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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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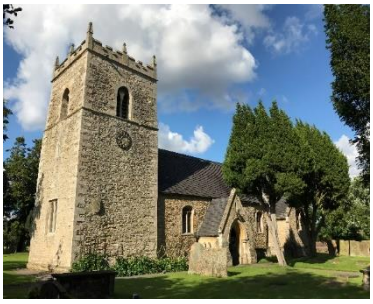
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NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS CHURCH, SWINDERBY

Dear Friends,



There's something about November that invites us to slow down and notice the changing season. After the busyness of harvest, the countryside quietens and our villages take on a different rhythm. The clocks have gone back, the evenings draw in, and nature gives us one last glorious display of colour before winter settles in. Village lights seem warmer, and a hot drink somehow matters more.

November is also a month of remembering. We begin with All Saints and All Souls, when the Church remembers those who've gone before us and those whose lives have shaped our own. Then comes Remembrance Sunday, when our villages gather to remember those who served and sacrificed in war and conflict, and to pray for peace. In rural communities, remembrance is all around us. Names are written on village memorials, in churchyards, and inside our churches. They remind us that the places we call home have been loved, served, and cared for by generations before us. We remember not only what people gave, but also the values, stories, and acts of kindness they passed on.

For Christians, remembrance also carries hope. We believe that love is stronger than death and that darkness never has the final word. Jesus spoke of light shining in the darkness, and that image feels especially fitting in November. As the evenings grow darker, even a small light can make a difference. We often see that in village life. It may be a neighbour checking on someone, a shared meal, a conversation over a cup of tea, or a simple act of kindness. For me, these are gentle signs of God's love at work in ordinary life.

Our next **Family Service** is on **Sunday 22nd November at Thorpe Church at 4.00 pm**, continuing our heroes from the Bible theme, with lively music, dancing, crafts, and Gospel sharing for all ages.

Our **Games Night** is on **Wednesday 25th November at Thorpe on the Hill at 7.00 pm**. We'd love to see you at either event, and everyone is very welcome.

A little advance warning, Christmas is coming, and I'm going to need your help!
For our **Crib Services on 24th December 2026**, I'd love children and adults to help tell the Christmas story through carols by dressing up as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, wise men, a donkey or anything else we can somehow fit in. Go wild!

Thorpe-on-the-Hill Church – 10.30 am
Bassingham Church – 4.00 pm
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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2026

Our monthly meeting was held on the 12th of October 2026. Councillor Peter Overton and one member of the public attended.

Village Entrance Signs The village entrance signs on Newark Road and Collingham Road have become discoloured. After several months of searching for affordable replacements, we have found a suitable supplier and hope to replace the signs soon. A resident has also offered to make two entrance gates to the village, giving us an opportunity to gather public feedback on the proposal.

Jubilee Park Our maintenance contractor, Daniel, continues to maintain the wooden structures in Jubilee Park. Following the extensive refurbishment earlier this year, all equipment is considered low risk, but the wood will require regular treatment in the years ahead.

Litter Pick This year, we will organise the autumn litter pick a little differently. We greatly appreciate residents who already collect litter regularly. Over the next few weeks, Daniel will cover many parish roads, including Wood Lane. Green Lane and Halfway House Lane while councillors will cover the remaining roads.

Neighbourhood Plan On 17 August, the government published a new National Planning Policy Framework, bringing changes to planning at local level. As a result, more decisions will now be made by the national government with limited powers at local level. These national changes make the Neighbourhood Plan even more important in protecting our rural heritage and ensuring suitable infrastructure now and in the future. We recognise the national need for more housing, but new development should be appropriate in character and scale. The main changes for us have been with the housing policies, but these have now been updated, and the Neighbourhood Plan is now with the adjudicator.

Trees We have continued to water the recently planted trees across the Parish and will look for any free tree schemes for which we may be eligible in the coming months.

Emergency Plan We need to update the Parish Council's emergency plan. When safe and available, the village hall can provide shelter and refreshments. The emergency services remain responsible for incidents involving danger to life or property. We also hold a supply of sandbags, with sand available if flooding threatens the Parish.

