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How do you like this month's front cover? I have to admit that thanks are due to my daughter, Hannah, for creating this invitation to you; but we wanted to encourage you to attend the tea party being held in the Village Hall. As you probably know, the Queen is about to celebrate her 90th birthday and some members of the village felt that this should be marked. So, although she can't attend (see the invitation and reply on pages 5 and 6), we hope that you can come along to the Village Hall on Sunday 24th April. This will be funded by donations from cake makers and the Parish Council so there is no charge for Swinderby residents and there will be sandwiches, scones, and cakes, as well as piano music and singing. All we ask is that you give us a rough idea of numbers (we would hate to run out of sandwiches). There is a reply slip on page 7 and there are several houses where you can pop the slip through the letterbox. Whatever age you are and however long you have lived in Swinderby, come along and make this a really special day for the village. Amongst the many things that have changed since the Queen's birth is the status of the church in our community. As you will see from the contribution by David Finch, the Group will not be getting a new vicar. Please see David's request for everyone to go along to the Church on 12th or 26th March to see what may happen in the future, and to air your suggestions.

One person who had to get used to living in a very different community is our contributor this month, Mrs Parkin. Do read her article on page 24. It made me laugh when I read it, and it made me laugh again when I typed it up for this issue. Next month's edition will contain an article by Brian Jelley concerning his days of running Swinderby boys' football team and there is a taster in the photo of two flags celebrating their successes back in the 70s/80s. As ever, I am very pleased and grateful to receive these contributions, and I know from comments received that they are enjoyed. So, please, keep them coming in.

There is more nostalgia in the photos of the vintage ploughing match which took place in Swinderby recently, hosted by the Collingham Agricultural Society on fields supplied by G H Chennells. Thanks to David Morris for some of these photos, who tells me that over 100 people took part, coming from as far away as Swindon. Gill Lloyd mentions the snowdrops in this month's Church news and I hope you will agree that the photos show how pretty they are.

If you haven't been past the station recently, you won't have seen the work that has begun to install a car park (picture on the back page) which should make it much more feasible to use the train from Swinderby.

We have new advertiser this month, Krystyna Keen. She is a very nice lady and a chiropodist who will visit your home and already has some clients in Swinderby. This is the second month of adverts for The Old Chandlery Apartments and Perfect Moments baby massage, so have a look at those if you missed them last time. The copy date for the next Link Up will be 20th March 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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The children of Swinderby All Saints Primary School have been asked to entertain your party guests by singing a few songs, do you have any favourite tunes you would like them to sing?

We are sure that you will have many invitations like this but hope that one of your secretaries will have an opportunity to check your diary and let us know whether or not you can join us!

We hope you have a very Happy 90th Birthday

Yours Sincerely Ellie Mason-Powers

On behalf of Swinderby Village residents

RSVP to: Ellie Mason-Powers 4 Manor Road Swinderby Lincoln LN9 LS





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17- February 2016

Dear Lis Lason-Powers.

The Queen wishes me to thank you for the letter which you have written on behalf of the Swinderby Village residents.

Her Majesty was touched to hear that you are holding a party to mark her ninetieth birthday and, although unable to do as you ask, The Queen greatly appreciated your kind invitation.

Her Majesty sends you and all the residents her good wishes, and The Queen hopes you and the children of Swinderby All Saints Primary School who will be entertaining you on 24th April, have a happy and memorable afternoon.

I am to thank you very much once again for writing as you did.

Lady-in-Waiting

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Mrs E Mason-Powers

GOOD COMPANIONS

Our monthly meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th February and attended by 15 members. At the commencement of the meeting a minutes silence was held to remember Sheila Leckie, a former member, who died last month.

The usual games were played: 5's and 3's – Joan; Scrabble – Bill & Gina; Whist – Sheila & Joyce

Afternoon tea was served by Hilary and Jenny.

We are arranging a lunch on Wednesday 9th March at the White Hart in North Scarle. The cost for members is £5.00/non-members £10.00. Names to Rita by the end of February please.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 10th March at 2pm in the village hall. Rita Hodgson 868707



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NEWS FROM THE PLOUGH

Thank you all again for your support in raising the £2,000 presented to the two local hospices (Beaumond House and St Barnabas) recently (see photo on the back cover). This year's charity is the Lincs/Notts Air Ambulance.

