. Members read and discuss the books. It's very informal and a great way of coming across new authors. However, as we meet in each other's houses, there is a limit on numbers. The current one is full but there is a waiting list. Or how about setting up another group? Either way, phone Mikela on 868041 and talk to her about it.

SWINDERBY PRE-SCHOOL Check the advert in this magazine.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCH This takes place on the first Thursday of each month in the Village Hall. All ages are welcome and for £3.50 you will receive a hot meal, with sweet and cheese. You can just turn up, but it would help the organisers if you could let them know that you plan to attend. The people to contact are Michelle Boddy on 868006 or Doreen Porter on 868479. They are keen to welcome more people to the lunches.

GOOD COMPANIONS Swinderby Good Companions Club promotes social interaction and friendship for the senior citizens of the village. Regular monthly meetings are held in the village hall between 2pm and 4pm on the second

Thursday of every month. Games are played and afternoon tea is served by volunteer hostesses. Outings are organised during the year along with an annual fund raising garden party. Rita Hodgson 868707

BOWLS CLUB See the Bowls Club report by Meg Kitchen during the bowling season 868378 **PRESCRIPTIONS** This is a service only for people who are unable to get to Collingham to collect their prescriptions. The prescriptions are delivered once a week, on a Friday and the pharmacy must be asked to put it in the Swinderby bag. Susan Brook (869709) has now taken over this service. Although prescriptions will be delivered on a Friday, she cannot guarantee a particular delivery time.

RUMMIKUB A few people have started to play Rummikub in the Plough. It's not on a regular night, so if you are interested, please give Pat Clark a call on 868269. It's based on the card game rummy, but with numbers and is quite easy to pick up.

CALENDAR & DIARY OF EVENTS FOR APRIL

Friday 1st		
Saturday 2nd		
Sunday 3rd	Antiques Fair	
Monday 4th	Coffee morning in Church Parish Council AGM plus meeting	10.30 am 7.00 pm
Tuesday 5th	Scrabble Club at The Plough	7.00 pm
Wednesday 6th	Green lidded bins	
Thursday 7th	Fellowship Lunch	12 noon
Friday 8th		
Saturday 9th		
Sunday 10th	Holy Communion	9.30 am
Monday 11th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 12th	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 13th	Black bins Acoustic Night at The Plough	7.30 am 8.00 pm
Thursday 14th	Good Companions AGM	2.00 pm
Friday 15th		
Saturday 16th	Live Music at The Plough	9.00 pm
Sunday 17th		
Monday 18th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 19th	Scrabble Club at The Plough	7.00 pm
Wednesday 20th	Green lidded bins Family Bingo at The Plough	7.30 am 7.00 pm
Thursday 21st		
Friday 22nd		
Saturday 23rd		
Sunday 24th	Queen's Birthday Tea Party	3.00-5.00 pm
Monday 25th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 26th	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 27th	Black bins	7.30 am
Thursday 28th		
Friday 29th	Jam Night at The Plough	9.00 pm
Saturday 30th	Churchyard tidy	10.00 am to 12 noon