Link Up Link Up is currently printed in the village by Pat Haig on an at-cost basis. As the village grows, we will need more copies, so we have arranged a trial print run with a Lincoln-based printer and will evaluate the results.

Swinderby Neighbourhood Plan The neighbourhood plan has been submitted to the District Council which means that the statutory publicity period has begun. The publicity period runs from Monday 26th of October to Monday 7th December 2026. The plan, supporting information and the response form can be downloaded from the North Kesteven District website via: www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/Swinderbyplan/ In addition, paper copies of the plan and response forms can be viewed at the District Council Offices and via Councillor Lloyd from Swinderby Parish Council on 07851797226. Swinderby Parish Council will also organise a drop in event in the village hall, time and date to be confirmed.

Remembrance Day Once again, the Parish Council will join the school for the annual Remembrance Day service at the church on 11th November.

Other Agenda Items We confirmed that all bills had been paid and the accounts were up to date. We had no comments on the single planning application received. We also updated the risk register, although it will need to be reviewed again soon.

Next Meeting 9th November 7:30 pm in the village hall.

Best wishes Geoff Lloyd
Chair Swinderby Parish Council



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There is a box in the telephone box on the High Street for used postage stamps which are passed on to a collector on behalf of Bransby Horses Charity.

Last year they raised £11,777 from donated used stamps.

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If you would like to contribute to Swinderby News with an occasional article, a poem, a recipe, an opinion, a photograph, a gardening tip, a forthcoming event or piece of village news, I would love to hear from you. Just email pathaig@me.com or put a note through my letterbox at 42 High Street, Swinderby

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Sunday 8th November : Bingo
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Saturday 21st November : Band Night
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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 18th of November 2026
- Wednesday 20th of January 2027

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CHURCH NEWS NOVEMBER 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 November 11th. 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:

Christmas Fayre Saturday 21st November please book for a Santa Visit.

Church Christmas Raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre at 3:45pm

Gill Lloyd
PCC Secretary
07483 878031 gclloyd53@gmail.com

BIN COLLECTION DATES NOVEMBER 2026

- Black Bin Wednesday — 11 November / 25 November / 9 December
- Green Bin Wednesday — 4 November / 2 December
- Brown Bin Tuesday — 10 November / 24 November / 8 December
- Purple Bin Wednesday — 18 November / 16 December
- Orange Caddy Wednesday — every Wednesday

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

Is there anyone in the village who would be interested in helping with the LinkUp in the capacity of preparing and emailing out the annual advertising invoices and answering any advertising queries? I get so busy with editing that I struggle to find time to do it. It is just an email / Microsoft Word admin task so if you have a bit of time to offer, just email me on pathaig@me.com

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My November Guest

By Robert Frost

Robert Frost (1874 –1963) was an American poet, celebrated for his evocative descriptions of rural life, nature and the changing seasons.

My sorrow, when she's here with me,
Thinks these dark days of autumn rain
Are beautiful as days can be;
She loves the bare, the withered tree;
She walks the sodden pasture lane.

Her pleasure will not let me stay.
She talks and I am fain to list:
She's glad the birds are gone away,
She's glad her simple worsted grey
Is silver now with clinging mist.

The desolate, deserted trees,
The faded earth, the heavy sky,
The beauties she so truly sees,
She thinks I have no eye for these,
And vexes me for reason why.

Not yesterday I learned to know
The love of bare November days
Before the coming of the snow,
But it were vain to tell her so,
And they are better for her praise.

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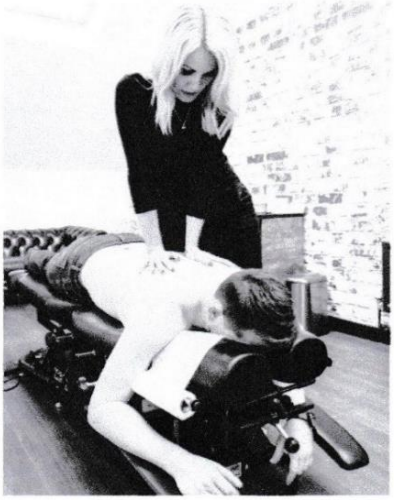
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Sunday 1 November

Free Guided Birdwatching Walk Meet outside the Visitor Centre in Hartsholme Country Park, Skellingthorpe Road, Lincoln at 10.30 am.