The Great British Pub quiz held on the 7th February raised a total of £106 towards our 2016 charity. 27,000 people took part in 1457 pubs. with 400 pubs still to declare their total, the amount raised so far nationally is £125,000.

Following a show of hands it was decided to host our own pub quiz every 2 months. The next being on Sunday 3rd April.

A note for your diaries..... This year's Village street party and music festival will be held on Saturday 9th July. More information later.

Helen and Graham





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THE FUTURE OF SWINDERBY CHURCH - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Since my article in February's Link Up, the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been informed by Lincoln Diocese that the Swinderby group of churches, comprising North Scarle, Eagle, Thorpe-on-the-Hill and Swinderby, will not be getting a new vicar. This means that the frequency of church services in the village will be considerably reduced, with reliance on the availability of already hard-pressed local clergy.

The challenge now facing the PCC with its limited financial resources is that of maintaining the church not only as a place of worship for occasional services but also as a building for more general community use. The appeal of Swinderby as a place to live is enhanced by an attractive and historic church and this is appreciated by most if not all of us. Whilst we cannot put a price on it, the village would be the poorer were the church to fall into disuse and disrepair.

If we are to avoid such an eventuality, it is important that the residents of Swinderby - churchgoers or not - all have a say on the future community use of the church and so the PCC wishes to invite everyone to one of the drop-in events to be held in the church on the **12th and 26th of March** between 10am and 12pm to see the outline plans for the redevelopment of the building and to have the opportunity to put forward any ideas for its future use and funding for the benefit of our community. Please do come along and let us know your views!

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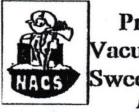
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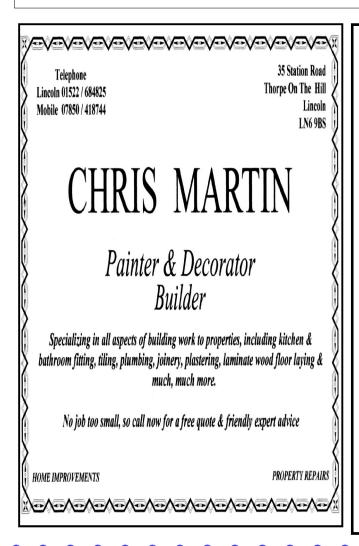
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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY

Public Forum

The public forum opened with a positive comment about the fact that draft minutes are posted to the website very soon after a meeting and that the notes for the Link Up are both informative and congenial (Thank you, I do my best). The next question asked was, why wasn't more being done to relieve the congestion outside the school at drop-off and pick-up times? This has been a long running bugbear for the PC and the following crop up time and time again. Q. Why no School Safety Zone (SSZ)? A. There has never been a reported accident and therefore the area is deemed safe. Q. Why are there no yellow lines outside the school? A. Who would police it? Q. Why can't the police drop round at drop-off and pick-up times? A. There are at a dozen or so primary schools in the North Hykeham Town and Rural villages area that all seem to have parking problems at peak hour times and that police cannot be at every one, every day. Q. What about the Park and Stride Scheme? A. This works well until parents/guardians hit a bit of cold/wet weather and then think 'it'll be alright, I'm just there for a minute'. Q. Do the parents or the children get leaflets? A. Both. Rest assured the PC ARE trying to get this resolved and this particular item sits high on the PC's Wish List. (Remember what I said about poking and prodding the right people and asking the right questions?) What the police have said is that if you notice an incident or see a consistent repeat offender then you should report it. If it doesn't get reported then as far as the police are concerned, it never happened and if it never happened, it can't be acted upon.

Police

PCSO Lingard attended the meeting to report damage to (trim removed) and a break in to a van with the theft of power tools. Some of you may have seen that the role of Community Beat Sgt is to be discontinued. PCSO Lingard said that this is merely an administrative move and that she and all the other beat team will still have top cover in the form of a Sergeant that she can refer to if needs be. It does not mean that the local Beat Team is being diminished in any form and that any reports will be handled in the usual way.