Thursday 12 November

Behind The Scenes at Springwatch –
An evening with Jack Baddams from BBC Springwatch and Countryfile.
7.30 pm in the Robert Hardy Building, Lincoln Bishop University, Longdales Road, Lincoln LN1 3DY. Admission charge £5.
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Sunday 15 November

FIELD TRIP to Norfolk Wildlife Trust Cley Marshes. Coach departs from Hykeham Station car park at 8 am and picks up at The Forum (Lidl) and Lincoln Railway Station.

lincolnrspb.org.uk/events

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

19 Nov: 'Encounters with venomous snakes' Rolf Williams returns to share his top tips on spotting Rattlesnakes in the Sky Islands of Arizona and tell us about their behaviour and remarkably useful venom. Also, he will touch on geography, associated wildlife and habitats of those unique places.

17th Dec: 'Spitsbergen – Realm of the polar bear' by Matthew Capper - *An illustrated talk for our Christmas meeting by Matthew Capper based on Naturetrek holidays to Spitsbergen and featuring an impressive array of wildlife. Reindeers and polar bears plus a variety of birds such as little auks, arctic terns, Brunnich's guillemots and eider ducks. Also blue whales and walrus.*

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If you are a keen gardener and would like to contribute to LinkUp please get in touch – pathaig@me.com

Things to Do in the Garden in November

November is a key month to put your garden to bed for the winter, protect plants from frost, and plant for next spring

Flowers

- Plant tulip, allium, crocus bulbs in pots and borders, covering them with at least twice their depth of soil or compost
- Lift dahlia tubers after the first frost, clean them off and store in dry compost in a cool, frost-proof place
- Plant bare-root hedging, roses, trees and shrubs, before the weather turns really cold.
- Cut down faded perennials that are looking tatty, then mulch the surrounding soil with garden compost
- Protect plants that are borderline hardy, such as agapanthus, with a thick mulch of straw or garden compost

Fruit and veg

- Take hardwood cuttings from healthy fruit bushes, including currants, blueberries and gooseberries
- Use cloches to protect winter peas, beans and salads, but leave the ends open as good ventilation is vital
- Prune autumn-fruiting raspberries to the ground after harvesting
- Plant garlic, shallots and onions in free-draining soil or raised beds, then cover with fleece
- Put netting over cabbages, kale and other hardy brassicas to protect them from pigeons
- Check stored crops for signs of rot or deterioration

Greenhouse

- Insulate the greenhouse walls and roof with bubble polythene
- Give your greenhouse and plant pots and good clean ready for next season
- Make sure all tender plants are safely under cover and kept frost free
- Sow leafy crops such as rocket into small seed trays on a warm sunny windowsill, for winter pickings
- Check greenhouse plants regularly for overwintering pests
- Avoid splashing foliage when watering, as it will dry slowly in cool weather and fungal diseases may set in
- Clear out faded tomato and cucumber plants from the greenhouse and add to the compost heap

Armchair

- Send off for seed catalogues and start planning what to grow next year.

BUT ABOVE ALL, ENJOY YOUR GARDEN, WHATEVER FORM IT TAKES !



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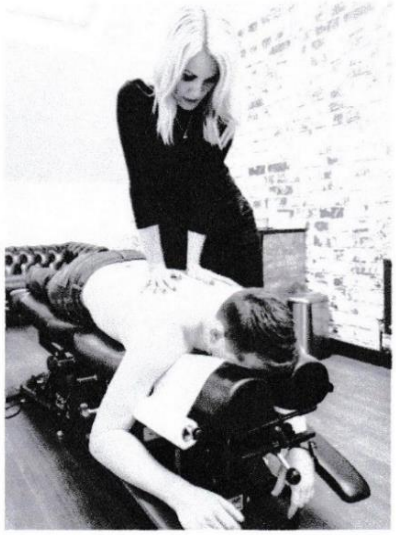
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Swinderby Community News