New Notice Board

We have ordered a new notice board to replace the one outside the village hall. It will be green like the others and will have the Swinderby Public Notices header on it. Now, I am mentioning this because the Parish Clerk was once told by a member of the public that they didn't even know we had a parish notice board. Well, we can categorically confirm that we do indeed have a parish notice board outside the Village Hall where we legally HAVE to display minutes, agendas (agendum, agendea??) and other notices to the general public. One side of this notice board will be locked to allow us to display the aforementioned items but the other side will, like the other notice boards in the village, be open for you to post your missing cat/dog/budgie notices, invitations to weight watchers or the next pig racing night (p.s. we need another pig racing night, URGENT)

Village Entrance Signs

I am pleased to announce that Mr David Morris has updated the designs for the village entrance signs. These have been sent off to the sign makers for their final adjustments (to make them Highways compliant) so we should be seeing these soon. As an aside here, the same company that will be making the signs also made the village notice boards and as part of their catalogue, even make the flashing speed safety signs that we have looked into in the past. Now, these are a bit expensive and if we were to get them, we would have to look at alternative funding. Perhaps another item to add to our Wish List.

Planning

Kisimul school has submitted plans for some new classrooms and an extension to the car park for another 25 cars. A concerned parishioner made the point that with the additional spaces would come additional traffic in and out of what is already a very congested area. The PC has asked for additional time to take a closer look at the plans.

Dog Poo Bin

The votes are in and have been counted. By a massive majority (Well, 4 votes to one) the new dog waste bin will be sited near the bench at the village end of Cow Lane and by the time you read this, the dog waste bin outside the village hall has been lowered to comply with H&S regulations.

U3A

Cllr Carter had received a letter from the Collingham branch of the U3A (The University of the 3rd Age) requesting that we promote their services. Its philosophy is very much one of learning together by sharing knowledge and skills and being able to do so in a friendly and enjoyable environment. There is no formal teaching, there are no exams and no qualifications are required, other than a desire to take part and enjoy! If you would like to read more about the U3A visit the website by searching for U3A Collingham or go to the PC website and look under useful links.

Queen's 90th Birthday

Cllr Hodgson told the meeting that the village hall is hosting a tea party in celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday, This will be open to all residents of the village and he has asked the PC to contribute funds to help with the catering. The PC will decide the amount at the next meeting.

And Finally

Bulpit Lane has had its potholes repaired (badly) but if you spot some more please report them soonest.

Next Meeting

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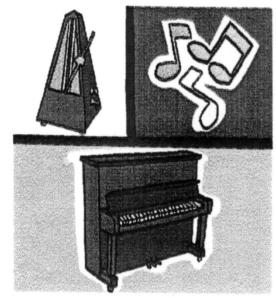
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CHURCH NEWS

We now have confirmation from the Diocese that Rev George Goalby will not be replaced. The future of the four churches in the Swinderby Group ie Swinderby, Thorpe, North Scarle and Eagle is still under discussion and I will keep you informed about any decisions made. The Diocese owns the Vicarage on Station Road and is now actively looking at the options for this building and land. Unfortunately Swinderby will have no say on the matter. Services in the four churches are to be co-ordinated from April 1st 2016. There will be two Services most Sundays within the group somewhere at 9.15am and 6.30pm in summer with a change to 4.00pm in the wintertime. Information about all services will be advertised at all churches and magazines.

Pam Broughton (Reader) has been quite ill recently - she is now on the mend but cannot drive for a few months. She continues to be very interested in our churches and hopes to be fully active again soon. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her husband Derek (Church Warden). In this difficult time Audrey Innes has agreed to become one of the team of Churchwardens. Many thanks to her.

The Coffee Stop on Monday mornings continues to thrive but we are changing the timings slightly it will now be from 10.30am to noon. There are one or two Swinderby residents who are finding it difficult to walk to the church and would appreciate a lift to the Coffee Stop if anyone could offer their services. Please let me know if you could be of help even if it is not every week.

The churchyard is looking beautiful. The Spring flowers are stunning. If you would like to sponsor a bird box in the churchyard for £10 please let me know. Also remember that we have a working party that meets at 10am on the last Saturday in every month from March till October. Next one Easter Saturday. Everyone welcome usually with coffee/tea and a chat too.