Christmas Fayre The Swinderby Christmas Fayre is the first one, on Saturday 21 November which also includes the draw for the Christmas Raffle at 3:45pm. Lots of festive stallholders to visit, book to see Father Christmas (see poster on front cover) and musician Andrei Celik will be playing live Christmas music for us to enjoy. £3 on the door gets you tea / coffee and cake.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets have been delivered through your letterbox the Swinderby Christmas Raffle, in aid of the Church Restoration Fund, which will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre on 21 November. There are money prizes, plus hampers and experiences donated by the Co-Op, The Plough Swinderby, Lidl, Bottle and Glass, Harby, Hair by Victoria and more to be added. Thank you to all these businesses for their generous support.

Remembrance Events

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Swinderby Once again, the Parish Council will join the school for the annual Remembrance Day service at Swinderby Church on **11 November.**

Eagle, All Saints Church and Eagle War Memorial (situated at Church Gate)

The church hosts its main Morning Service and Act of Remembrance on Sunday, **8 November 2026.** The morning service typically starts at 11:00 am to incorporate the national two-minute silence. In keeping with local tradition, the community gathers at the church to lay poppy displays and read the names of the fallen.

International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC) Service: A free annual Service of Remembrance takes place at the memorial in Lincoln on **8 November 2026** at 10:30 am, featuring the IBCC Orchestra and Choir, poetry readings, a Roll of Honour, and wreath-laying.

City of Lincoln Council, **Lincoln War Memorial on the High Street,** in conjunction with the Royal British Legion, Wednesday **11 November 2026** A civic procession, led by Lincoln's Town Crier, will leave the Guildhall at 10.40am including the Mayor of Lincoln and Civic Party with wreaths laid at the War Memorial.

Do you live on the new estate ? If so, welcome to Swinderby! I hope you find information in the LinkUp useful, and we look forward to seeing you at forthcoming events.

If you have time to volunteer as the LinkUp delivery person for your estate, please let me know pathaig@me.com / 07771 702136. We will drop them off to you ready to go through designated letterboxes and we will give you a list (there are currently 15 residents on site).



Here's a date for your diary ! Plans are being made for 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, please get in touch. pathaig@me.com

Community Cuppa Here's a free event happening on the first Monday of every month at The Railway Inn, Station Road, Thorpe on the Hill, Lincoln, LN6 9BS - a cuppa, a friendly chat and some good company and a lovely opportunity to meet new people, catch up with friends and enjoy a warm, welcoming atmosphere.
Starts Monday 2 November 3.15pm-4.30pm. Free of charge / donations welcome. Supported by Lincolnshire Co-Op.

Village Grass Cutting



Thank you to Simon and Geoff for keeping our grassy areas neat – the last cut of 2026 on Betts Corner, Moor Lane, Station Road Playing Field and Station Road Corner has been done.
Luckily, most newly planted trees have survived the prolonged summer drought, mainly due to constant watering by the PC and Will Britnell (on behalf of the PC) but 3 trees did not survive, and these will be replaced this winter, including the tree on the High Street Green.

Church Clock



Thanks to Simon Longson for braving all the cobwebs in the Church tower to re-set the clock to GMT. The clock was made in 1888 and is currently showing the correct time. Luckily Simon didn't meet anyone or anything else in this spooky place! The plaque in the photo reads '1605. God Save This Church'. Not sure of the origins but it's always been in the bell tower.

Swinderby Social Media If you enjoy social media, here are some Swinderby-focussed Facebook pages you might like to follow:

- Swinderby Local
- Swinderby Residents Association
- Swinderby Community News
- The Plough Swinderby
- Swinderby SELL It, Advertise It, Share It
- Swinderby Flora and Fauna 2026
- Swinderby All Saints Church
- Swinderby News

Final Reminder Please support the Christmas Fayre on 21 November in the village hall, and don't forget to return your raffle tickets in time for the draw on that day at 3:45pm. See you there ! Also book your children and grandchildren in to see Santa.

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