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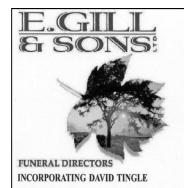
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MOST MEMORABLE EVENT – a Boar-ing Tale

By Mrs S Parkin

This event happened in 1969 in the county of Lincolnshire. I had been born and brought up in the city of Leicester and was teaching there until I met my future husband Mike, who had been born in Lincolnshire and moved back there when he was invalided out of the army. He had a small holding in the back of beyond so I packed up my job and moved to help him run the place. He had 18 acres of arable land and also bred pigs. The closest I had ever been to a pig was a slice of crispy bacon with an egg for breakfast or a joint of pork covered in crackling for Sunday lunch. I had never given a thought to the animals that provided these foods and here I was surrounded by them. I was a 'townie' born and bred but threw myself into the 'Farmer's wife' role with gusto, and must admit I did quite enjoy it. I found it most exhilarating driving up and down a field singing at the top of my voice, and thought the little piglets quite endearing as they played and jumped about in the fresh straw after being cleaned out.

All was going well until the day came when we were able to borrow a male pig (it's called a boar, I was told) from a man who lived in the village. He was the local builder and odd-job man who dabbled with pigs and had his own boar. He could not bring the boar to us, and we had no trailer to fetch it. The only solution I was told was for me to be driven into the village, come back walking the boar while my husband drove the car back home and then set off to meet me. I was not very keen on the idea, but thought I ought to show willing. The things we do for love! I was taken into the village and set on the road back home with various instructions such as 'hold his tail' and 'don't let go whatever happens' and 'TALK to him'. When asked what we should talk about, I suggested a good choice of conversation would be the price of pork chops, and was told not to be so childish. I was then escorted to the road leading home.

Off we set and Mike went to fetch the car, soon passing us trudging along. My mind was full of 'What-ifs', like what would happen if his tail comes off in my hand and what would I do if he suddenly decides to bolt – hang on whatever happens or let go and face the consequences? With my head full of such negative thoughts I walked along. All went quite well but I was very embarrassed, as every car that passed seemed to be full of young gentlemen, although the things they were shouting at me as they passed were anything but gentlemanly remarks. I am pleased to say that the boar behaved himself very well and I managed to keep him on the road by using his tail as a rudder. My husband eventually got back to where I was (it wasn't long really, it just seemed like hours to me) and we carried on our merry way, but I pointed out in no uncertain terms that I would never do this again.

We turned into our drive by steering with the tail and all was going swimmingly until we were about halfway down the drive, where there was a chestnut tree with its leaves blowing and rustling in the wind. This made Boris the boar, as I had lovingly named him, very uneasy and he backed up. Again we led him forward but he was not having any of it, and before we could say 'pork

scratchings' he had turned sideways and dashed into a field of barley. I must admit I was quietly amused to see my husband chasing Boris, legs going sideways so as not to do too much damaged to the barley, especially when he took his cap off and threw it at the boar's disappearing rear end.

There was no stopping Boris now he'd had his first taste of freedom. He eventually stumbled into a dyke that ran along the side of the field, fortunately there was very little water in it. Mike luckily managed to get to Boris's head and tried to turn it round. It is a well known fact that pigs have very weak hearts and are prone to drop dead when scared or agitated, so we had to be careful not to frighten him too much, as we did not possess the wherewithal to buy a replacement for Boris.

Needless to say Mike was getting more and more wound up, and what could I do to help – me, a mere city girl who did not know the first thing about life on the farm. To be honest I was hearing language I had never heard before, and seeing a side to my 'Dearly Beloved' that I did not know even existed. While all this was going on, a man from the village came to ask whether the children would like to go on a Methodist weekend. I explained that just at that moment we were rather up to our eyes in it, and so he decided to try and help by standing there with a stick saying 'Here, piggy, piggy'. If my memory serves me correctly, he was very nearly told where to put his stick. He was a Methodist Lay Preacher and perhaps like me had never heard such language (although I was told later that he had been known to swear at his beasts when they trod on his toe). He eventually left when he realised I did not have time to stand and chat.

Our battle continued and eventually patience and perseverance paid off, allowing us to persuade Boris to go into the shed we had made ready for him. I swear to this day that as he walked into his pen he had a smirk on his face and gave me a big wink as if to say 'That's your baptism of fire!'. Luckily Boris was no worse for his adventure and soon recovered well enough to perform his duties!

When we had finally got him safely in we sat down with a cup of tea to recuperate, when my sense of humour came to the foreground. I could just see the funny side of what had happened and just sat, laughing and laughing until tears ran down my face only to be told I had a ******* strange sense of humour. This, of course, made me even more hysterical. I can't remember now how we got Boris back home, but I'm sure we did not walk him back.

This then is my most memorable event; memorable for all the wrong reasons, but I have thought of it many times since and had a little secret giggle. It really was a case of being a city slicker being thrown in at the deep end.

Many thanks to Mrs Parkin for this lovely piece. We see people in the village, and are unaware of what interesting lives they have led. Have you got a story? Next month's article has been written by Brian Jelley about his time running the football team in Swinderby. As a taster, see the photo in the middle of the magazine which show flags celebrating some of the wins in the 1970s and 80s.

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Swinderby is the home of a newly formed choir meeting every Thursday night at 7:30pm in the mobile classroom at the rear of the Swinderby School. The choir are covering a broad range of musical tastes from traditional folk to modern rock and pop. The choir has performed at Christmas in All Saints Church and more recently at the local school where they were welcomed by staff and pupils and assisted with their 'Blessing of the Fruit Trees'.

Further performances are planned for the near future including the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations.

The choir aims to appeal to anyone who likes to sing and has wanted somewhere to try without feeling challenged, we aim to have fun and simply enjoy the experience. New members are welcome, check out our Facebook page for details.

4 Seasons Choir welcomes new member Margaret Broadfoot:

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SWINDERBY SCHOOL – see the photos on the inside cover and centre page
During this term Key Stage 1 went on a trip to Woolsthorpe Manor, the house where
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have paper so had to draw on the wall. The children looked at various engravings and
tried to guess what they symbolised. Lastly, they explored the superb science centre
and found out about some of the experiments Isaac did and the scientific reasoning he
went through.

This month **Class 4** enjoyed a fantastic visit to The Newark Civil War Museum where they had the chance to take part in some role play and imagine what it was really like to be part of the Third Siege of Newark during the Civil War. They even had a mock battle! The centre is well worth a visit and the children (and adults) all had a super time!

In the school grounds the custom of **Wassailing** was remembered where the trees were sung to in anticipation of a good harvest to come.

The whole school has been busy celebrating Shrove Tuesday. A church service was held and this was followed by the annual Pancake Races held on the school playground where adults and children alike had fun racing to the finish! Mr Day proved himself to be a worthy winner of the staff race!

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Thursday 3rd	Fellowship lunch	12 noon
Friday 4th		
Saturday 5th		
Sunday 6th	Mothering Sunday	
Monday 7th	Coffee morning in Church Parish Council Meeting	10.30 am 7.30 am
Tuesday 8th	Scrabble Club	7.00 am
Wednesday 9th	Green lidded bins Good Companions Lunch Acoustic Night in The Plough	7.30 am 8.00 pm
Thursday 10th	Good Companions	2.00 pm
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Friday 11th Saturday 12th	CHOPS delivery	10.00 am to 12 noon
,	Church plans in Church	
Sunday 14th	Holy Communion	9.30 am
Monday 14th	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 15th	Brown bins	7.30 am
Wednesday 16th	Black bins	7.30 am
Thursday 17th		
Friday 18th		
Saturday 19th		
Sunday 20th	Coffee marning in Church	10.20 am
Monday 21st	Coffee morning in Church	10.30 am
Tuesday 22nd	Green lidded bins	7 20
Wednesday 23rd		7.30 am
Thursday 24th	School Easter Play Group Communion	1.30 pm 7.00 pm
Friday 25th	Good Friday Jam Night in The Plough	8.30 pm
Saturday 26th	Church plans in Church Working party in Churchyard	10.00 am to 12 noon 10.00 am
Sunday 27th	Easter Sunday	
Monday 28th	Easter Monday	
Tuesday 29th	Brown bins	7.30am
Wednesday 30th		
Thursday 31st		